

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montgomery is held in the Meeting Room at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549 on January 5, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Stanley, Police Chief Walsh, DPW Supt. Nelson (Absent), Dawn Kalisky, Maria Beltrametti, Tom Steed, Johanna Sweikata, Dav Berae, Steve Magyar, Walt Pahucki.

Mayor Brescia opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**RE: MEETING MINUTES**

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board approved the meeting minutes of December 15, 2015. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE BOARD**

Master Plan Committee request to defer their presentation to the meeting of January 19, 2016. Committee member Steed stated that unfortunate circumstance did not allow for the committee to be able to be present.

**RE: ABSTRACT NO. 12-2015**

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO.12-2015 were audited and approved for payment with \$539,791.67 from the General Fund, \$16,740.87 from the Water Fund, \$30,056.01 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$586,588.55. Check No: 47446-47474, 49054-49144. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Benedict reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of December 31, 2015, as follows: General Fund \$1, 747,125.41, Water Fund \$344,416.82, Sewer Fund \$252,035.34.

**RE: REPORTS**

Police Chief Walsh reported on the year end statistics with 1,616 Traffic Stops that resulted in 1,445 Traffic Summons issued. The statistic are down from the previous two years; larceny is down to 21 from 37 in 2014, burglaries are down to 4 from 7 in 2014 and 14 in 2013, criminal mischief is slightly up from 19 to 28, and traffic accidents are slightly up from 44 to 51. The calls for service also went down dramatically from 3,518 to 2,967. We ended the year with 75 arrests.

Last month we sent four full time officers to the Active Shooter and Officer Survival Training that was offered at the Orange County Police Academy. This month we will be completing firearms training on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup>.

**RE: HIRE CONTRACTOR AS THE FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board hired Eric Eltz as the Village of Montgomery Police Department Firearms Instructor at the rate of \$75.00 per student. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: DCJS GRANT \$10,000 AWARDED TO THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved to move funds from the contingency line to make the purchase and then reimburse contingency with the DCJS grant funds. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Diane Savage is the AED trainer. She will be providing me with dates available for the training.

Atty. Dowd states the availability to opt out of the Phone Book Distribution is listed on the inside front cover of the yellow book directory. The Public Service Commissioner has allowed all of the telephone companies and the publishers not to have to publish a residential directory. The yellow pages business directories is mandated to be delivered by the telephone companies.

Mayor Brescia states adding the business phone book directories opt out site to the next newsletter.

Dawn Kalisky reports for the DPW Supt. Nelson at his request regarding the Pilot Study Holt Well #4. I have two updates, the first being the sewer system evaluation progress report required by the DEC. The Village is doing quite well. The work required to be done in 2015 was the investigation of all the properties with sump pumps. The majority of the residents were helpful and provided the information. There are still three hundred and twelve properties that have not responded to the request. It is just a question, Do you have a sump pump or not. There were sixteen properties identified with sump pumps connected to the sewer system. Of the sixteen properties, six have municipal drainage facilities in front or near the property. Of which they could connect drainage system and disconnect for the sewer system. Five properties have topography, they can discharge away from the house which would not be a recirculating problem. It would not affect the adjoining property either. Five were identified in the historic district area and there is no drainage facility and the topography, it does not allow to discharge to. As of right now, these properties have no alternative. We are hoping the DEC will buy off on this, if not we will have to look at future capital improvements to provide drainage facilities throughout the Village. It is illegal to discharge your sump pump to the sewer system in accordance with the code. No one is getting fined or arrested. It is a question we do need answered. We will see what can be done. Thirty eight properties are vacant, that the DPW does not have access to. Our flow is down, however, the day after a significant rain fall the flow rate is higher which is due to the sump pumps. We are still running at sixty five percent of plant capacity.

Mayor Brescia states, we were hoping to do drainage on Clinton Street with the grant funding. We have held off on it due to the Larkins grant funding not being released yet. The Governor is holding back. He reads the article published from the NYS Department of Health regarding the manganese levels in the water, provided by the DPW Supt. Nelson.

“The food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council determined an estimated safe and adequate daily dietary intake of manganese to be 2,000 – 5,000 micrograms for adults. However, many people’s diets lead them to consume even higher amounts of manganese, especially those who consume high amounts of vegetable or are vegetarian. The infant population is of greatest concern. It would be better if the drinking water were not used to make infant formula since it already contains iron and manganese. Excess manganese produces a brownish color in laundered goods and impairs the taste of tea, coffee, and other beverages. Concentrations may cause a dark brown or black stain on porcelain plumbing fixtures. As with iron, manganese may form a coating on distribution pipes. These may slough off, causing brown blotches on laundered clothing or black particles in the water.”

Mayor Brescia states adding an excerpt for the Village water quality report in the newsletter regarding the concerns of the infant formula.

Ms. Kalisky provided an update on the Pilot Study and how things are progressing. The Pilot Study started the end of November, 2015 with eighteen inches of media. They have been good results. The study continues to progress and will try to reduce the depth of the media to a foot. It may or may not be sufficient. Our offices (Lanc & Tully) are preparing the survey of the Holt Well field to provide to Opitmus Engineering. The survey should be complete this week, the beginning of next. This will be for their design and layout for the treatment building. The DPW has started clearing in order to figure where to relocate the generator. By the end of January, Optimus should have a presentation ready for the Village Board with what the treatment option is. It will include the best method for the treatment of the manganese, the costs associated thereof. The design should be complete once the Boards approval is obtained, in February, 2016. The green sand is going to be the treatment. It is common in Orange County, Wallkill just had it installed.

The Village is working very hard to find a cost effective means to a solution. The drinking water meets the NCL, drinking water standards.

#### **RE: PUBLIC PORTION**

Mr. Burger states his water test results indicate going from forty eight UGL's to two hundred. It is four times on the manganese level. To my understanding it is not at critical level.

Ms. Kalisky asks Mr. Burger about the timing of the water test to the proximity of the filters changes.

Mr. Burger states the Village has been testing the water after the filters have been changed. In this last case the test was two days after the new filter was installed. He feels the test should be done before the filters are replaced.

Ms. Kalisky states Jake should be the one to collect the sample. This would avoid the test to be inadvertently tainted, with the handling of the water samples. You will receive a higher reading when the filters are changed. The dirtier the filter the more it is collecting the particulates.

Mr. Burger asks the Board to extend issuing bottled water through February 18<sup>th</sup>. The initial first two months ends on January 18, 2016.

Mayor Brescia states, he is for approving extension due the low demand only two residents from the Weaver Street, Dunn Drive and Waters Edge area have been asking for the bottled water.

#### **RE: ISSUEING BOTTLED WATER EXTENED**

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board approved to extend issuing bottled water through February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for the residents of Weaver, Dunn and Waters Edge. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Ms. Beltrametti requested use of the Senior Center for the Friends of the Library to host the Annual Tea on May 15<sup>th</sup> or May 22<sup>nd</sup> at no charge as the previous year.

**RE: FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REQUEST USE OF THE SENIOR CENTER**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the Friends of the Library use of the Senior Center at no charge as previously done with the conditions of providing a Certificate of Insurance for the date available to host the Annual Tea on May 15<sup>th</sup> or May 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adjourned the meeting of January 5, 2016 at 8:14 pm.

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Monserate Rivera-Stanley, Village Clerk