

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 Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, DPW Supt. Nelson, Chief of Police Walsh, Treasurer Griffith, Mary Ann Lindner, Al Baty, Maria Beltrametti, Paul A. Wilson, Don Berger.

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

RE: MINUTES

Mayor Brescia call for a motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2017.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the minutes of August 2, 2017. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ABSTRACT NO. 08-2017

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO.08-2017 were audited and approved for payment with \$123,155.14 from the General Fund, \$6,573.61 from the Water Fund, \$17,559.01 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$147,287.76. Check No: 75091 – 75179, 1020 -1032. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Griffith reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of August 31, 2017, as follows: General Fund \$2,754,818.24, Water Fund \$417,146.54, Sewer Fund \$556,831.77.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

Atty. Dowd mentioned the legislation being passed for the Alienation of the Parkland, the Governor signed it. The process can now start for the subdivision with the Planning Board. Mayor Brescia and the Deputy Mayor Scheels met with one of the potential suiters with the subsidiary of GE. It sounds very promising, it might be a good possibility. We will entertain more presentations as well.

RE: DEPARTMENT REPORTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief of Police Walsh mentioned the appointment of the per diem Street Crossing Guards for General Montgomery Day.

RE: APPOINT STREET CROSSING GUARD FOR GENERAL MONTGOMERY DAY

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board appointed up to eleven Street Crossing Guards for General Montgomery Day (per diem staff) at the rate of \$14.50 per hour. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Chief of Police Walsh also mentioned not receiving assistance from the State Police this year due to staffing issues. We generally only use them in the evening due to the jurisdiction in the Village. However, we are receiving assistance from the Sheriff's office with four Deputy's and a Sergeant for the evening. The Town of Wallkill, the Village of Maybrook and Walden and the Town of Montgomery have also agreed to assist.

Officer Narain is certified as a Child Seat Safety Inspector, therefore, we applied for a grant through the Child Passenger Safety Program. When the inspections are done during the Bike Rodeo, it is performed without protection from the sun. The grant program allows for a tent,

signage, and funds for training, of which \$850.00 was awarded for these purposes. Trustee Lindner mentioned Officer Narain performing a Child Seat Safety inspection for his family on several occasions. Police Chief Walsh said to maintain Officer Narnia's certification, she is sent her to other jurisdictions. We were also audited by the State Traffic and Safety Program of which we had received grant funding, no deficiencies were found. The grant funding received from the State Traffic and Safety runs out at the end of the month. We will be utilizing the remainder of the funds to enforce the speed limit in the school zone, now that school is in session.

Mayor Brescia asked DPW Supt. Nelson to inquire about status on the speed reduction on Route 211 in to the Village, it has been quite a while.

Police Chief Walsh mentioned that since the reopening of Route 211 in the Town of Wallkill, we have been moving our enforcement efforts to the West end of Route 211. As a reminder to everyone, the speed limit into the village, the speed limit is 30 MPH. Having the officer's present, people are slowing down coming into Montgomery. In October, we will be conducting our night firearms training, utilizing the two patrol rifles received through a grant. In addition, Kevin has reviewed a new firearms policy proposal with the requirements under the grant. We will be reviewing it prior to submitting it the Board and the Insurance Company. Mayor Brescia had asked him to review the possibilities of a towing code. The Village of Walden has a towing code. However, a towing code has a fee schedule. He's not sure if the Village wants to get involved with what the towing companies are able to charge. The towing company is subject to annual inspections and making sure they have adequate insurance and their drivers all have a license to operate a tow truck. The Town of Wallkill has a similar structure without a fee structure. We do not have a towing code in place. Mayor Brescia asks him to review the Town of Wallkill's policy and provide his recommendations to the Board

Mayor Brescia mentioned having a General Montgomery Day Committee Meeting with the Police Chief in attendance. It seems all is well and the weather is expected to be promising. He asked DPW Supt. Nelson about the traffic light at the intersection of 17K and Albany Post Road, is it permanent. DPW Supt. Nelson said it is a temporary mount.

RE: CONTINTUED DEPARTMENT REPORTS

DPW - DPW Supt. Nelson reported on the SYNAGRO STP sludge Hauling contract expiring. He tried working with SYNAGRO but they want a twenty eight percent increase in their fees. I have spoken with Monse to draw up a bid.

RE: APPROVE TO SET A BID OPENING DATE FOR THE SEWER TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE HAULING AND AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE CLERK TO PUBLISH A NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved to set a bid opening date for the Sewer Treatment Plant Sludge Hauling for Wednesday, September 27th, at 11 am at the Village Hall, and therefore authorizes the Village Clerk to publish a Notice to Bidders. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: CONTINUED DEPARTMENT REPORT

As for Holt Well Pilot Study, we have a couple of break downs for two weeks. Four full runs on Holt well is being conducted. The lady from AdEdge is on vacation, by the time she is back this will be done. Then Holt Well #3 will be run for a while and work that in. Although Holt Well #3 does not produce as much water, however, just in case, they want us to do a couple runs on it. It will be another several weeks on the pilot study. The results are promising. Mayor Brescia asked

about the timing for the curbing is to be expected for next year? By the time the engineering is completed and placed out to bid, it will take a while. All four corners on Clinton and Union will be done with granite curbing. The Grants for the roofing and paving have been submitted.

RE: FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Treasurer Griffith reported on the increase of insurance at a total of \$1.73 effective December 1st. Secondly, once we have completed the conversion with Edmunds software, we will not have detailed history. Edmunds complies the history into a lump sum summary format for each category. Therefore, we will not be able to look back into a detailed history. The quote for pulling two years' worth of history is over \$6,000. Mayor Brescia asked we have the history now and how much will it cost us to copy it. Let's try and keep the cost down and doing it ourselves.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM THROUGH THE JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR SUCH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for funding from the State of New York Unified Court System through the Justice Court Assistance Program and enter into and execute a program agreement for such financial assistance. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: CUB SCOUT PACK 125 REQUEST USE OF THE SENIOR CENTER

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved Cub Scout Pack 125 request to use the Senior Center to host their annual Blue and Gold ceremony on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm, with a certificate of insurance listing the Village as additional insured and the payment of the clean-up deposit, therefore, the rental fee is waived. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ACCEPT THE RETIREMENT OF VOLUNTEER LIAISON BRIAN FITZPATRICK

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board accepted Brian Fitzpatrick retirement as volunteer liaison in the roles as Bandstand Advisory, Old Fashion Holiday, St. Pat's Ramble Golf Outing, Memorial Day Event, Clinton Street Car Show, and communication for the Village Website and Facebook announcements effective October 1, 2017. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT TO DEVELOP A PUBLIC RECREATIONAL WATER TRAIL AND IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY TO THE WALLKILL RIVER FOR KAYAKING, CANOEING, FISHING, WALKING, HIKING AND ENJOYING NATURE

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved a letter in support to develop a Public Recreational Water Trail and improve accessibility to the Wallkill River for Kayaking, Canoeing, Fishing and Walking, Hiking and enjoying nature. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME FIREWORKS EXPENSES

Mayor Brescia asked for meeting with Police Chief Walsh, Officer Narain, Officer Smitty and Trustee Andolsek and himself regarding the Night Out Against Crime event. We are interested in

hosting the event, however, with the cost of the fireworks possibly being \$5,000 and donations being low. We need to look at the plan for fundraising and see what we are prepared to do as the Board. Police Chief Walsh said the reason we had agreed to host it, was that it would be a Town wide event.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

Mr. Berger thanked Trustee Lindner for explaining the fund balance. However, he is still does not understand it completely. Trustee Lindner said he would arrange a meeting with the Village CPA and have him explain the fund balance for a better understanding of the Village Budget process. Mr. Berger feels the fund balance is too high. Mayor Brescia stated we need to keep the fund balance healthy.

Ms. Beltrametti mentioned she foiled the W2's for the DPW staff and for the Mayor also. She does not understand why the Mayor's wages higher than stated in the budget. Mayor Brescia asked Treasurer Griffith to explain it, he will have it available for the next meeting to answer her question. She also continues to be troubled by the garbage in the Business District.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of September 5, 2017 at 8:15 pm.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk