

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 Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd (arrived late), Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Police Chief Walsh, Jane Samuelson, Howard and Judith Garrett, Don Berger, Jaspreet, Gill, Marc Devitt, Maria Beltrametti, Walter Pahucki.

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

RE: MINUTES

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to approve the minutes of November 21, 2017.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the minutes of November 21, 2017. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE BOARD

Howard Garrett addressed the Board with a heartfelt thank you for the article in the Newsletter. He started the Grand Montgomery Chamber Music & Theater Series 31 years ago. Each concert has been well received and with a full audience. He expressed being happy with a good program, and being able to acquire performers to come here from all over the world. It is with a heavy heart, that he announces his retirement. He also mentioned accomplishing several other tasks for the benefit of the Village, such as the Village Hall meeting room chairs, they were sold to the Village at no profit to him, the shelving upstairs, to acquiring the turtle located in the park, the park benches, as well as, the clock outside the Village Hall. He again, thanked the Board for their support over the years. Mayor Brescia and the Board extended their thanks and gratitude to Howard and Judith's for their hard work bring the Arts to the Village, how could the Board not support such a wonderful program. You will be missed. It will be tough shoes to fill.

RE: ABSTRACT NO. 11-2017

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to approve the Abstract No. 11-2017.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO.11-2017 were audited and approved for payment with \$1,920,679.03 from the General Fund, \$372,934.87 from the Water Fund, \$488,760.75 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$2,782,374.65. Check No: 75362 – 75437, 1082 - 1103. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Griffith reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of November 30, 2017, as follows: General Fund \$102,251.12, Water Fund \$5,173.89, Sewer Fund \$19,963.78.

RE: DEPARTMENT REPORTS - DPW

DPW Superintendent Nelson mentioned that he is still waiting on the third quarter tests on the Holt Well filter system to come back, that was done on November 1st. The company is experiencing a back log due to other municipalities testing also. Again, this will determine the number of filters that we will need as well as the size of the building. So as soon as the results are received, we will send the plans to the County. Mayor Brescia said he has seen the communication via email back and forth from Sita Construction and the County. As soon as the County issues payment to the Village, Sita Construction will receive payment accordingly.

In addition, the HUD Grant was not approved, therefore, we may have to Bond it out for the roof of the Museum, (Wesley Hall).

RE: TOYS FOR TOTS

Trustee Hembury mentions the Toys for Tots, toy drive being successful in receiving three hundred more toys over last year's donations. He thanked the Wallkill Valley Times for having a reporter there and for all of the volunteers for making this event possible.

RE: POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief Walsh was informed by the Treasurer's office that our reimbursements for the police protection grant of \$5,199 has been received, which means the grant was fully funded. We also received payment for the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee in the amount of \$2,296. This reimbursement is for the overtime, we paid the officers to be on seatbelt overtime and for the distractive driver state wide champagnes.

RE: VILLAGE HALL CLOSED FOR STAFF LUNCHEON

Village Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 19th from Noon to 2:00 pm for Staff luncheon, held at the Senior Center.

RE: APPROVE THE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the budget adjustments a presented. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: NYSDOT APPROVED SPEED REDUCTION ON ROUTE 211 ENTERING THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY

NYSDOT study has found it appropriate to extend the existing 30 MPH speed limit on Route 211 at a point 500 feet south of Chandler Lane, also a new 45 MPH speed limit will be established from the main entrance to the Orange County Airport (Dunn Road) to 500 feet south of Chandler Lane, a distance of 1000 feet. This will provide a buffer zone to step down the operating speed between the 55 MPH speed limit and the 30 MPH speed limit. The maintenance crew will complete the installation of the new 45 MPH speed limit signs and the new 30 MPH signs within one month as specified in the manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

RE: OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR 2018 WAS REJECTED DUE A SHORTAGE OF FUNDS

Office of Community Development has rejected the Village for grant funding for 2018, (Wesley Hall Roof replacement grant), due to a shortage of funds. However, be advised that income eligible homeowners in your municipality will continue to be able to receive low interest loans in 2018 under the Community Development Housing Rehabilitation Program.

RE: EVENTS AND SERVICES

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony is on Thursday, December 7th, at 11:00 am, held at the Parkland Pavilion by the Wallkill River.

The Grand Montgomery Chamber Music & Theater Series, presents the Pine Bush Community Band on Sunday, December 10th, at 3:00 pm held at the Montgomery Senior Center.

Santa is coming to the Village Hall on Saturday, December 9th, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and Story time with Mrs. Claus is held in the Village Court room from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

House Decorating Contest Judging is on Sunday, December 10th, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Please be sure your house numbers are clearly visible.

Leaf Pick Up continues through December 5th

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

Marc Devitt mentions forming a committee to work with the Businesses and the Village of Montgomery, as well as the various event coordinators to promote the Businesses and the Events. They have a proposed event, Marti Gras, on February 10th with a short promenade down Clinton Street if the Village is open to it. The only concern would be to close off Route 211 for crossing over to the lower end of Clinton Street and closing the lower end of Clinton Street also, for approximately for an hour. This would allow for the Business floats and two Bands to travel from the OC Firefighters Museum to the lower end of Clinton Street onto Bridge Street, and ending at the Senior Center. The day would end with a movie night at the Senior Center. The Business would be encouraged to have a Marti Gras theme also. It would begin approximately at 6 pm to 6:30 pm, with a movie night for children at the Senior Center, allowing the parents to shop downtown or go out to dinner and then pick up their children afterwards. Mayor Brescia said Valley Central did something similar. It is very agreeable. Police Chief Walsh asked how long Route 211 would need to be closed off for. Marc replied, approximately for a half hour at the most. The Mayor and the Board are agreeable to the Marti Gras event.

Howard asked Marc if he would move the donated piano to his hotel, now that he is retiring from the Grant Montgomery Chamber Music Series. However, Marc is leaving the piano at the Senior Center so that it could be used by all. Marc also thanked Howard and Judy for all they have done. This type of dedication is what makes Montgomery so special with all events you have made possible.

Trustee Lindner mentioned the Taste of Montgomery coming back to be sponsored by the Village. It is suggested to be held in the parking lot of The Table on Clinton Street to be in close proximity of the restaurants themselves. Marc said the thought is to fill in the months where there isn't a planned event currently, to help the businesses with their slow times. Mayor Brescia suggested that the committee get input from the Restaurants as to when a best date would be. Trustee Lindner said this would be a fundraiser in hopes to fund other events such as the Movie night cost. Currently the Movie Night has happened because of the sponsors who were graciously generous. Mayor Brescia asked how the funds would be handled, through the Village or a non for profit. Marc said that has not been determined but it should be supported by the Village but as a not for profit. The Downtown Business District in the Village of Montgomery is what separates us from other a lot of other communities, Maybrook and Walden. We actually have a special Business District with the different businesses with Shops and Restaurants. It's up to all of us to help support that and that is what basis of this committee is set out to do, through awareness, events, a calendar and a walking map. Trustee Hembury said the Board does try to promote the businesses with the welcome packets for the new residents. However, not all the Businesses participate in providing the information or offer discounts to be added to the welcome packets. The Board along with the Police Department actually goes out as a group to deliver the information provided to the new residents. If more of the Businesses participated, it would only be to their benefit.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of December 4th at 8:04 pm.

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of December 4th at 8:04 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk