

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, October 15, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury (absent), Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Kate Schmidt, Johanna Sweikata, Patricia Henighan, Surya Ghule, Akesh Ghule, Ravindra Ghule.

Mayor Brescia opened the meeting with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

RE: MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the minutes of October 1, 2019. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: REQUEST TO MEET WITH BOARD

None.

RE: CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Kate Schmidt with the Orange County Department of Planning presented the Board with The Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Certification. She provided the Board with a copy of the pledge elements, the action checklist, and a model resolution. She explained that it is a framework organized around ten pledge elements of the CSC pledge. Local governments that have signed the pledge, known as Registered Climate Smart Communities, have made a commitment to addressing the ten areas; such as:

- (1) **Build a climate-smart community.** Building a local team to foster positive change by designing a point person and creating a CSC task force with community members. Connect to larger networks by joining a regional or national climate campaign focused on reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets and strategies to achieve those targets.
- (2) **Inventory emissions, set goals, and plan for climate action.** Gather data about local GHG emission sources. Develop baseline emissions inventories for government operation and the community. Develop a local action plan for reducing emission that includes GHG reduction targets and strategies to achieve those targets.
- (3) **Decrease energy use.** Lead by example. Reduce emissions and save taxpayer dollars by reducing energy demand in public facilities, infrastructure, and vehicle fleets, and maximizing energy efficiency across municipal operations.
- (4) **Shift to clean, renewable energy.** Adopt a policy to power government operations with clean energy. Conduct studies to examine the feasibility of renewable energy installations on public property. Implement renewable energy projects such as solar, wind, geothermal, or small hydro.
- (5) **Use climate-smart materials management.** Reduce the volume of solid waste and increase recycling in government operations. Encourage and support waste reduction. Reuse recycling

and composting of materials. Educate the community and offer recycling and composting programs, and water-diversion opportunities that focus on reducing and reusing materials.

- (6) **Implement climate-smart land use.** Minimize the GHG impact of new development through smart-growth strategies. Adopt community plans, land-use policies, building codes. And multi-modal transportation actions to limit sprawl, reduce vehicle miles traveled, support local agriculture, and protect open lands. Wetlands, and forests.
- (7) **Enhance community resilience to climate change.** Establish a climate resiliency vision and associated goals, identify vulnerabilities to climate effects for both government operations and the community, and develop and implement strategies to address those vulnerabilities and increase overall community resilience.
- (8) **Support a green innovation economy.** Lead and support the transition to a green economy by incorporating climate action and sustainability into economic development plans. Promote local green industries and offer incentives for supporting them. Adopt policies that support residents and businesses in being energy-efficient. Invest in green jobs training, farmers' markets, and brownfield redevelopment.
- (9) **Inform and inspire the public.** Host events and organize campaigns to educate citizens about climate change and help them discover their role in building a low-emission community that is attractive, healthy, and equitable. Create websites, and use social media outlets to publicize the local government's commitment to reducing GHG emissions and adapting to a changing climate.
- (10) **Engage in an evolving process of climate action.** Monitor and report on progress toward achieving goals. Engage with community members on an ongoing basis as part of considering new ideas and modifying strategies as opportunities emerge and technologies evolve. Update strategies and plans. Share stories and cooperate with neighboring communities.

Points for Innovations and Performance

The majority of the points in the rating system can be earned through the actions associated with the ten pledge elements. However, the system has been designed to reward local governments that have been implemented innovative actions and can demonstrated achieved GHG emissions reductions and other performance metrics. Thus, applicants can earn additional points by demonstrating innovation or high levels of performance.

Innovation Earn additional points of using innovative strategies for the implementation of climate action actions. Applicants achieve this by implanting advanced actions not included in the rating system or using an innovative approach to implementing an action in the rating system. Innovation bonus points are determined on a case by case basis.

Performance Earn additional points for demonstrating quantified reductions in GHG emissions and solid waste volume resulting from the implementation of specific actions. This requires applicants to provide relevant data with before and after measurements to confirm achievement.

Mayor Brescia asked what other municipalities have signed the pledge. Ms. Schmidt said the County of Orange and the Village of Walden have signed on. OC is working the DPW, with the new challenge we are facing with the recycling. It is State driven, and this is our future. The landfills are closed, this

is no longer a viable option. Curbside composting pick-up and getting folks to compost, is a measure to save on tipping fees. Shared services with neighboring municipalities using County managed vehicles for curbside composting pick-up. By 2023 the Restaurant food waste will have to be sent to bio-digest facilities within 25 miles. This will also be included in all of the future grant questionnaire paperwork. Mayor Brescia thanked Ms. Schmidt for coming in with her presentation, the Board will hold their decision for future discussion.

RE: PROPOSED ELECTRIC CONTRACT PRICING RATES

Michele Ries with M&R Energy Resource Corp presented the Board with the Electric renewal from three suppliers, the current rate is 0.06266.

Supplier	12 Month Rate	24 Month Rate	36 Month Rate
Constellation	0.05518	0.05848	0.06317
Direct Energy	0.05373	0.05749	0.06259
East Coast Power	0.06650	0.07040	not presented

RE: APPROVE ELECTRIC SUPPLIER CONTRACT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the Direct Energy 24-Month contract with the rate of 0.05749. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: REQUEST TO AMEND THE CITY WINERY SITE PLAN

Ross Winglovitz, representing City Winery request to amend the site plan, for the paving of the main parking lot, of which, they also plan to present their request to the Planning Board on October 23rd. Atty Dowd mentioned speaking with Ross and has advised them to make their presentation to the Planning Board. Therefore, Ross will not be in attendance.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION THROUGH THE YEAR 2021 FOR COUNTY TAXATION ON SECTION BLOCK AND LOT 28-1-63, LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF MONTGOMERY FOR THE USE OF THE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM, HOLT WELL

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution for exemption through the year 2021 from County taxation on Section Block and Lot 28-1-63, located in the Town of Montgomery for use of the Village Water System, Holt Well. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: ADOPT A RESOLUTION FOR THE CSC PLEDGE TO BECOME A REGISTERED CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITY

The Board held their decision for future discussion to adopt a resolution for the CSC pledge, for the Village of Montgomery to join the program and become a Registered Climate Smart Community.

RE: EVENTS

Sunday, October 20th, Taste of Montgomery, 1 to 4 pm, held in front of the Village Museum.

Saturday, October 26th, 1 to 4 pm, Civil War “living history” Encampment, held at the Village Museum 145 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549.

Saturday, October 26th, MFD Halloween Parade, 4 pm line up on Clinton Street.

Saturday, October 26th, Candle Light Ghost Tour 7 pm, begins at the Village Hall, tickets sold at the Village Hall, \$5.00 pp.

Thursday, October 31, Trick or Treat, in the Village of Montgomery from 6 pm to 8 pm.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

New Paltz student, Surya Ghule was present with her father and brother to attend an open government meeting for a class assignment. Mayor Brescia welcomed them all and asked if she had any questions. Miss. Ghule replied, no, she has no questions to address. She is just observing. Mayor Brescia signed the required paperwork attesting her presence at the meeting.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of October 15, 2019 at 8:25 pm. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserre Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk