

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 7:30 pm.

RE: CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the minutes of October 19, 2021. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

REQUEST TO MEET WITH BOARD

None

ABSTRACT NO. 10-2021

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO.10-2021 were audited and approved for payment with \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from the General Fund, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from the Water Fund, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Check No: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Griffith reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of October 29, 2021, as follows: General Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_, Water Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_, Sewer Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_.

RE: OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Hembury mentioned welcoming 22 of the 26 new residents to the Village, (4) were not home. It's well received and very much appreciated. On one occasion the homeowner was at work and answered using the ring and was amazed and mentioned how they are proud to being a Village resident. For those who are not aware, the Village Board gives each new resident a packet of information from participating businesses that include a variety of items, such as menu's, gift certificates, refrigerator magnets, pens, business cards, bookmarks, etc. The response from the participating businesses is wonderful, they receive repeat customers. The tax preparing office said, when you get people new to the area, they have no idea of where to go for services such as his. His new customers who came from the Bronx, have said how useful it is to have the information about the local establishments. The Village also included a copy of the Village bicentennial book that provides historical facts and pictures about the Village. The welcoming committee consists of the Village Board, the Police Chief or a designated officer in his absence. As an example, through his own experience, he utilized the services of a local establishment from the information received when he and his family moved here, until the owners passing. This is a very proactive approach to promoting the Village Businesses and informing the new residents on what is available and happening in the Village. He encourages as many of the Village Businesses to participate by dropping off anything they wish to include in the welcome packets, at the Village Hall, Clerks office, at 133 Clinton Street.

Furthermore, he and his family will be handing out approximately 1,000 American flags on *Veterans Day, November 11, 2021, from 10 am to 12 noon, at Veterans Corner*, which is located on Goodwill Road and Roosevelt Avenue, to the passing vehicles.

Lastly, *Toys for Tots will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2021, at 3 pm, on Railroad Avenue* for an hour and a half, with many volunteers. He mentioned that the idea was originally a collaborative effort of Buddy Nelson, the manager of the railroad at the time, and himself. He was interested in bringing it here, due to his past endeavors with his brother in the 60's, who was a US Marine. This event has become so large and wide spread that now, Port Jervis has been added to the route, of which they now have a new Railroad Museum. However, they have not forgotten us, they are sending a train and caboose just for the Village of Montgomery. He invites everyone to come out and create memories with their families, as he has. He recalled the annual event he attended in his youth, in Parkchester, Bronx, NY, held in a Quonset hut; this is where he went to see Santa. Again, you're creating memories by attending these events that your children and grandchildren will remember fondly, where they came to donate toys and meet Santa.

Mayor Brescia asked Trustee Hembury, this is the first time its being held on a Saturday?

Trustee Hembury replied yes, however, we are held to the Railroad's schedule. JoAnn and Stacy have done wonders to coordinate the day's events as you can see in the flyer titled, "An Old-Fashioned Holiday in the Village of Montgomery".

Mayor Brescia thanked Trustee Hembury for all his efforts.

Trustee Hembury thanked JoAnn and Stacy too.

Trustee Lindner mentioned speaking with Alex Camarda with Charter Communications, (Spectrum) regarding the Franchise Agreement, for cable service in the Village. He advised Mr. Camarda the Board has received the agreement and will be reviewing it with the Village legal counsel. Atty. Will Frank has completed his review and has a number of issues for the Board to consider and has forwarded it Mr. Camarda. He hopes to have a response by next week and review any further comments also.

Mayor Brescia thanked Trustee Lindner for taking care of this.

#### DEPARTMENTS REPORTS - DPW

Mayor Brescia asked if the Village Hall tree will be ready by December 11<sup>th</sup>, for the tree lighting.

DPW Supt. Nelson replied he hopes to but with the Village Hall Roof Replacement happening now; it may be a too close to call at the moment. He received a letter from Precision Pipeline regarding the paving of Route 211. DOT is not making them pave both sides of Route 211, if so, it would put them out by \$200,000.00. They are going to pave 25 percent on each side of the cut and that is it. He also hopes to be able to charge them for the paving of Village Streets that they've torn up. He'll keep the Board posted on what Central Hudson agrees to reimburse. There is no way to get it all done this season, because there is no paving after November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Furthermore, the Village has had 30 water main breaks this year, and five since July; and hopes it does not continue. Furthermore, the (STP) Sewage Treatment Plant roof is at a stand still at the moment. He had no further items to bring to light, except the hiring of laborers for the Village Hall Roof Replacement and promoting, "Jake", to the DPW Foreman position.

Mayor Brescia moved forward to these items on the agenda.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

**HIRE 6 LABORERS FOR THE VILLAGE HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board hired 6 Laborers for the Village Hall Roof Replacement to start on Monday, November 1, 2021, (Daniel Kauffman, John Wayne Fisher, and Daniel Jay Fisher at the rate of \$48.00/hr. and Anthony Riehl, Eugenio Martinez, and Leon Beiler at the rate of \$35.00/hr. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**PROMOTE JASON HENRY TO DPW FOREMAN AND INCLUDE PAY FOR WATER LICENSE**

Promote Jason Henry to DPW Foreman effective as of Monday, November 1, 2021, with the conditions pursuant to the agreement between the Village of Montgomery Department of Public Work and the Transport Workers Union of America A.F.L.- C.I.O and its Local 225, and subject to all the paperwork being filed with the Orange County Department of Human Resources, at the rate of \$31.77/hr., plus .50/hr. for water license. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR THE VILLAGE HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT TO ADD THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FLAT ROOF OVER THE LIBRARY**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the change order for the Village Hall Roof Replacement to add the replacement of the flat roof over the library, subject to DPW Supt. Nelson review. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**TEMPORARY LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board agreed to enter into a temporary license agreement with the First Presbyterian Church of Montgomery, a religious corporation, located at 137 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, for Ingress and Egress, Parking, and Use to access the Village Hall Roof, Parking work vehicles, and using the area to stage construction materials. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS - POLICE**

Deputy Police Chief Arteta said the Executive Order 203 meeting scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>, has been changed to December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm, held at the Montgomery Senior Center. Furthermore, before the Toys for Tots, there is going to be a runners' race, all the runners participating are going to bring a gift, for the Toys for Tots. Sgt. Briere had a meeting with the folks who are setting up the run and working together for the all of details regarding the event. Police Chief Herlihy is looking to hire a new Police Officer and interview the candidate at the next Board meeting. We have fully implemented our policy and procedures with each member, of which they have access for review at any time. In addition, it has been documented that every member has checked off that they have read, and reviewed the policy and procedures.

Mayor Brescia asked Deputy Police Chief Arteta if candidates have been selected for the Court Officer Position.

Deputy Police Chief Arteta replied, the candidates that applied, did not qualify. They will continue to pursue other candidates for that position.

## ACCEPT POLICE OFFICER RESIGNATION

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board accepted Police Officer Craig Dudas resignation effective as of November 1, 2021. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

## APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, approved the budget adjustments as Treasurer Griffith has outlined. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

## NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK RECOGNIZED

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board recognized National school choice week, with a proclamation commemorating the 23rd through 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 as Montgomery School Choice Week. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

## APPOINT AHRB MEMBER

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board appointed Veronica Rickerd to the Architectural & Historical Review Board (AHRB), as a member through April 2, 2024, at the rate of \$168.75 a quarter. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

## VILLAGE HALL CLOSED IN OBERVANCE OF THANKSGIVING

Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 11, 2021, in observance of Veterans Day and Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving, and on Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

## EVENTS

Leaf Pick up continues Tuesdays, through November 30, 2021. (Leaves must be bagged & placed curbside by 7 am.

Grand Chamber Music Concert Series presents the performance of the Shelest Piano Duo, by Anna & Dmitri Shelest, on Sunday, November 21, 2021, at 3 pm held at the Montgomery Senior Center 36 Bridge Street.

## PUBLIC PORTION

Randi Picarello addressed the Board about the possibility of closing the lower end of Clinton Street during the Old-Fashioned Holiday held on December 11<sup>th</sup>, to host a street fair with music, allowing for vendors to set up in the street, fifteen have confirmed and are waiting on a few more. All but one of the businesses are willing to participate.

Mayor Brescia said this should not in any way detract from the festivities happening on the upper end of Clinton Street that has been ongoing for many years now.

Deputy Mayor Scheels said she and Trustee Andolsek did not receive good feedback from the Village Businesses regarding Ms. Picarello's venue. She feels if its advantageous for us, then it may be advantageous for them. Due to being told if they do not pay, they cannot participate. The Village does not charge the businesses to participate in this event.

Mayor Brescia asked Ms. Picarello what the businesses are being charged and what is the money going towards.

Ms. Picarello read a tentative listing of Businesses that are willing to participate (Mystic Florist, Copperfield's, Wildfire Grill, Montgomery Book Exchange, (in audible – speaking too low), City Winery, Montgomery PTA, Valley Central Band and Chorus group, (in audible) -speaking too low. The money for the vendor spaces goes towards the Taste of Montgomery event.

Ms. Stacy Brescia-Spreer said she and Deputy Mayor Scheels have coordinated the Old-Fashioned Holiday for many years asks if Randi wants to host a street fair in conjunction with a Village event, come and meet with them to coordinate and collaborate. So as not to have conflicting or a duplication of items for sale that others have been selling since the Village event began, such as the sale of Hot Chocolate and soup. In addition, a certificate of insurance is required for all businesses and vendors, listing the Village as the additional insured.

Mayor Brescia asked Ms. Picarello why not have the vendors or business setup on the upper end of Clinton Street.

Ms. Picarello said the businesses prefer to set in front of their businesses.

Nina Snyder said the Village has a lot of eateries and this would be preferential for the retail businesses.

Mayor Brescia asked Randi to coordinate with Stacy. He asked if there were any further questions or concerns.

Mr. Berger asked why the laborers working on the Village Hall roof replacement are not using the proper safety equipment.

DPW Supt. Nelson said he spoke with Ivan about the lack safety equipment not being used and was informed it had not been loaded into the truck. They are located three and half hours away and have been reassured to have it on site and used for the remainder of the project.

Mayor Brescia said they do great work but safety doesn't happen by accident. He asked Buddy to try and work that out for the Villages benefit. Furthermore, the UTC telephone system contract will be held over for the next meeting of November 16, 2021, to allow for additional review.

Atty. Will Frank said, he's reviewed the Millennium Agreement and an (IMA) Inter-Municipal Agreement should be in place, listing the scope of services, so all named are on the same page. He will have it available for the next meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adjourned the meeting of November 3, 2021, at 8 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

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Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk