

Minutes of the Public Hearing, to consider the adoption of “Introductory Local Law I-1 of 2022, Providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, and the State Energy Conservation Construction Codes in the Village of Montgomery, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery, was held at the Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 7:25 pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Will Frank, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Eric Guarneri, Andrew w/Acquisitions Marketing, John Tracy, Sue Hembury, Bandon Stryker, Michael & Nicole Gamma, Stacy Brescia-Spreer, Tim & Claudette Schaad, Mary Ann Lindner, Quinn, Jim & Mullin McAnney, Denise, Colin, Brian & William Quinn, Patrick McHale, Sun Wai Chan, Brian Maher, Randi Picarello, Lori & Vic Polesel, Joanne Reinitz, Rebecca Cornell, Robin Huebach, Colleen & Marc Devitt

CALL TO ORDER – OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board opened the Public Hearing, to consider the adoption of Introductory Local Law I-1 of 2022, providing for the administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, and the State Energy Conservation Construction Codes in the Village of Montgomery. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Mayor Brescia asked Atty. Will Frank to provide a synopsis on the Introductory Law I-1 of 2022.

Atty. Will Frank stated, the State of New York has updated its administration and Enforcement, of the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Codes, and the State Energy Conservation Construction Codes across the State, to ensure uniformity, across the entire State of New York. Basically, making sure all agencies are following the same guidelines.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A gentleman in attendance, who did not state his name for the record, said all of the paperwork he’s filed with the Building Inspector mentions the NYS code.

Atty. Will Frank said, correct this updates the codes for all municipalities in the State of New York.

No further questions, were presented regarding the said Introductory Local Law, I-1 of 2022.

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board closed the Public Hearing at 7:29 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery, was held at the Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery, on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, 7:30 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Will Frank, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Eric Guarneri, Andrew w/Acquisitions Marketing, John Tracy, Al Sauer, Sue Hembury, Maria Beltrametti, Eva & James Achaia, Kevin Conero, Tom Steed, John O'Rourke, Bandon Stryker, Michael & Nicole Gamma, Stacy Brescia-Spreer, Tim & Claudette Schaad, Mary Ann Lindner, Quinn, Jim & Mullin McAnney, Denise, Colin, Brian & William Quinn, Patrick McHale, Sun Wai Chan, Brian Maher, Randi Picarello, Lori & Vic Polesel, Joanne Reinitz, Rebecca Cornell, Robin Huebach, Colleen & Marc Devitt.

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mayor Brescia presented John Tracy with a Jacket as the commissioner, of the Pickleball committee. He also gave a few shirts for the committee members.

TRUSTEE HEMBURY – PRESENTATION ON TOYS FOR TOTS

Trustee Hembury arranged for Eric Guarneri to provide a slide show of the past ten years, of the Village of Montgomery participation with the NY Operation Toy Train with Middletown and New Jersey Railroad Company, for the toy collection project, assisting the U.S. Marine Corp. Reserve Toys for Tots Foundation, for local distribution. He thanked everyone involved for making this a successful event and hopes it continues for years to come and we break our own record each year.

He also thanked the Middletown and New Jersey Railroad Company for making this event possible by bringing the antique railroad cars to the Village of Montgomery. To give you all some insight as to how special this is, the train cars are privately owned and loaned to the Railroad Company for this specific purpose only. The railroad crossing on Clinton Street was repaired to allow for the train to come here. Mayor Brescia and Trustee Hembury presented a plaque to Al Sauer, CEO of the Middletown and New Jersey Railroad Company.

Mr. Al Sauer mentioned this venture began as a conversation amongst a handful of friends. He is hopeful that it will continue for years to come. The Village of Montgomery is the biggest contributor to the event for Toys for Tots and it's greatly appreciated.

35TH ANNUAL HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

MOST BEAUTIFUL

3rd Place - Michael & Gale Buchholz, 87 Madison Avenue

2nd Place – Luis & Laurie Melo, 6 Haskin Court

1st Place - Tim & Claudette Schaad, 53 Sycamore Drive

MOST TRADITIONAL

3rd Place – Debra Williams Rugaber & Lacy Ann Rugaber, 36 Elizabeth Street

2nd Place – Michael & Sue Hembury, 89 Madison Avenue

1st Place – Steven & Denise Marra, 194 Union Street

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

3rd Place – Richard Sampson & Lambrini Adamis, 155 Clinton Street

2nd Place – Brandon Stryker, 2 Bridge Street

1st Place – Harry Mills, Jr., 109 Union Street

MOST ORIGINAL

3rd Place – Robert & Jill Winter, 9 Conroy Avenue

2nd Place – Marc & Colleen Devitt, 146 Union Street

1st Place – Nick Thompson, 204 Tompkins Road

MOST EYECATCHING

3rd Place – James & Quinn McAnney, 10 Oakley Street

2nd Place – Sun Wai Chan, 178 Waters Edge

1st Place – Brian & Denise Quinn, 48 Sycamore Drive

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CHILDREN'S DELIGHT

3rd Place – Michael Gamma & Nicole Dieckman, 66 Weaver Street

2nd Place – Gary Gambelunghe, 216 Union Street

1st Place – James Achaia & Ewa Halas, 14 Sycamore Drive

JUDGE'S: Kathy Barnett, Patty Croissant, Lynn Thompson

Thanks to our generous Village Businesses for making this event possible!

88 Charles Street, Allstar Steal, Antonio's Family Restaurant, Artbox Studio, BCGM, Borland House, Catania, Mahon & Ryder PLLC., Copperfield's Kildare Pub, Curves, Debbie Delgado, Delessio Barber Shop, Dragon City Restaurant, Engineering & Surveying Properties, Foley & Cirigliano, Inglenook Marketplace, Java Blue Coffee & Food Market, Lanc & Tully, Monsé Rivera-Fernandez, Montgomery Book Exchange, Montgomery Jewelers (Imperial Jewelers), Montgomery Mercantile, Perfect Temperature, Rivshak Properties, Rowley Development, Stephen Brescia, Tina Murphy, Vic's Pizzeria, Wallkill Valley Federal Savings & Loan, Ward's Bridge Inn, Wildfire Grill.

MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the Minutes of December 5, 2022. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

REQUEST TO MEET WITH BOARD

None

RE: NEW BUSINESS

THANK THE VILLAGE BUSINESSES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF DONATIONS TOWARDS THE ANNUAL HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Mayor Brescia and the Board thanked the Village businesses for their support of donations towards the 35th Annual House Decorating Contest, and for making this event successful. (Shop locally).

ADOPT LOCAL LAW I-1 OF 2022, PROVIDING FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE UNIFORM FIRE PREVENTIONS AND BUILDING CODE, AND THE STATE CONSERVATION CONSTRUCTION CODES IN THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted Local Law I-1 of 2022, Providing for the Administration and Enforcement of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code, and the State Energy Conservation Construction Codes in the Village of Montgomery. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

APPOINT BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBERS

Moved Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board appointed Douglas Coe and Cory Bellarosa, as members of the Board of Ethics, effective immediately. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ADDING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE HOLT WELL BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,000

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution, adding a change order for approximately another \$41,000, totaling \$167,970.00 to the Holt Well Bid. While drilling they hit boulders/rocks etc. causing them to stop drilling and having to bring in a different drill rig. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RESIDENT OF 231 UNION STREET REQUESTS TO PAY WATER/SEWER BILL IN INSTALLMENTS THROUGH APRIL 2023

The Board denied the request for the residents of 231 Union Street to pay their water/sewer bill in four installments through April, 2023.

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CONSIDER ACCEPTING ONE OF TWO PROPOSALS TO RENEW THE VILLAGE CYBER LIABILITY COVERAGE FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR BY: HISCOX AT \$7305.00 OR LLOYD AT \$3191.00

The Board held their decision to consider accepting a proposal to renew the Village Cyber Liability coverage, with a one year term, for further review and recommendations to be provided by Frank Dunne, to be completed before the next Board of Trustees meeting, scheduled on January 10, 2023.

EVENTS AND SERVICES

VILLAGE HALL CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF NEW YEARS DAY

Monday, January 2, 2023, the Village Hall is closed in observance of New Year's Day.

GRAND MONTGOMERY CHAMBER MUSIC SERIES CONCERT

Sunday, January 15, 2023, at 3 pm, the Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series presents the performance of Jenny Lin, Piano, held at the Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery, NY 12549.

PUBLIC PORTION

Nicole Dieckman stated she and her husband portrayed the likeness of Mrs. and Mrs. Claus at the Volunteer Fire Department and would like to extend their time for future holiday events to the Village of Montgomery.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board Entered into Executive Session at 8:19 pm, under the open meeting law §7 (h), for matters regarding the possibility of acquiring Real Property with Atty. Joseph McKay conferenced in by phone, and with John O'Rourke, Kevin Conero, Tom Steed and the Village Clerk in attendance. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board Exited the Executive Session at 8:32 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adjourned the meeting of December 20, 2022, at 8:33 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk