

MINUTES of the Regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montgomery, held in the Court Room, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Hembury, Deputy Mayor Andolsek, Trustee Picarello, Trustee Conero, Trustee Wilbur, Atty. Will Frank, Deputy Village Clerk Murphy, Mary Lippincott, Don Berger, Margeret Bussigel, Sophia Romano, Rose Picarello, Emily Picarello, Mark Palczewski, Nina Snyder, Steve Snyder, James Kiernan, Susan Hembury, Walt Pahucki, Fred & Marguerite Flood, Theresa Gabrynowicz, Kristine Wilbur, Cheryl Conero, F Bryan Paz, Anne Lavelle, Stacey Hillman, Acquisitions Marketing Videographer Jose Rojas.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Hembury requested a moment of silence for Trustee Walter Lindner.

MINUTES

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board motioned to approve the Minutes of April 2, 2024 & May 5, 2024. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays

REQUEST TO MEET THE BOARD

Several residents expressed concerns and questions.

OLD BUSINESS

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN OUTSIDE VENDOR CONTRACT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, ALPHA-TECH.

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Trustee Wilbur, the Board motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an outside vendor contract for information technology services with Alpha-Tech, subject to final review approved by Atty. Frank's office. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER EXTENDING LOCAL LAW #5 OF 2023, WHICH ESTABLISHED A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM PROHIBITING THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF CERTAIN LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS IN THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS.

Atty. Frank stated that the current moratorium expires on June 19, 2024. It needs to be filed in Albany by June 19th. They will need to schedule a special meeting for the week of June 10th.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board scheduled a Special Meeting for Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 6:00pm. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

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Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board motioned to set a public hearing on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 6:00pm, to extend Local Law #5 of 2023, which established a six-month moratorium prohibiting the review and approval of certain land development applications in the Village of Montgomery for an additional six months. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Herlihy discussed a \$200,000 Law Enforcement Technology Grant that the police department obtained for cameras for downtown, the parkland areas and some problematic areas.

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Not approved yet, as there are still pending questions and concerns.

ALLOCATE \$7000 FROM ARPA FUNDS FOR LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS TO MONTGOMERY FREE LIBRARY

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Trustee Wilbur, the Board approved allocating \$7000 from ARPA funds for library improvements to the Montgomery Free Library. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 1-Abstain (Deputy Mayor Andolsek).

SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LOCAL LAW CREATING CHAPTER 37 OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY CODE ENTITLED “BEST VALUE PRICING”, TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS TO ALLOW THE VILLAGE BOARD GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN AWARDING CONTRACTS BY AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PURCHASE CONTRACTS ON THE BASIS OF BEST VALUE.

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board motioned to schedule a public hearing for a Local Law creating Chapter 37 of the Village of Montgomery Code entitled “Best Pricing Value”, to establish regulations to allow the Village Board greater flexibility in awarding contracts by authorizing the award of purchase contracts based on best value. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH OPERATON TOY TRAIN OF NEW YORK, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A TRAIN CABOOSE, CURRENTLY LOCATED IN PORT JERVIS, NEW YORK.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Wilbur, the Board motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Operation Toy Train of New York, Inc. for the purchase of a train caboose for \$1.00 and subject to contract updates. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 1-Nay (Trustee Picarello).

Mayor Hembury stated that the caboose will not incur any cost to the residents.

Atty. Frank said that it will be moved to the Village at no cost once the turntable in Port Jervis is operational. It was built in 1941 and comes with several accessories.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board entered into Attorney-Client Privilege at 8:30pm. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADJOURNMENT

Immediately following Executive Session.

Tina Murphy, Deputy Village Clerk