

Minutes of the Regular Meeting, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery, was held in the Meeting Room, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 6:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Will Frank, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, DPW Supt. Nelson, Chief of Police Herlihy, John Vero, Mary Lippincott, Terry Finn, Don Berger, Mary Beltrametti, Kathy LaRocca, Randi Picarello

CALL TO ORDER -PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the minutes of March 7, 2023. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ABSTRACT NO. 02-2023

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the abstract no. 02-2023. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

LIVINGSTON ENERGY GROUP LLC FOR TOWER MANAGEMENT LOOSESTRIFE FIELDS, INSTALLING EV CHARGING STATIONS

The Village Board of Trustees held on rendering a decision regarding, Livingston Energy Group LLC representing for Tower Management Loosestrife Fields intends to build six EV Charging Stations at 500 Patchett Way, for further review and which shall be discussed at a future meeting.

ROWLEY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, RAILROAD AVENUE TO RECONVENE ON APRIL 4, 2023, BOARD MEETING.

The Village Board of Trustees held on rendering a decision regarding Rowley Development Corp, 21-29, 33-39, 41-49 Railroad Avenue, for further study on the possibility of any hazards that could be buried at the site. The applicant and the Village legal counsel have asked to reconvene on April 4th, at the Board of Trustees regular meeting.

Trustee Hembury stated he will be absent for the April 4th meeting and stated for the record that he sides with the residents that do not approve of this type of development. However, he is in favor of single-family homes which are a better option than apartments and repeats this is not a good move, your best neighbor is a homeowner.

RE: NEW BUSINESS

APPOINT BOARD OF ETHICS MEMBER

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board appointed Jose Hernandez, as a Board of Ethics member, effective immediately. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

CONSIDER APPROVING THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY LABOR & EMPLOYMENT COUNSEL UPDATED RATES FOR FY 2023-2024

The Board of Trustees held their decision for a later date, to be able discuss with Atty. Will Frank before rendering a decision, to consider approving the Village of Montgomery Labor & Employment Counsel updated rates for FY 2023-2024.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO BOND FOR \$340,000, FOR FIVE YEARS, FOR THE PURPOSES OF LAND ACQUISITION

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adopted a resolution to bond \$340,000, for five-years, for the purposes of land acquisition, of 99 Clinton Street, with the conditions of amending the date to March 22, 2023. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY AUTHORIZING MAYOR BRESCIA OR HIS DESIGNEE (CHIEF OF POLICE HERLIHY) TO EXECUTE AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE COUNTY FOR A POLICE EQUIPMENT GRANT

Moved by Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery authorizing Mayor Brescia or his designee (Chief of Police Herlihy) to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement with Orange County for a Police Equipment Grant. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

PUBLIC HEARING DATE SET FOR FY 2023-2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board set the date for the FY 2023-2024 Tentative Budget to be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, at 7:00 pm, at the Village Hall. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Mayor Brescia mentioned the OC Transfer Station fees have increased.

DPW Supt. Nelson stated that the Village is having to pay a fine due to residents bagging their recyclables with plastic bags. He urges the residents to use a bin or paper bags for their recycling, and for shredded use paper bags. Do not plastic your recycling. He suggested a code red be issued to alert the residents.

EVENTS

Village of Montgomery Easter Egg Hunt, held at Veterans Memorial Park, on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at 11:00 am, for Pre-School through Elementary School aged children only.

PUBLIC PORTION

Terry Finn, a bus driver for Valley Central Schools and the Montgomery Montessori Schools, is concerned about the pickup and drop-off conditions that are very hazardous on Clinton Street. She urges the Board to post no parking signs with the specified times for picking up and dropping off the children. We need to keep our children safe.

Mayor Brescia said he will have DPW Supt. Nelson speak to the owner of the school and formulate a plan for signage.

Trustee Hembury agrees that our children are our priority and agrees to school bus parking signs with the times posted, creating regulatory parking. He also mentioned being proud of the candidates for operating a professional election.

Mayor Brescia congratulated the newly elected Trustee Picarello, and it is bittersweet on the departing of Deputy Mayor Scheels who has served the Village of Montgomery for thirty-six years. She has completed so much in her tenure. The Board of Trustees thank you for your service. He mentioned Trustee Andolsek has accepted the Deputy Mayors position.

Mr. Berger also thanked Deputy Mayor Scheels for the years of service she has put in. He asked when the draft budget will be available online.

Mayor Brescia replied, it will be available shortly.

Ms. Beltrametti asked where she could find the regulations for public hearing for bonds.

Atty. Will Frank replied, it is available online in the NYS Local Finance Law.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adjourned the meeting of March 22, 2023, at 6:29 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk

Minutes of the Special Meeting/Atty. Client Privilege for matters concerning sewage expansion with the Town of Montgomery, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery, was held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, in the Clerk's Office, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549 at 5:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Will Frank, DPW Supt. Nelson, Town of Montgomery Supervisor. Ron Feller, John O'Rourke (Lanc & Tully Engineering), Jim Farr, Ron Clum, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez.

ENTER INTO ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board entered Atty. Client Privilege, under the open meetings law Article n 7, section at 5:30 pm, for matters concerning the Village of Montgomery sewage expansion with the Town of Montgomery. Motion carried, 5-Ayes. 0-Nays.

EXITED ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board Exited Attorney Client Privilege at 5:57 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk