

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, December 20, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Dowd, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Patricia Imbriani, Maria Beltrametti, Johanna Sweikata, Tim & Claudette Schaad, Beverly Mertz, Glen & Roslyn Tulloch, Robert Donovan, Gary Demaris, Vickie Vandermolen, Rich Garey, John & Tory White, Richard Osterhout, Lisa Bell, Don Berger, Linda DuVall, Cole and Chase DuVall, Amanda Spadaro, Nick Thompson, Mary Thompson, Jessica Cohen, Ian Wallace, Gary Gambelunghe, William & Margaret Cuff

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

RE: 29th ANNUAL HOUSE DECORATING WINNERS

Mayor Brescia thanked Patricia Imbriani for once again, taking charge of heading the House Decorating Contest Awards. The Winners are as noted in these categories:

MOST BEAUTIFUL

3 rd Place – Michael & Gale Buchholz	87 Madison Avenue
2 nd Place – Angela Demaris	34 Wallkill Avenue
1 st Place – Claudette & Tim Schadd	53 Sycamore Drive

MOST TRADITIONAL

3 rd Place – Vic & Lori Polesel	128 Purple Martin Road
2 nd Place – Fred & Beverly Mertz	237 Frieda Street
1 st Place – Glenaster & Roslyn Tulloch	5 Purple Heart Way

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS THEME

3 rd Place – Robert & Teri Ann Donovan	144 Senior Street
2 nd Place – Neils Veras & Jheyemi Castillo	383 Angelo Drive
1 st Place – Mark Guido & Sandra Regis	86 Union Street

MOST ORIGINAL

3 rd Place – Roger & Vickie Vandermolen	112 Railroad Avenue
2 nd Place – Richard Garey	16 Purple Heart Way
1 st Place – John & Troy White	109 Union Street

MOST EYECATCHING

3 rd Place – Richard & Karen Osterhout	175 Boyd Street
2 nd Place – David & Lisa Bell	6 Haskin Court
1 ST Place – Darren & Linda Duvall	213 Union Street

CHILDREN’S DELIGHT

3 rd Place – Ian & Karen Wallace	15 Purple Heart Way
2 nd Place – Gary Gambelunghe	216 Union Street
1 st Place – William & Margaret Cuff	378 Angelo Drive

RE: HOUSE DECORATIONG DONATIONS

Mayor Brescia thanked the Village Businesses for their generous and benevolent donations.

Borland House, JDC Barber Studio, Baby Dahl’s catering, Montgomery Florist, Wallkill River School, Hoeffner Farms, Montgomery Book Exchange, Scents of the Valley, Dragon City, Mike’s Deli, Seven Freedom Music & Records, Perfect Temperature, Luminality, Recycled Style, Village Luncheonette, Walden Savings Bank, Yoga on the Hudson, Copperfield’s, Benson’s Deli, Phil’s Barber Shop, Montgomery Montessori School, Iron Cafe’, Ward’s Bridge, Scott’s Corners Paint & Hardware, Vic’s Pizzeria, Ilir’s Barber Shop, Caborcas.

RE: MINUTES

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 5, 2016. Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved the meeting minutes of December 5th. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE BOARD

Ms. Beltrametti proposes her idea to move up the Village Election Date by one month. Her feeling is that more would be encouraged to vote, allowing for the Snowbirds residents to vote.

Mayor Brescia and the Board do not agree for a need to change the Village Election Date. The voter participation has been agreeable.

Atty. Dowd said, in order for the Village to do as you propose, the Village would then have to change the fiscal year for budgetary process. In addition, to the start date for the Offices to be filled.

RE: AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE CLERK TO PUBLISH THE DESIGNATED OFFICES TO BE FILLED AND THE TERMS OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY ELECTION

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to authorize the Village Clerk to publish the designated offices to be filled and the terms of the Village of Montgomery Election on March 21, 2017.

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board authorized the Village Clerk to publish the designated offices to be filled and the terms for the Village Election on March 21, 2017. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: AUTHORIZE CENTRAL HUDSON TO INSTALL LED LIGHTING ON POLE NO. 51081 ON CLINTON AND UNION STREET

Mayor Brescia called for a motion authorizing Central Hudson to install LED lighting on Pole No. 51081 on Clinton Street and Union Street for the U.S. Flag and the Richie Reynolds statue.

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board authorized Central Hudson to install LED lighting on Pole No. 51081 on Clinton and Union Street for the U.S. Flag and the Richie Reynolds statue. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPROVE OFFICE OF THE AGING AGREEMENT FOR VENDOR SERVICES USE OF THE SENIOR CENTER FOR THE DINING PROGRAM AND FOR COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$26,369 FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017.

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to approve the Office of the Aging Agreement of Vendor Services, use of the Senior Center for the Dining Program, and for costs not to exceed \$26,369 from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the Office the Office of the Aging Agreement of Vendor Services, use of the Senior Center for the Dining Program, and for costs not to exceed \$26,369 from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

RE: APPROVE PHASE 2 OF LOOSESTRIFE FIELDS AMENDED SITE PLAN APPLICATION, PATCHETT WAY, SBL: 204-1- 2.22, TO OBTAIN TEMPORARY GRADING EASEMENTS FROM THE VILLAGE TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF THE PROPOSED ROADWAY.

Atty. Dowd advised the Board to table this request for several reasons, it is currently before the Planning Board and after speaking with the engineer today, she has not seen the plans that you have before you. In addition, due to the fact that the proposed grading is in the Park Land, and there are issues with the Federal Wetlands; of which no documentation has been provided to the Planning Board. It is a different developer from the original approved site plan. Although there are no problems with the proposed plans, however, there are issues that need to be addressed. It will be reviewed next with by the Planning Board.

Mayor Brescia and the Board agreed to table the request to approve Phase II of Loosestrife Fields amended site plan application to obtain temporary grading easements from the Village to facilitate the installation of the Proposed Roadway.

RE: APPROVE M & R ENERGY RESOURCES CORP. NATURAL GAS PRICING

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to approve M&R Energy Resources Corp. Natural Gas pricing at the rate of .4290 for up to 2 years from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved M&R Resources Natural Gas rate of .4290 for 2 years from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

**RE: NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK, PROCLAMATION REQUEST
COMMEMORATING THE 22ND THROUGH 28TH OF JANUARY 2017 AS
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK**

Atty. Dowd advised the Board to hold off being the fact it appears there is a confusion with the Town and the Village, naming you the Mayor of the Township.

RE: VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Village Hall will be closed on Friday, December 23rd from 12:00 Noon to 4:30 pm, and Monday, December 26th in observation of Christmas.

Village Hall will be closed on Friday, December 30th from 12:00 Noon to 4:30 pm, and Monday, January 2nd in observation of New Year's Day.

RE: CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP

Christmas Tree Pick up is on December 27th through January 13th, curbside free of decorations and tinsel.

RE: WATER SEWER PAYMENTS DUE

Water Sewer bills are due January 13th without penalty by 4:30 pm, postmarked payments are accepted.

RE: PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Brescia commented on both events, the Toys for Tots and the Old Fashioned Holiday going well, although it was not well attended as it was the previous year. He thanked JoAnn for Santa Claus.

Trustee Lindner suggested a special thank you be extended to Jane Samuelson for organizing the various school groups that performed at the Bandstand for the Old Fashioned Holiday Weekend.

Mr. Berger inquired about the Times Herald Record newspaper article indicating the Solar panels for the Village of Montgomery was vetoed, why? He was not aware that it would reach that level.

Mayor Brescia stated, the survey was not completed and since then the Village Engineer has been working on it with the surveyor. We are hopeful that the Governor will revisit it as he indicated in the newspaper article. Therefore, we are optimistic that it will be approved at the next session. This is the alternative property that we are substituting for the Parkland and subdividing it.

Atty. Dowd stated, the portion that will be designated as Parkland will need to be reappraised as State Parks has prescribed. He spoke with the DPW Supt. Nelson and the Engineers about the subdivision to maximize the value of what is going to be dedicated. Both houses of the State legislation have to approve the alienation of the Parkland, taking it out of Parkland property, allowing the Village to use the field for the Solar panels. In turn, the Village needs to have a substitute parcel. We did not have that at the time that the legislation was passed, to cover the value of what is being taken out of Parkland to be put back. A resubmission will be taking place in the near future.

Mr. Berger asked Mayor Brescia about the email regarding the issue of the green cards.

Mayor Brescia and Deputy Mayor Scheels both stated the Village of Montgomery assessment record cards are referred to as the green cards. These particular cards have been used by the Village of Montgomery from the time that the Village had its own assessor, they date back to the 50's. A misunderstanding may have taken place at some point with regard to the Village and the Town assessment record cards. We have cards here that you can see, however, we ask that you not take pictures due to the nature of the privacy of the information they contain.

Mr. Berger said, we may have burned this bridge a little too long. However, he feels there has been a lot of misinformation provided to him by the Board with regard to the difference between the Town and the Village cards.

Mayor Brescia said, you were inferring that the Building Inspector was talking about an immigration card, as a green card. It was totally false, this is the fact. These are the cards and they speak for themselves.

Mr. Berger asked if the Trustee Hembury listened to the tape that indicated the complaint of the Building Inspector reference to the so called green card.

Trustee Hembury said no tape was provided to the Board to indicate any such cause to be fact.

Deputy Mayor Scheels and Mayor Brescia both stated, that the complainant has not been to a Board meeting since the statement addressed to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Berger asked, Atty. Dowd that as the Attorney for the Village and using that type of terminology speaking to a resident, it is proper?

Atty. Dowd said, I will not answer that, I am the counsel for the Board of Trustees and not you.

Mayor Brescia asked the public present if there were any other questions for the Board.

Public present addressed the Board with no further questions or concerns.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Brescia called for a motion to adjourn the meeting of December 20, 2016 at 7:58 pm. Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of December 20th at 7:58 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk