

Minutes of the Public Hearing for OC FY 2023 CDBG, of the Board of Trustees, of the Village of Montgomery, was held, in the Village Hall, Meeting Room, at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 7:15 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Will Frank, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, DPW Supt. Nelson, Police Chief Herlihy, Videographer William Ibberson, Mary Ann Lindner, Maria Beltrametti, Don Berger, Amy Frisbie, John S. Vero.

RE: CALL TO ORDER – OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board opened the Public Hearing for the FY 2023 CDBG. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Mayor Brescia asked the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, if all the paperwork has been filed to hold this public hearing.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez replied, yes, all the paperwork has been filed to hold this public hearing. For the record the notice was posted in the designated locations and published in the Wallkill Valley Times Community newspaper and the Times Herald Record newspaper.

Mayor Brescia asked Atty. Will Frank to provided a synopsis for this public hearing.

Atty. Will Frank said, every year municipalities have the opportunity to apply for the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program for various projects. They can apply for funding within the Village that would benefit the community, physical improvements are eligible for acquisition and disposition or real property; public works, public facilities or site improvements; code enforcement (housing and health codes); clearance, demolition and rehabilitation for public use or economic development; housing rehabilitation loan and grants; special projects for elderly and handicapped; provision of public services (Shelter, clinics, senior nutrition, etc.); payment of non-federal shares of other grant programs; relocation payments and assistance. The Town/Village will be considering projects to be submitted to the Orange County Community Development Block Grant Program. The deadline for filing the application is June 24, 2022. The nature of the public hearing is to..... (statement not completed). He's not aware if a specific project has been earmarked as of yet.

Mayor Brescia said Trustee Lindner and Deputy Mayor Scheels have met with Nicole Anderson and they are focusing on the Senior Center addition and are hoping to go with one year rather than a three-year grant, focusing on the entrance way, ADA, and the landscaping in the front.

Trustee Lindner said the Village is going to go for the whole package and fall back on the other items.

Mayor Brescia also said they were advised that our Senior Center is quite beautiful compared to other Senior Centers in the county. It's less likely that we get an approval. We are hopeful. This is our focus for now. He thanked Trustee Lindner for meeting with the county.

Trustee Lindner said, we agreed with them that our Senior Center is a beautiful hall and they have come back with what they've read. It may go up against places that have Senior Centers that are falling apart or don't have the proper lighting or (in audible – background noise blocks out voice). We have explained to them that our hall is used for many senior activities and the one thing it does not have is a comfortable area. They have talked about seniors (in audible – a cell phone blocked out voice) Where you have couches and chairs and a pool-table and card tables, a place where senior could gather on a Sunday afternoon. We are able to do that on a limited basis, for instance, in the winter they play pickle ball inside of building. Once pickle ball is ongoing, there is nothing else that can be happening. We've had card games on Friday, there are other activities such as the exercise classes. So, we are hoping this addition which would go out twenty feet towards the north end and

the width of the building should be forty feet; three quarters of the addition would be a family room and the other quarter would be for storage. The center is lacking storage space.

Mayor Brescia said we are going to lose some parking but we will try to add additional parking.

Atty. Will Frank said its tough when you have a Senior Center as nice as this one; its much like EFC grants and the EFC funding, you have a better chance to work off your infrastructure. The EFC grant for municipalities that have facilities falling apart, they are going to get the money first. We do these applications every year for the municipalities and sometimes we are fortunate and get the hit and the money comes. So that is why it is necessary every year to make an application. After the public hearing is closed, if there are any other Board members have any comments.

Trustee Hembury agrees with the proposed project to expand on the Senior Center. It is used more than most of the other Village Buildings. Is it going to cost the tax payers anything, possibly with grant funding? One other thing that he has heard from a lot of people is the need for sidewalks. This is what he would like to see.

Mayor Brescia said Karron Barnes would tell you too, that the sidewalks we would not be able to get the grant funding because we do not have enough of blighted areas to qualify or that are eligible.

Trustee Hembury said his point is, if we want our kids to be seniors, we have to put in sidewalks.

Mayor Brescia said again, we are not going to get grant money to do that. We do not have blighted areas to qualify for grant funding.

Trustee Hembury said he is just stating what he's heard that is needed. He walks the Village two to three times a day, he is not opposed to the Senior Center project. He strongly feels sidewalks are greatly needed.

Mayor Brescia said the sidewalks will have to be done through a bond, through the DPW. If you look, the ADA items are highly qualified, the Senior Centers. This is what we are applying for.

Trustee Hembury said do we want to wait for a child to be hit by a car, go past Conklin's house, you'll want to climb up a tree, it's really tight.

Mayor Brescia mentioned not having sidewalks on his street his entire life.

Trustee Hembury said, which is not on Goodwill Road.

Mayor Brescia said, we could try do a couple of areas each year.

Trustee Hembury said he is coming with what has been asked of him by residents and speak of nothing against the Senior Center project.

Atty. Will Frank said public comments during a regular Board meeting is to approve the submission of the grant, and approve the fair housing resolution that is to accompany the application for the grant. So once the public hearing is closed, we will move to the regular meeting, which its listed on the agenda. Therefore, this is a synopsis of this public hearing for the CDBG.

Mayor Brescia opened to receive public comments regarding the said subject.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Karron Barnes thanked the Board for submitting another grant application. In the past we had applications for water lines, sidewalks and other municipal matters. What happened in the 2020 census, the areas of village eligible areas were based on income levels are no longer eligible. So, what has happened over the years, fewer and fewer activities are eligible. We used to be able to put in streets and water lines all over the place, to almost the whole Village. You can't do them anywhere anymore. In order for you to do that, you take an area that has horrible side walks and survey every household on that street. If it's more than fifty percent of lower income, than you can do it. It's a lot of work and its almost impossible to come up with that.

Trustee Hembury has a question – God forbid if is kid was killed there, they would speed it up in a second. For example: Much like the kids that were killed in drivers ed. The traffic light was added the following week. He would hate to see any tragedies happen. He mentioned it because he has five grandchildren that live here.

Mr. Barnes said under the federal infrastructure bill, he feels there are huge amount of money that are slated for different counties. He is not sure if the Village could tap into those funds.

Mayor Brescia said we could pursue that with the Millennium agency and if you are willing to accept them covering the three Villages and the Town, you could certainly spear head that.

Trustee Hembury said we have people to do that for us.

Mayor Brescia said that is correct, but we have to ask and let them know what we are interested in. We have procured the services from the Millennium Agency. You could call them and we submit a question and see what type of grant to apply for, sidewalks.

Trustee Hembury replied, we have a grant writer that can do this.

Mayor Brescia said to Trustee Hembury you're not understanding me. This is public hearing for the 2023 CDBG application, we cannot do sidewalks with this grant money; we simply are not able to.

Trustee Hembury said to Mayor Brescia, he is just stating what people have asked of him for the Board to consider.

Trustee Andolsek said this is a public hearing.

Trustee Hembury said is aware and is just talking about the getting grants for this particular project and he's ok with it. He feels there are other grants for projects that we need to explore.

Mayor Brescia agrees with Trustee Hembury and put the question to the Millennium Agency to pursue grants for sidewalks. We cannot get grant funding through CDBG for sidewalks.

Trustee Hembury said, we get grants for a lot of things.

Mayor Brescia said this is CDBG funds and we apply for what we possibly can get funding for.

Trustee Hembury asked what does the grant writer that we hired do, doesn't he do that.

Mayor Brescia said it's in the A-fund for the Town and all three Villages, of which they are doing well with it. Again, he said let's put the question to Millennium about sidewalk grants.

Trustee Hembury said OK. I'm not arguing, I'm just bringing it up. He's not trying to hurt anyone's feelings but he is not backing down. Just before he moved here, there was a child killed on a bicycle.

Mayor Brescia said he totally gets it, this public hearing is to talk about the grant application that we are submitting.

Trustee Hembury said he knows and he is all for it. This is important.

Mayor Brescia said we understand.

Mr. Barnes said, let's say you go into a store and you really need food for a full dinner. They tell you we do not have food for a full dinner but we have free bananas. Ok, I really wasn't looking for banana's but since they are free, I'll take them. Now with the CDBG, you used to be able to do all sort of different physical improvements.

Trustee Hembury said maybe he doesn't understand how the grants are going or how they are being applied for. But he does know this, God forbid a child gets killed; we'd want the sidewalks the day before. We'd want them immediately. That is just it, he is here as the voice for folks who are asking for this.

Mr. Barnes said he does not doubt that sidewalks are needed here and there or wherever they are falling apart. As the Mayor says, all we are talking about here is the program which could be for handicap access to the Village Hall, which you already have.

Trustee Hembury said he understands but we should put more attention to the need for sidewalks instead of pickle ball courts and senior center sidewalks. He again stated he is all for what is being done. The sidewalks are important to him.

Mayor Brescia moved to accept comments from the public.

Don Berger asked if the security system will be part of the grant for the Senior Center.

Mayor Brescia replied, no, that could perhaps be another grant we could pursue. If there are no further comments, he entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

Atty. Will Frank said to note for the record. He asked the Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez if the Notice of the Public Hearing was published as required by law and posted. He knows it was posted on the website and in the Village locations, correct. Thank you.

Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez replied, yes, we did. You're welcome.

Mayor Brescia entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

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

Monserate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustee's, of the Village of Montgomery was held in the Village Hall Meeting Room, at 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Will Frank, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, DPW Supt. Nelson, Police Chief Herlihy, Videographer William Ibberson, Mary Ann Lindner, Maria Beltrametti, Don Berger, Amy Frisbie, John S. Vero.

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 Hembury, the Board approved the minutes of April 19, 2022. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the minutes of May 3, 2022. Motion carried, 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Abstention (Trustee Andolsek).

REQUEST TO MEET WITH BOARD

Amy Frisbie asked the Board to consider bringing back the Volley Ball Court at the Veterans Memorial Park. She has been speaking to the parents and they are lucky to have a great community. They would like to see our old Volley Ball Court at the Veterans Memorial Park restored. She provided pictures of the site; the posts are still there. It is located between the Basketball Court and the Large Playground. She would to work with the DPW to see about how it can be revamped. She shared picture to show, the beautiful sand court located in the Veterans Park in Maybrook, which is next to their Senior Center and Police Department. Its beautiful and is a really great place for our kids to be able to go and have some great outdoor fun. Our school teams would love to have addition surfaces to play on. She reached out to Trustee Hembury to ask about how we can go about getting this revamped. She researched the cost, sizing and depending on the type of surface the DPW recommends and what it should look like, the net for the system, based on the poles, if they are still strong would only be \$1000 to \$1500 for stainless galvanized netting system that would allow to adjust the net height, based on the end user would be.

She feels it would be a great addition to everything that we already have in the community, to bring the Volley Ball Court back. They also have a playing surface at Olley Park, in Walden, not as grand as the one in Maybrook.

Mayor Brescia mentioned there was talk about another Pickleball Court there but he favors this much better. We could find another location for anther Pickleball Court. He is aware that is Volley Ball Court had been used by the Summer Recreation Camp for years. It doesn't seem like a lot of money; we could use fine sand or beach white sand.

DPW Supt. Nelson said he will contact our insurance company and ask what type of sand is used now.

Insurance Agent John S. Vero replied, usually they have some guidelines and recommendations for you to adhere. Which if you followed, you should be fine as far as the installation process goes.

Mayor Brescia mentioned Trustee Lindner's had been looking at that sight, but feels this would be a better option.

Trustee Hembury asked we are putting in another Pickle Ball Court.

Mayor Brescia replied in the future, when we have money to do it; not right now.

Trustee Hembury said he would rather see sidewalks installed instead of another Pickle Ball Court.

Mayor Brescia replied, it's a plan for the future. We have Basket Ball Courts that we are getting money for.

Trustee Hembury used the analogy for instance: Brakes, Tires, or Stereo. We will get the stereo after the brakes and tires are done. We have a beautiful Pickle Ball Court down there, why a second court.

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Mayor Brescia asked the Board about their thoughts on the Volley Ball Court.

Trustee Hembury said a Volley Ball Court is a lot cheaper than a Pickle Ball Court. Again, he feels strongly about the need for sidewalks and is all for the want of the kids. After all, he advised Amy Frisbie to come before the Board with her presentation.

In closing, Ms. Frisbie said it would be great to have an additional court for our kids to use, in our own park, it's definitely a perk of living here.

Mayor Brescia asked Ms. Frisbie to work the DPW Supt. Nelson and try to come up with a plan, and maybe get some donations. If you are not able to get donations, the Board will probably fund it. Come back to the Board with your final plan and the prices.

ABSTRACT – NO. 05 - 2022

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO. 05-2022 were audited and approved for payment with \$110,122.42 from the General Fund, \$3,900.38 from the Water Fund, \$23,643.60 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$137,666.40. Check No: 79419 –79472, 1887-1902. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Griffith reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of May 31, 2022, as follows: General Fund \$938,144.98, Water Fund \$144,366.82, Sewer Fund \$429,946.35.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT A RESOLUTION, APPROVING THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY TO HEREBY SUBMIT ITS APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION UNDER THE FY-2023 ORANGE URBAN CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AUTHORIZING MAYOR BRESCIA TO SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION. THEY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THEY HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE ORANGE URBAN COUNTY CONSORTIUM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES FOR THE FY 2023 PROGRAM YEAR, AND HAVE MET ALL OF ITS APPLICABLE REQUIREMENTS AND THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION IS ACCURATE AND TRUE TO THE BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adopted a resolution, approving the Village of Montgomery to hereby submit its application for consideration under the FY-2023 Orange Urban Consortium Community development program authorizing Mayor Brescia to submit this application. They further certify that they have read and understood the Orange Urban County Consortium Community Development Guidelines for the FY 2023 program year, and have met all of its applicable requirements and that the information contained in the application is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION, AS IT IS WORDED IN THE EXHIBIT F OF THE FY 2023 CDBG APPLICATION, THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY SUPPORTS TITLE VIII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1968 (FEDERAL HOUSING LAW) AND THE NEW YORK HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board adopted a resolution, as it is worded in the Exhibit F of the FY 2023 CDBG application, the Village of Montgomery supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Housing Law) and the New York Human Rights Law. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

PROMOTE JOSHUA HENRY DPW LABORER B TO LABORER A

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board promoted Joshua Henry from Laborer B to Laborer A effective as of June 13, 2022. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

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SET BID OPENING DATE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A LARGE DIAMETER SAND AND GRAVEL PRODUCTION WELL, HOLT WELL-3B

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board set a bid opening date to be held on July 6, 2022, at 2 pm, at the Village Hall, for proposals, for the installation of a large-diameter sand and gravel production well, Holt Well-3B. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

DPW DEPARTMENT REPORTS

DPW Supt. Nelson plans to pave Bridge Street on June 20th. He also mentioned the need to bond for the well drilling; of which Lanc and Tully had provided a bond estimate about six months ago. He will have them update it and resend it.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

The PD have finished their annual training. They are preparing for the upcoming events in August, September and for the Triathlon in October. The study on Beaver Dam Road was conducted and has proved to be successful and is allowing the department to focus on the best enforcement times. In addition, setting up the radar in front of the Post Office has proven to be very effective, and has proven to be good feedback.

Mayor Brescia mentioned the Great Race is being held on June 19th, with a minimum of 60 and a max of 150 cars registered. The first group of cars are scheduled to arrive at 12:15 pm and the last at 3:15 pm. Clinton Street will be used as we have prior, similar to the other car shows.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FUNDS AWARDED FOR FY 2022, BY THE ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU FOR THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY D.A.R.E. PROGRAM

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board adopted a resolution accepting the funds awarded for FY 2022, by the Orange County Youth Bureau for the Village of Montgomery D.A.R.E. program in the amount of \$6,000.00. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

APPROVE A 48 MONTH COPIER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH TOSHIBA FOR THE VILLAGE HALL/CLERKS OFFICE

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved a copier lease agreement with Toshiba for 48-month lease at \$212.20 a month, for the Village Hall/Clerk Office. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

HIRE THE 2022 SUMMER RECREATION CAMP STAFF AS RECREATION DIRECTOR TAYLOR HAS LISTED

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board hired the 2022 Summer Recreation Camp Staff as Recreation Director Taylor has listed:

Medical Staff: Chelsea Crawford, Hlth Director/Nurse (RN), Dana Reeves, Nurse (RN), Justin Kochetta, EMT/morning coverage 7:45 am – 8:45 am.

Counselors: Justin Campbell (Counselor/Morning Supervisor, Marco Callarelli, Chassity Crawford, Taylor Froehlich, Justin Kochetta, Meghan Leahy, Dylan McLeer, Samantha Prezioso, Dan Rechterovich, Caroline Sweikata, Samantha Taggart, Claudette Wondering (Counselor/Aide), Gianna Van Vlack. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

APPROVE LARRY FRUMES REQUEST USE OF THE PLEASURE GROUND PAVILION BY THE TURTLE

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Hembury, the Board approved Larry Frumes request to use the pavilion by the turtle, on Saturday, June 11th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm to officiate a wedding. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

APPROVE BLOCK PARTY AND CLOSE THE STREET BETWEEN 18 & 28 WAVEY WILLOW LANE

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scheels, the Board approved the Block Party requested by Mr. and Mrs. Martinez by closing the street between 18 Wavey Willow Lane and 28 Wavey Willow Lane, beginning at 5 pm to 10 pm, on July 4th. They will not be serving alcohol. However, the neighbors may at their respective homes. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

EVENTS & SERVICES

The Great Race arrives, Sunday, June 19, 2022, Clinton Street, (Downtown) Montgomery, NY at 12:15 pm.

Summer Concert Series presents the Manaklin Bros. on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at the Clinton Street Bandstand.

COMMENDABLE EFFORTS ON THE DPW BEHALF AND A JOB WELL DONE

Trustee Hembury mentioned seeing the Village Garbage truck stopping during their route and to pick up paper along the side of the road. This is a commendable effort on their part, of which they are not required to do. Our DPW guys do a great job.

On another note, 500 American flags were handed out on Memorial Day before the parade, on the corner of Roosevelt and Goodwill Road, and another 250 to 300 along the parade route. Numerous people tried to give us money as a donation. Our comments to them, "They are free, just like this County". First responders' corner is located at Tompkins and Goodwill Road. The signs have been ordered and will read as, "First Responders Way". We have not selected a day for its debut, but will make it convenient for all of us. This is to honor all of the first responders, Police Officer, Fireman, Doctors, Nurses, and EMS; everyone who is there for us.

Mayor Brescia said thank you.

Trustee Hembury said it's a team effort.

APPROVE MAYOR SIGNING AND SENDING LETTER TO THE DOT IN SUPPORT OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL, RATHER THAN A ROUNDABOUT AT DUNN ROAD INTERSECTION

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board approved Mayor Brescia signing and send a letter to the Department of Transportation, in support of a traffic signal, rather than a roundabout at the Dunn Road intersection. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

PUBLIC PORTION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Lindner, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board adjourned the meeting of June 7th at 8:18 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk