

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustee, of the Village of Montgomery was held at the Senior Center, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Mayor Brescia, Deputy Mayor Scheels, Trustee Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Lindner, Atty. Stephanie Midler, Village Clerk Rivera-Fernandez, Building Inspector Yancewicz, Ross Winglovitz, Rec. Dir. Taylor, Rec. Supvr. Jackson, Marie Garrido, Gill Borden, Sue Gilles, Don McCrossen, Bibi Latif, Sibyl Librandi, Terri Losito, Wanda Pagan, Rory Holmes, Lori Polesel, Susan Brewer, Mary McClintock, Velma Garey, John Tracy, Jay Upchurch, Cynthia Richichi, Thomas Dzedzic, Bill and JoAnn Corrigan, Ed Hagerty, Don Berger, Marguerite Flood, Brian & Brenda Maher, Marge Bullis, Fred Flood, Juan Ramos, Dianna Sanchez, Jim Rathbun, Jane and Robert Schultzel, Johanna Sweikata, Leo Timke, Meredith Zeiger, Marjorie Hantusch, Douglas Hantusch, Randi Picarello, John Campanella, Joan Miller, Jesse Meyer, Tracy Lacher, Max McNally, Samuel McNally, Chris Nickerson, Mary Ann Lindner, Susan Hembury, Corine Tipton.

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 Trustee Hembury, the Board approved the minutes of September 9, 2022. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

REQUEST TO MEET WITH THE BOARD

Ross Winglovitz presented a conceptual site plan, (Sketch Plan) for the property owners of Walter Meyer LLC, located at 11 Factory Street. Mr. Meyer mentioned a brief narrative of his tannery business, which that has been established here since 1981. They have recently added some product changes and are in need of additional working space. He has proposed a sketch plan to reconfigure the design of the existing building which consists of two floors and wants to make a single level structure. They wish to keep their business here in this community.

Mayor Brescia said his concerns are due to the current zoning, safety due to the recent accident the occurred, and lastly the size of the building. He would like to have input from the neighbors and have a joint meeting with the other Boards before rendering a decision, possibly in October.

Mr. Meyer said at the time the property was purchased from Lemma Crabtree, it was zoned industrial. Regarding the safety, OSHA conducted a site inspection and everything passed.

Trustee Hembury said he is for the expansion as long as the neighbors are in agreement with the expansion of the building.

REPORTS – SUMMER RECREATION CLOSE OUT REPORT

Rec. Dir. Taylor provided the Board with an update on this year's program. Everything went smoothly with few exceptions; the first is the traffic safety concerns and the second is people wanting to use the facility while the program is operating.

Traffic safety: Individuals not participating in the program during the am and pm drop off of the children, try to create a third vehicular lane that does not exist. This poses a real safety issue that needs to be addressed.

Use of Facility: The safety of the children charged in our care is our utmost concern. No one should have access to the facility during the operation of the program.

He would like to discuss these concerns before next years program and come up with a plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Hembury discussed the Pickle Ball Court. He does not want to approve anything that the neighboring residents do not want. Since the last meeting he has received calls thanking him for voting in their favor and taking their choice into consideration. Another thing to consider is the resale value of the homes with lights on in a public park.

Mayor Brescia agreed with the crowd gathered at the Senior Center, this is not an easy situation. The sound, the lighting and extended park hours for four months, for two to three hours is what is to be considered. A lot of money has been invested in the Pickle Ball Court and hopefully a compromise can be reached.

Again, as previously suggested a noise abatement solution would be researched and the lighting would be down cast.

Resident Bill Corrigan and Johanna Sweikata both agreed the park should close when it gets dark and everyone goes home.

Mayor Brescia said many have stated their concerns pro and con for the lighting and sound. He asked the rest of the Board for their vote on the lighting. Trustee Andolsek, no; Trustee Lindner, yes; Deputy Mayor Scheels, no, Trustee Hembury, no and Mayor Brescia, yes. Therefore, it no lights and the noise remain as is.

Deputy Mayor Scheels again stated she did not have enough information to truly make a decision.

Mayor Brescia suggested she visit the Pine Bush Pickle Ball Court to see the lighting for herself.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Brescia suggested adapting a Host Community Agreement for the Village of Montgomery for future project developments. Atty. Will Frank provided, the Board with three different samples to take into consideration.

EVENTS

- Fall Concert - Jimmy Sturr, September 24th, 4 pm to 6 pm held at the Clinton Street Bandstand.
- Friends of the Library Indian Summer Picnic and Raffle Fund Raiser, on October 1st, at 1 pm to 3 pm, held at the Montgomery Museum Gardens, \$30.00 per person.
- Village Wide Yard Sale – October 8, 2022, 10 am to 5 pm.

AUTHORIZE TREASURE GRIFFITH TO MOVE \$256.96 FROM CONTINGENCY TO JUDGEMENT & CLAIMS TO PAY THE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX BILL FOR VILLAGE PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF MONTGOMERY FOR THE HOLT WELLS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scheels, seconded by Trustee Andolsek, the Board authorized Treasurer Griffith to move \$256.96 from Contingency to Judgement & Claims to pay the Valley Central School tax bill on SBL 28-1-63, Village property located in the Town of Montgomery, for the Holt Wells. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

PUBLIC PORTION

Ms. Picarello said she would like the upcoming events added to the agenda.

Mr. Berger asked if the Board is aware of an additional star tax exemption that would benefit the senior citizens living on social security.

Mayor Brescia said he is not aware of it. It's a good incentive, however, it leaves the municipalities at a deficit to operate with less.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board adjourned the meeting of September 20, 2022, at 9:22 pm. Motion carried, 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Monserrate Rivera-Fernandez, Village Clerk