

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, September 3, 2024, at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Hembury, Deputy Mayor Andolsek, Trustee Picarello, Trustee Conero (Absent), Trustee Wilbur, Atty. Will Frank, Deputy Village Clerk Murphy, Mary Lippincott, Bibi Latif, Margurite & Fred Flood, Margaret Bussigel, Lori & Vic Polesel, Stacey Hillman, Robert Saladin, Mary McClintock, Rita Santo, Susan Petagno, Barbara White, Hilda Folchi, Maureen, Liz Setteducito, Fred & Tracie Dub..., Brian Maher, Rose Picarello, Carol & Scott Monroe, James Kiernan, Elizabeth Battaglia, Don Berger, Nina Snyder, Sophia Romano, Mary McCabe, Antonio Lopez, Francoise & Patrick, Walt Pahucki, Barbara Waera, Mark Palczewski, Tom Steed, Marie Garrit, Karina Tipton, Nancy Mazza, Victoria Phillips, Jennifer Watson, Acquisitions Marketing Videographer William Ibberson.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ABSTRACT NO. 07-2024

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Wilbur, the Board approved, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO. 07-2024 were audited and approved for payment with \$23,699.52 from the General Fund, \$14,392.02 from the Water Fund, \$42,086.65 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$495,000.38. Check No: 81205 – 81260 / 2339 - 2361. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

Treasurer Palmieri reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of July 2024, as follows: General Fund \$3,916,108.24, Water Fund \$333,718.52 Sewer Fund \$563,428.52.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVE COURT AUDIT PERFORMED ON JULY 30, 2024, BY DEPUTY MAYOR ANDOLSEK

Moved by Trustee Wilbur, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board motioned to approve the court audit performed on July 30, 2024, by Deputy Mayor Andolsek. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

APPOINT JAKE HENRY TO PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT (It is a position of employment, not a termed position.)

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Trustee Wilbur, the Board motioned to appoint Jake Henry to Public Works Superintendent. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

PROMOTE JEREMY ARMOUR FROM ME01 TO WORKING LEADER

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Wilbur, the Board motioned to promote Jeremy Armour from ME01 to Working Leader. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF POLICE OFFICER SIARA RIOS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 27, 2024.

Moved by Trustee Wilbur, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to accept the resignation of Police Officer Siara Rios effective August 27, 2024. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF TREASURER PALMIERI EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 10, 2024.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Wilbur, the Board motioned to accept the resignation of Treasurer Palmieri effective September 10, 2024.

CONSIDER SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTERS 80 (PARKS) AND 83 (PEACE AND GOOD ORDER) TO PROHIBIT SLEEPING IN PUBLIC PLACES.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board motioned to set a public hearing for “A Local Law Amending Chapters 80 (Parks) and 83 (Peace and Good Order) to Prohibit Sleeping in Public Places,” for September 17th at 7:00pm. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

CONSIDER APPROVING GIRL SCOUTS HEART OF THE HUDSON TROOP 692 CHANGE OF TIME FROM 6:00 to 7:30 PM ON THE 2ND AND 4TH THURSDAYS AND TROOP 403 CHANGE OF TIME ON THE 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS FROM 6:00 to 7:30 PM TO 6:00 to 8:30 PM, DUE TO LATER SCHEDULES.

Moved by Trustee Wilbur, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to approve changing the Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson Troops 692 and 403 times from 6:00 to 8:30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays and 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

APPROVE TRUSTEE WILBUR’S REQUEST TO ATTEND NYCOM’S FALL TRAINING SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 16–20, 2024, IN SARATOGA FOR A COST OF \$588.00.

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to approve Trustee Wilbur’s request to attend NYCOM’s Fall Training School from September 16-20, 2024. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

Trustee Wilbur stated it is classes only (no hotel stay) and stated the classes he plans to attend.

APPROVE BUDGET LINE TRANSFER REQUESTED BY TREASURER PALMIERI TO PAY THE TAX BILL FOR DUNN ROAD WATER SUPPLY.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Wilbur, the Board motioned to approve the budget line transfer requested by Treasurer Palmieri to pay the tax bill for Dunn Road water supply. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

CONSIDER APPROVING LORI CHAPMAN’S REQUEST TO HOLD THE AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT THE MONTGOMERY SENIOR CENTER ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2024, WITH THE RENTAL FEE OF \$400.00 WAIVED.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board motioned to approve Lori Chapman's request to hold the American Red Cross Blood Drive at the Montgomery Senior on Tuesday, December 17th, with the rental fee of \$400.00 waived.

CONSIDER APPROVING GABBY TEUTUL'S REQUEST TO USE THE PICKLEBALL COURTS ON BACHELOR STREET FOR A FUNDRAISER TO HELP A FAMILY BATTLING CANCER ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024, WITH A RAINDATE OF SUNDAY, SEPTMEBER 29, 2024.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board motioned to approve Gabby Teutul's request to use the pickleball courts on Bachelor Street to host a fundraiser to help a family battling cancer on Saturday, September 28, 2024, with a rain date of Sunday, September 29, 2024. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

CONSIDER POSTING THE POSITIONS OF FULL-TIME DEPUTY TREASURER AND FULL-TIME DEPUTY CLERK

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Wilbur, the Board motioned to post the positions of full-time Deputy Treasurer and full-time Deputy Village Clerk. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

CONSIDER THE RENEWAL OF THE SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD CONTRACT

Moved by Trustee Wilbur, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned not to renew the Senior Advisory Board contract. Motion carried 3-Ayes, 1-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Moved by Mayor Hembury, seconded by Trustee Wilbur, the Board motioned to enter into Attorney-Client Discussion. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

EXIT ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Meeting reconvened at 8:46pm.

CONSIDER CREATING THE POSITION OF SENIOR ACTIVITY DIRECTOR FOR THE MONTGOMERY SENIOR CENTER

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Wilbur, the Board motioned to create the position of Senior Activity Director for the Montgomery Senior Center. Motion carried 3-Ayes, 1-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

CONSIDER APPOINTING TOM TAYLOR TO THE POSITION OF SENIOR ACTIVITY DIRECTOR FOR THE MONTGOMERY CENTER WITH A RATE OF PAY OF \$25/HR.

Moved by Trustee Wilbur, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to appoint Tom Taylor to the position of Senior Activity Director for the Montgomery Senior Center at a rate of pay of \$25/hr. Motion carried 3-Ayes, 1-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

REQUEST TO MEET THE BOARD

Several residents had questions and expressed concerns.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Wilbur, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board entered Executive Session regarding personnel in the Police Department under 105 (f) at 9:27pm. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Wilbur, the Board motioned to exit Attorney-Client Privilege at 9:40pm. Motion carried 5-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ACCEPT THE MOA (MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT) BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY PBA AND THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY, WITH RESPECT TO BRIAN BRIERE.

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Mayor Hembury, the Board motioned to accept the MOA between the Village of Montgomery PBA and the Village of Montgomery with respect to Brian Briere. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

HIRE BRIAN BRIERE AS PART TIME POLICE OFFICER

Moved by Trustee Hembury, seconded by Trustee Lindner, the Board hired Brian Briere as Part Time Police Officer effective immediately, at a salary of \$30.35/hr. pursuant to the current PBA. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

APPROVE MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMREY PBA WITH RESPECT TO THE COMPENSATION PACKAGE OF CURRENT POLICE OFFICER KOLVENBACH

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to accept the Memorandum Agreement with the Village of Montgomery PBA with respect to the compensation package of current Police Officer Kolvenbach subject to the final version of the MOA being approved by the Village Attorney. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:47pm. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays, 1-Absent (Trustee Conero).

Tina Murphy, Deputy Village Clerk