

MINUTES of the Public Hearing for Local Law #2 of 2024 to Override the Tax Levy Limit of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montgomery, held in the Court Room, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 6:30pm.

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Andolsek, Trustee Hembury, Trustee Picarello, Trustee Conero, Atty. Will Frank, Deputy Village Clerk Murphy, Cynthia Nokland, Stacey Hillman, Susan Hembury, Jose Hernandez, Michelle & Christopher Donovan, Ronald E Clum, Jenn Jackson, Al Baty, Margaret Bussigel, Don Berger, Larissa Fitzpatrick, Walt Pahucki, Randy Wilbur, Sallie Harris, Tom Harris, James Kiernan, Bob & Cynthia Reynolds Sr, Mary McClintock, Anne Lavelle, Rose Picarello, Nina Snyder, Karina Tipton, Sophia Romano, Kristine Wilbur, Mark Palczewski, Acquisitions Marketing Videographer Jose Rojas.

OATH OF OFFICE

Michael Hembury is sworn in as the new Mayor of the Village of Montgomery.

Kevin Conero is sworn in as Trustee.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2024 TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3C FOR FY 2024-2025

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to open the public hearing for Local Law #2 of 2024 to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3C for FY 2024-2025 at 630pm. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Mayor Hembury – Tina, were all papers filed for the public hearing?

Deputy Clerk Murphy – Yes.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2024 TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3C FOR FY 2024-2025

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to Close the Public Hearing to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3C for FY 2024-2025 at 6:38pm. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Tina Murphy, Deputy Village Clerk

MINUTES of the Public Hearing for Tentative Budget Fiscal Year 2024-2025 of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montgomery, held in the Court Room, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549, on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 6:39pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Hembury, Deputy Mayor Andolsek, Trustee Picarello, Trustee Conero, Atty. Will Frank, Deputy Village Clerk Murphy, Cynthia Nokland, Stacey Hillman, Susan Hembury, Jose Hernandez, Michelle & Christopher Donovan, Ronald E Clum, Jenn Jackson, Al Baty, Margaret Bussigel, Don Berger, Larissa Fitzpatrick, Walt Pahucki, Randy Wilbur, Sallie Harris, Tom Harris, James Kiernan, Bob & Cynthia Reynolds Sr, Mary McClintock, Anne Lavelle, Rose Picarello, Nina Snyder, Karina Tipton, Sophia Romano, Kristine Wilbur, Mark Palczewski, Tom Steed, Acquisitions Marketing Videographer Jose Rojas.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2024-2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board motioned to Open the Public Hearing for Tentative Budget for FY 2024-2025. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FY 2024-2025

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to Close the Public Hearing for Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Tina Murphy, Deputy Village Clerk

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, April 2, 2024, at 7:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Hembury, Deputy Mayor Andolsek, Trustee Picarello, Trustee Conero, Atty. Will Frank, Deputy Village Clerk Murphy, Cynthia Nokland, Stacey Hillman, Susan Hembury, Jose Hernandez, Michelle & Christopher Donovan, Ronald E Clum, Jenn Jackson, Al Baty, Margaret Bussigel, Don Berger, Larissa Fitzpatrick, Walt Pahucki, Randy Wilbur, Sallie Harris, Tom Harris, James Kiernan, Bob & Cynthia Reynolds Sr, Mary McClintock, Anne Lavelle, Rose Picarello, Nina Snyder, Karina Tipton, Sophia Romano, Kristine Wilbur, Mark Palczewski, Acquisitions Marketing Videographer Jose Rojas.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board motioned to Approve the Appointments of the Clerk Staff (One-year Term):

Deputy Village Clerk, Tina Murphy
Deputy Treasurer/Clerk, Deborah Delgado
Clerk p/t, Veronica Rickerd
DPW/PD Clerk, Stephanie Cockburn
PD Clerk, Ann Bombino

Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to Approve the Appointments of the Justice Staff (One-year Term):

Acting Justice, John Fallon
Clerk to the Justice, Jessica Nelson
Court Assistant, Amanda Kearney

Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to Approve the Appointment of Planning Board (Five-year Term):

Member, Scott Meyer

Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to Approve the Appointment of Architectural & Historical Review Board (Three-year Term):

Veronica Rickerd

Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motion to Approve the Appointment of Board of Ethics (Five-year Term):

Jose Hernandez

Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to Approve the Appointment of Building Inspector:

Bruce J Yancewicz Sr

Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to Approve the Appointment of Historian:

Brian Fitzpatrick

Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board motioned to Approve the Recreation Department Staff:

Recreation Director, Thomas Taylor

Recreation Supervisor, Jennifer Jackson

Recreation Leader, Michele Donovan

Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to Approve the Village Attorneys:

Village Attorney for the Board of Trustees, AHRB, Ethics, William Frank

Village Attorney for the Planning Board, Conflicts, Joseph McKay

Village Attorney for the ZBA, Marcello Cirigliano

Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board motioned to Approve the Village Engineer:

Lanc & Tully

Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board motioned to Designate the Depository of Village Funds:

Orange Bank & Trust Company

Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to Designate the Official Newspaper:

Wallkill Valley Times

Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Moved by all the Trustees, the Board motioned to Designate Official Posting of Notices:

Academy Building: Lobby Bulletin Board, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549

Meeting Room: Bulletin Board, 133 Clinton Street, Montgomery, NY 12549

Senior Center: Bulletin Board, 36 Bridge Street, Montgomery, NY 12549

Website: villageofmontgomery.org

Walden Savings Bank: Bulletin Board, 21 Union Street, Montgomery, NY 12549

US Post Office: Bulletin Board, 218 Boyd Street, Montgomery, NY 12549

MINUTES:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee, the Board motioned to approve the minutes of March 5, 2024. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ABSTRACT – 02-2024

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board approved, all bills listed on ABSTRACT NO. 02-2024 were audited and approved for payment with \$173,545.68 from the General Fund, \$25,669.57 from the Water Fund, \$7,154.17 from the Sewer Fund and totaling \$206,369.42. Check No: 80878-80939, 2270-2276. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Treasurer Palmieri reported a CASH BALANCE for the month of February 2024, as follows: General Fund \$1,614,287.59, Water Fund \$292,136.34, Sewer Fund \$496,987.91.

REPORTS – DEPARTMENTS – BOARD – COMMITTEES

Chief Herlihy and DPW Supt. Nelson and Trustee Picarello gave reports.

OLD BUSINESS

None to report.

NEW BUSINESS

ADOPT LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2024, OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-C FOR FY 2024-2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board motioned to Adopt Local Law #2 of 2024, Overriding the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law Section 3-C For Fiscal Year 2024-2025. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Tentative Budget was tabled until the April 16, 2024, meeting.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SET FY 2024-2025 REGULAR MEETINGS FOR ALL BOARDS

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board motioned to Adopted a Resolution to Set Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Regular Meetings for all Boards. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Trustee	Trustee	AHRB	Planning	ZBA	Ethics
First Tuesday	Third Tuesday	Second Monday	Fourth Wednesday	Fourth Monday	2 Times/Year
Tuesday, May 7, 2024	Tuesday, April 16, 2024	Monday, April 8, 2024	Wednesday, April 24, 2024	Monday, April 22, 2024	
Tuesday, June 4, 2024	Tuesday, May 21, 2024	Monday, May 13, 2024	Wednesday, May 22, 2024	Monday, May 27, 2024	
Tuesday, July 2, 2024	Tuesday, June 18, 2024	Monday, June 10, 2024	Wednesday, June 26, 2024	Monday, June 24, 2024	
Tuesday, August 6, 2024	Tuesday, July 16, 2024	Monday, July 8, 2024	Wednesday, July 24, 2024	Monday, July 22, 2024	

Tuesday, September 3, 2024	Tuesday, August 20, 2024	Monday, August 12, 2024	Wednesday, August 28, 2024	Monday, August 26, 2024
Tuesday, October 1, 2024	Tuesday, September 17, 2024	Monday, September 9, 2024	Wednesday, September 25, 2024	Monday, September 23, 2024
Tuesday, November 5, 2024	Tuesday, October 15, 2024	Thursday, Oct 17, 2024	Wednesday, October 23, 2024	Monday, October 28, 2024
Tuesday, December 3, 2024	Tuesday, November 19, 2024	Thursday, Nov 15, 2024	Wednesday, November 27, 2024	Monday, November 25, 2024
Tuesday, January 7, 2025	Tuesday, December 17, 2024	Monday, December 9, 2024	Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Monday, December 23, 2024
Tuesday, February 4, 2025	Tuesday, January 21, 2025	Monday, January 13, 2025	Wednesday, January 22, 2025	Monday, January 27, 2025
Tuesday, March 4, 2025	Tuesday, February 18, 2025	Monday, February 10, 2025	Wednesday, February 26, 2025	Monday, February 24, 2025
Tuesday, April 1, 2025	Tuesday, March 18, 2025	Monday, March 10, 2025	Wednesday, March 26, 2025	Monday, March 24, 2025
Tuesday, May 6, 2025	Tuesday, April 15, 2025	Monday, April 14, 2025	Wednesday, April 23, 2025	Monday, April 28, 2025

Dates need to be rescheduled given holiday - Village Office is Closed

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 - Special Election - Date of Meeting may need to change

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT IN ADVANCE OF AUDIT FOR UTILITIES, POSTAGE, FREIGHT & EXPRESS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Picarello, the Board Adopted a Resolution to Authorize Payment in Advance of Audit for Utilities, Postage, Freight & Express. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND SCHOOL, CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, ETC CONDUCTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTGOMERY

Moved by Trustee Picarello, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board Adopted a Resolution to Authorize Municipal Officials and Employees to Attend School, Conferences, Seminars, etc. Conducted for the Benefit of the Village of Montgomery. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Adopting a resolution to annually audit/examine court records by Deputy Mayor Andolsek was tabled for a future meeting.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO SET THE REIMBURSEMENT MILEAGE AT THE IRS ALLOWANCE AT .67 CENTS FOR 2024

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board Adopted a Resolution to set the reimbursement mileage at the IRS Allowance at .67 cents for 2024. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO RE-LEVY OUTSTANDING WATER/SEWER BILLS OF FY 2023-2024 RENTS AND APPROVE PAYMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, seconded by Trustee Conero, the Board Adopted a Resolution to Re-levy outstanding water/sewer bills of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 rents and approve a payment in the of \$39,794.61 for water, \$47,687.45 for sewer, for a total of funds in the amount of \$87,482.06. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nays.

Decision on the Bid Results from March 26, 2024, for Senior Center Improvements: Nuvista Designs General Contractors, Blauvelt, NY \$521,000; Wallkill Group Inc, Hamburg, NJ \$417,000; Billman Ross Contractors, Middletown, NY \$347,187 (incomplete); DCT Enterprises, Newburgh, NY \$431,000 (incomplete), was tabled.

Mayor Hembury – Starting at the next meeting, public portion will temporarily be removed from the meetings so if you would like to speak, you will need to submit your request in writing to be added to the agenda.

Several residents expressed their concerns regarding the budget, condition of state roads, the Village Office technology, Trustee vacancy, Great American Race and the Senior Center Addition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Entered into Executive Session for Attorney-Client Discussion at 8:40pm. Motion carried 4-Nays, 0-Nays.

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Mayor Hembury, the Board Exited Executive Session at 9:13pm. Motion carried 4-Ayes, 0-Nay.

Moved by Mayor Hembury, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board Resumed the Regular Meeting at 9:14pm.

Moved by Mayor Hembury, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, to engage the law firm of Jackson Lewis, P.C. to perform investigative services to the Village at 9:14pm. Motion carried 3-Ayes, 1-Nay (Trustee Picarello).

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Trustee Conero, seconded by Deputy Mayor Andolsek, the Board motioned to Adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:15pm. Motion carried 3-Ayes, 1-left (Trustee Picarello).

Tina Murphy, Deputy Village Clerk