

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 13, 2019 AT VILLAGE HALL, ONE MONTEBELLO ROAD, MONTEBELLO, NEW YORK. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Present:	Lance N. Millman Stacy Caridi Melanie Golden Steven H. Beldock Evan T. Kuperman	Mayor Deputy Mayor Trustee Trustee Trustee
Others Present:	Warren E. Berbit	Village Attorney
Recording Secretary:	Joan Will	Village Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Millman stated that the agenda was quite lengthy so he would forego giving a Mayor’s Report.

Historic Preservation and Parks Commission (HPPC):

Amy Rapoport, co-chairperson for the HPPC discussed the progress of the Eagle Scout project at Gorman Ponds Park. Co-chairperson Rapoport stated that the Eagle Scout would like to put a sign in the park asking for donations for him to raise funds for the project as he needs more money to complete it. After a discussion by the Mayor, Board, and Village Attorney Berbit, the Mayor stated that he can give a list of his fundraising avenues to the village for potential posting on website, but that the Eagle Scout stated in his proposal that he had secured the funds for his project. Village Attorney Berbit stated that that is part of the Eagle Scout program to secure funds independently. Co-chairperson Rapoport was directed to discuss this with the prospective Eagle Scout.

Co-chairperson Rapoport complained about contractors dumping leaves at Gorman Ponds Park and that she had contacted Village Hall regarding this. Village Clerk stated that the Building Department was given this complaint and that they contacted the landscaper in question personally and requested them to refrain from continuing.

Co-chairperson Rapoport complained that the trees she requested to be planted on Village Hall property were not planted. Mayor Millman explained that her request for additional trees came after the order was placed for shade trees and the nurseries could not accommodate the request. He stated that they would be added to next year’s consideration for tree planting list.

Public Comment:

With no one from the Public wishing to speak, Mayor Millman closed this portion of the meeting. The Mayor noted for the record that Ramapo Police Officer Larry Cooperstein was in attendance. Officer Cooperstein reported that bear calls are common complaints and hopefully will be on the decline with hibernation coming soon. Officer Cooperstein also stated that speeding

within the Village is being handled by radar enforcement and the parking issued on Dunnigan and Hemion Road are being addressed daily. The Mayor thanked the Police Officer.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, beginning at 8:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at Village Hall, One Montebello Road, Montebello, NY 10901, for the purpose of considering and adopting a Budget for the period of January 1st through December 31, 2020.

All interested parties are invited to attend. The Tentative Budget will be available for inspection and review at the Village Office during normal working hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. as well as on the Village of Montebello website www.villageofmontebello.org

The proposed salaries of the Village Board members are as follows:

Mayor -	\$25,000
Deputy Mayor -	\$ 9,000
Trustees (3) -	\$16,500

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Warren E. Berbit
Village Attorney

Village Attorney Berbit then asked Village Clerk Will where and when the Legal Notice was published and posted, and if the Budget was made available as described in the legal notice. Village Clerk Will responded that the legal notice was posted on Friday, November 1, 2019 in the seven locations and published on Sunday, November 3, 2019 in the Rockland Journal News. Attorney Berbit asked if the budget was made available to the Trustees and the public at that time, to which Village Clerk Will answered in the affirmative. Attorney Berbit declared that due legal notice was given.

At 8:25 PM Trustee Kuperman made a motion to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Deputy Mayor Caridi. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Millman explained the budget and gave a brief synopsis on the 2020 Village Budget. Mayor Millman highlighted the following:

- new highway contract is in the works and that the Tentative Budget for highway services will be reduced to read \$360,000

- that the increase to taxpayers will be 2% or lower, based on the first reduction and in order to achieve that, money would be taken from surplus if necessary.

Mayor Millman requested Village Attorney Berbit explain the Town of Ramapo Highway contract as it effects the budget. Village Attorney Berbit discussed the avenues and lengths involved in getting a finalized budget and explains the context of the current and new contract.

Mayor Millman opened the floor to the public for comments and or questions concerning the 2020 Village Budget.

Amy Rapoport of Kings Gate Road Montebello wanted to know what the budget would be for the HPPC. Mayor Millman explained that it would be \$1,000 and explained that the HPC and the Parks Commissions were merged and added to one section of the budget. Ms. Rapoport asked about if members should be paid if they do not attend meetings or events. Mayor Millman stated that this was not the avenue for that discussion.

With no one else wishing to speak, Mayor Millman asked that this portion of the public hearing be closed.

At 8:27 PM Deputy Mayor Caridi made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Kuperman, all in favor. Thereafter following Board discussion, the following motion to approve the tentative budget as amended carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 19 –

Village of Montebello

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Old / New Business

At PM made a motion to enter executive session to discuss, seconded by . Vote carried unanimously.

At PM made a motion to exit executive session, seconded by . Vote carried unanimously.

At PM, made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by . Vote carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Will, Village Clerk - Treasurer