

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2020 AT THE DR. JEFFREY OPPENHEIM COMMUNITY CENTER, 350 HAVERSTRAW 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	Mayor Deputy Mayor Trustee Trustee
Absent:	Evan T. Kuperman	Trustee
Other:	Warren E. Berbit	Village Attorney
Recording Secretary:	Joan Will	Village Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Millman stated Suffern High School Robotics Team is sponsoring a STEM Workshop on February 22 from 10 – 12 noon in the Suffern High School Cafeteria. It is for kids of all ages and other robotics teams. The Robotics team is asking parents to bring any loose or unnecessary LEGO blocks as a donation.

Mayor Millman stated that our CDRC has received interest from someone who wishes to build across the street from Village Hall.

Mayor Millman stated that the National Flood Insurance Program is looking to schedule a tour of the village floodplain and is coordinating with our Village Engineer and Building Inspector.

Mayor Millman stated that Rabbi Gancz of the Chabad will be applying for a grant for security for the community center facility.

Building Department Report:

The following is the Building Department Report for the month of January 2020.

- A total of eight (8) Building Permits were issued during the month. A total of \$6,854 in fees were collected.
- A total of seven (7) Certificates of Occupancy were issued.
- A total of twenty-seven (27) Fire Inspections were completed during the month. The amount of fees to be collected total \$3,850.
- A total of three (3) violations were issued.

Historic Preservation and Parks Commission (HPPC):

With no one from the HPPC present, Mayor Millman closed this portion of the meeting.

Public Comment:

With no one from the public wishing to speak, Mayor Millman closed this portion of the meeting.

Resolution No. 20 - 008

Village of Montebello

Title: Creation of Map for Historic Preservation & Parks Commission (HPPC)

WHEREAS, our Planners, NP&V, in their letter of February 18, 2020, report that the HPPC has requested that a map be prepared, as described therein, including “HPPC Map Features” and “Historic & Scenic Road Districts”, at a total cost not to exceed \$480. (max 4 hours at \$120/hour).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as such advances the work of the HPPC, that such expense be and hereby is approved.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, motion carries unanimously.

Resolution 20 - 009

Village of Montebello

Title: Re-designating Local Law Numbers 9 and 10 of 2019, respectively, to Local Law Numbers 1 and 2 of 2020

WHEREAS, in the combined Public Hearing to adopt Local Law Numbers 9 and 10 of 2019 such were entitled as follows:

Local Law 9 of 2019: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 195, ZONING, TO ADD USES AND STANDARDS TO THE LABORATORY OFFICE AND LABORATORY OFFICE-CAMPUS DISTRICTS; and

Local Law 10 of 2019: A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 195, ZONING, TO DESIGNATE STATE CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS FOR TIMBER RATTLESNAKE HABITAT AND HISTORIC AND SCENIC ROADS

and such was conducted on December 18, 2019, but was continued on January 15, 2020, at the advice of the Planner and Village Attorney, because the recommendation of the Rockland County Department of Planning on Local Law No. 9 was not received until one day after the December 18th, 2019 Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, to be consistent so as to not cause public confusion the designations as, respectively, Local Law Nos. 9 and 10 of 2019, were retained even though said Local Laws were finally adopted in 2020, on January 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, upon attempting to file with the Secretary of State, the Village was advised that such was rejected as said Laws should reflect the actual calendar year of adoption.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Local Law designations for said Local Laws are hereby amended, and corrected as follows:

The Local Law entitled: Local Law 9 of 2019: “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 195, ZONING, TO ADD USES AND STANDARDS TO THE LABORATORY OFFICE AND LABORATORY OFFICE-CAMPUS DISTRICTS” shall be and is hereby designated to be *Local Law No. 1 of 2020*, instead of Local Law No. 9 of 2019; and

The Local Law entitled “Local Law 10 of 2019: “A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 195, ZONING, TO DESIGNATE STATE CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS FOR TIMBER RATTLESNAKE HABITAT AND HISTORIC AND SCENIC ROADS” shall be and is hereby designated to be *Local Law No. 2 of 2020*, instead of Local Law No. 10 of 2019.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Upon vote, motion carries unanimously.

Resolution No. 20 - 010

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes for January 15, 2020

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes of the Board of Trustees of January 15, 2020 be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, motion carries unanimously.

Resolution No. 20 – 011

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Abstract & Schedule of Claims

BE IT RESOLVED, the Abstract and Schedule of Claims dated February 19, 2020, and totaling \$112,488.53 hereby approved, and the claims listed hereon shall be paid.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 20 - 012

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Abstract & Schedule of Claims – Professional Fees

BE IT RESOLVED, the Abstract and Schedule of Claims-Professional Fee dated February 19, 2020 for Professional Fees, and totaling \$18,060.50 hereby approved, and the claims listed hereon shall be paid.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 20 - 013

Village of Montebello

Title: County-Wide Shared Services Intermunicipal Agreement

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Shared Services Initiative, by virtue of Resolution No. 17-079, the Mayor was appointed as the Village’s delegate to the Shared Services Initiative Panel, and by virtue of Resolution No. 17-124, the Village accepted the Shared Services Report; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, ongoing activities have led to adoption of the County-wide Shared Services Plan, as culminating in a Shared Services Intermunicipal Agreement (“the Agreement”), as approved by Resolution No. 237 of 2019 of the Rockland County Legislature; and

WHEREAS, by operation of the letter of the Principal Assistant County Attorney received by the Village of Montebello on or about January 17, 2020, the Village is invited to become a party to such Agreement, such to be evidenced by the Mayor’s signature thereupon.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Mayor and in furtherance hereof, that the Village of Montebello hereby approves entering into the Agreement with the County of Rockland and the other signatories thereof, it being understood that any Shared Services deriving therefrom to the benefit of the Village, shall be determined on a case-by-case basis as may be recommended by the Mayor and approved by the Village Board of Trustees in the interest of economy and efficiency, as may be prudent and in the best interest of the Village and its taxpayers.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, motion carries unanimously.

Resolution No. 20 – 014

Village of Montebello

Title: Village Hall Gazebo Maintenance

WHEREAS, bird nests in the eaves of the Village Hall gazebo create an aesthetic and possible health hazard, and makes utilization of the facility less desirable; and

WHEREAS, the nests are vacant and this is an ideal time to remove same, clean the gazebo to clear out related debris, followed by the installation of new bird spikes for small birds, as more particularly set forth in the proposal of Construct-Rite dated August 1, 2019, at a total cost of \$960, a true copy to be appended herewith; and

WHEREAS, such seems reasonable and prudent in the circumstances, and is recommended by the Village Clerk-Treasurer, who must contend with the daily consequences of this problem.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said proposal be accepted and the sum of \$960 authorized to be appended therefrom.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

Priority of the Comprehensive Plan for 2020 and 2021. The Mayor discussed the next phase of the Comprehensive Plan implementation as he would like to adjust the prior list. The Board had asked the Village Planners for a list of the next phase of initiatives in the current order so the Board may best determine what the next initiatives would be. Mayor Millman asked Trustee Golden (Chairperson of the Comprehensive Plan) to explain in detail the next selections that she feels are the next stage to be implemented. Trustee Golden explained that the following would be the initiatives that are important and the most natural progression of the laws that have already been worked on. They are:

- a. Loopholes in the Village's zoning code R-25 and 35
- b. Storage of Commercial Vehicles and Equipment
- c. Design guidelines for structures adjacent to landmarks
- d. Rural character design guidelines
- e. Architectural review changes
- f. Home based businesses / Air BNB / pool rentals

Trustee Golden stated that this list would be discussed with Village Attorney Berbit and the Village Planners to determine the exact order which will not require further Board action given the frank discussion this evening.

Public Comment:

The Mayor wished to note that the Town of Ramapo Police Department stopped by to see if the Board had any questions for them. The Mayor wished to thank the police for their hard work and requested that they keep up with their good work.

With no one from the Public wishing to speak, Mayor Millman closed this portion of the meeting.

Old and New Business:

- Update of Eagle Scout Project – Eagle Scout is working on fundraising. Village will not directly assist in fundraising but will post his present fundraising events on the website. Mayor advised that he also requested to rent the community center for a paint night fundraising event which was denied as the community center has just been renovated.
- Discussion on upgrading Village Hall security has been tabled until next meeting.
- The Village is looking into upgrading the ChargePoint charging station at Village Hall. We have applied for financial assistance from NYSERDA and are awaiting confirmation and installation.
- The Winter edition of the Village newsletter deadline for articles will be March 15th.
- The Village Hall gazebo renovations for the removal of bird nests was discussed and approved.

At 8:53 PM Deputy Mayor Caridi made a motion to enter executive session to discuss the Montebello Crossing litigation, seconded by Trustee Golden. Vote carried unanimously.

At 9:21 PM Deputy Mayor Caridi made a motion to exit executive session, seconded by Trustee Golden. Vote carried unanimously.

At 9:22 PM, Deputy Mayor Caridi made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Trustee Golden. Vote carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Will – Village Clerk-Treasurer