

THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020 VIA TELECONFERENCE ZOOM MEETING. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 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
Other:	Warren E. Berbit	Village Attorney
Recording Secretary:	Joan Will	Village Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Millman wished to Welcome everyone to our workshop.

Mayor Millman read the following statement:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, on March 12, 2020 and in response to the current COVID-19 virus emergency, Governor Andrew Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.1 that suspended the Open Meetings Law requirement to hold in public in-person meetings and allowed official meetings to be held via telephone conference or similar technologies.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of this Board of Trustees meeting link and agenda have been available on our website @ www.villageofmontebello.org and the minutes of this meeting will be available to the public on our website.

AS A REMINDER TO EVERYONE that this meeting is being recorded and will be posted to our website. In order for each of the Board of Trustees to be heard, please make sure only one person speaks at a time so that there will be an understandable recording.

This is a Special Workshop Meeting of the Board of Trustees to discuss the potential effects of the current pandemic COVID-19 on the Village of Montebello's operations, budgets, and future cash flows.

The Village has a responsibility to attempt to lessen the pandemic effects on our current and future budgets and the tax rates of all our residents.

I have invited Marvin Nyman, Village Accountant and Martin Spence, Village Engineer to present the current and future budget issues and options that may arise.

The Mayor introduced Marvin Nyman, Village Accountant who discusses the projected and potential effects of COVID-19 on the Village budget and cash flows for Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021. Mr. Nyman projects a possible cash flow deficit due to shortfall in anticipated revenues of around \$270,345, due to the Pandemic related loss of sales and mortgage tax revenues, building fees and NYS grants and aid, and related, which will have to be made up out of unallocated surplus.

Discussion ensues.

The Mayor introduces Martin Spence, Village Engineer who discusses the potential road work to be done over this year and coming years including cost of paving and locations. The Engineer discussed the low cost of oil reducing the cost of asphalt, that adding to the 5 or 6 roads to be repaved this year to repave 12 roads makes sense from an economic and efficiency point of view at a total cost of around \$525,000, given the condition of all 12, and also mentioned that the 14 roads in the Pines will need repaving in the next year or two at a projected cost of up to \$900,000, albeit doing as part of a more comprehensive package can reduce that cost making borrowing a desirable option given the historically low interest rates.

Discussion ensues.

The Mayor re-introduces Marvin Nyman, Village Accountant to discuss options to proceed including budgetary effects for several years. Mr. Nyman talked about the other villages he advises doing long-term borrowings now to take advantage of the historically low interest rates. This makes even more sense for the Village rather than substantially draw down unallocated surplus, our safety valve, given that the two outstanding Village long-term borrowings expire on their face: one at the end of this year and other will be paid off by the start of 2022. Hence, the Village will be debt free as of that time. Thus, the Board should seriously consider accomplishing all the aforementioned road work by use of the cash amount already allocated in the 2020 budget, plus a long-term borrowing or borrowings, which will actually improve its cash flow vs the current status while the present bonds are being funded. Mr. Berbit reminded that spreading out the cost of road repaving over the useful life of 15 years, which bonding will accomplish, can be viewed as fairer to all taxpayers who will enjoy same over that period, vs loading that cost only over present taxpayers.

Discuss ensues.

Board of Trustees discuss the options and pros and cons of borrowing, shorter and longer term, and the consequences of BAN's vs Bonds, the timing and procedures, and allowing for the statutory timing, especially given the Executive Orders, was fully discussed by the Board with input from all the professionals.

Board decides to discuss further options with Bond Counsel and to bring these findings to the next Village Board of Trustees meeting that meets on May 20.

Workshop closed at 9:00 pm.