

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2023, AT THE DR. JEFFREY OPPENHEIM COMMUNITY CENTER, 350 HAVERSTRAW ROAD, MONTEBELLO, NEW YORK. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Present:	Lance N. Millman	Mayor
	Stacy Caridi	Deputy Mayor
	Melanie Golden	Trustee
	Evan T. Kuperman	Trustee
	David A. Liebergall	Trustee
Absent:	Warren E. Berbit	Village Attorney
Recording Secretary:	Joan Will	Village Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Millman announced that this year’s Memorial Day Remembrance Celebration will be held on Sunday, May 28, 2023, at 9:00 am on the front lawn of Village Hall. All are welcome.

Mayor Millman announced that Rockland County proclaimed April as Distracted Driver Month. Mayor Millman reminds residents to watch their speed while driving.

Mayor Millman reminds all residents to make sure they contact the Building Department before doing any construction including land disturbances. He also noted that some projects will need to contact Orange and Rockland for a “Before you Dig” mark-out for electric and water.

Mayor Millman reports that there was an illegal burning of brush in Montebello. He reminded everyone that there is a burn ban from March 16 – May 14. The resident did not follow the law regarding the same.

Mayor Millman reports that Orange and Rockland is continuing to trim the trees in our area.

Mayor Millman stated that the Girl Scout Project “Little Free Library” is progressing nicely and will be discussed further in the meeting.

Mayor Millman would like to thank the Town of Ramapo Police Department representatives that are in attendance this evening. It was also discussed the ongoing investigation into the car thefts from the village.

Resolution No. 23 - 028

Village of Montebello

Title: Certifying of Elected Officials

BE IT RESOLVED that the results of the Village Election held on March 21, 2023, be and hereby is certified, and the following declared as elected:

Lance N. Millman, Mayor for a term of four years by a vote of 392 to 0; and

Stacy Caridi, Trustee for a term of four years by a vote of 390 to 0; and

Evan Kuperman, Trustee, for a term of four years, by a vote of 382 to 0; and

David Liebergall, Trustee, for a term of two years, by a vote of 393 to 0; and

it being understood that said terms end on the first business day in April, or until a successor is elected and sworn.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution: No. 23 - 029

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Deputy Mayor

WHEREAS, the appointment of Stacy Caridi as Deputy Mayor expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Stacy Caridi be and hereby is reappointed Deputy Mayor of the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2024.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Susan McDonald of 20 River Road wished to speak to the board regarding the excessive speeding that is constant on River Road. She stated that since the road is so wide that cars speed and cross over the median of the road. She thanked the Town of Ramapo Police Department for their presence in the area and for writing speeding tickets to the offenders but stated that is not enough to detract people from speeding. Ms. McDonald also stated that school buses were often offenders as well. She suggested permanent speed deterrent signs and the possibility of the installation of speed humps.

Emily Prandi of 22 River Road is a neighbor and stated the same issues.

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

Building Department Report:

The following is the Building Department Report for the month of March 2023:

- (10) building permits were filed. A total of \$11,565.88 in permit fees were collected.
- (10) Certificates of Occupancy were issued.
- (22) locations were inspected/reinspected; \$6,300.00 in Fire Inspection fees were collected during the month.
- (15) code violations were issued. (9) violations were cleared.

Historic Preservation and Parks Commission (HPPC)

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

Resolution No. 23 - 030

Village of Montebello

Title: Master Reorganizational Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that all organizational Resolutions 23 - 031 through 23 - 050 are hereby approved in one master reorganizational resolution.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 031

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment Village Clerk - Treasurer

WHEREAS, the appointment of Joan Will as Village Clerk-Treasurer expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor, that Joan Will is hereby reappointed Village Clerk-Treasurer for the Village of Montebello pursuant to the Village Law of the State of New York until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2024, or as soon thereafter as a successor can be appointed.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 -032

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Deputy Village Clerk

WHEREAS, the appointment of Louise Renud as Deputy Village Clerk expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor that Louise Renud be and hereby is re-appointed Deputy Village Clerk for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2024 or as soon thereafter as a successor can be appointed.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 033

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment Village Attorney

WHEREAS, the appointment of Warren E. Berbit as Village Attorney expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor, that Warren E. Berbit be and hereby is reappointed Village Attorney for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2024, or as soon thereafter as a successor can be appointed.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 034

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Deputy Village Attorney

WHEREAS, the appointment of Alyse D. Terhune as Deputy Village Attorney expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor, that Alyse D. Terhune be and hereby is reappointed Deputy Village Attorney for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2024, or as soon thereafter as a successor can be appointed, same terms as before.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 035

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Assistant Deputy Village Attorney

WHEREAS, the appointment of Elizabeth Cassidy as Assistant Deputy Village Attorney expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor, that Elizabeth Cassidy be and hereby is reappointed Assistant Deputy Village Attorney for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2024, or as soon thereafter as a successor can be appointed, same terms as before.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 – 036

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Assistant Village Attorney (Golland)

WHEREAS, the appointment of Jay Golland as Assistant Village Attorney expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor that Jay Golland be and hereby is reappointed as an Assistant Village Attorney for the purpose of handling prosecution of violations under the direction of the Village Attorney, until the next reorganizational meeting in April 2024 or as soon thereafter as a successor can be appointed.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 037

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Associate Village Justice

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends the reappointment of Kenneth Gobetz as Associate Village Justice until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Kenneth Gobetz be and hereby is re-appointed as Associate Village Justice, until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2024.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 038

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Clerk to Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Building Department

WHEREAS, the appointment of Regina Rivera as Clerk to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and to the Building Department expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor that Regina Rivera be and hereby is reappointed Clerk to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Building Department until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2024.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 039

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Justice Court Clerk

WHEREAS, the appointment of Raquel Diaz as Justice Court Clerk expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor that Raquel Diaz be and hereby is reappointed as Justice Court Clerk for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2024.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 040

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Chairman to the Planning Board

WHEREAS, the Mayor recommends the reappointment of Anthony Caridi as Chairman to the Planning Board for a term of one year to expire at the reorganizational meeting of April 2023.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor, that Anthony Caridi be and hereby is reappointed as Chairman to the Planning Board of the Village of Montebello until the next reorganization meeting of April 2024.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 041

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Planning Board Member

WHEREAS, the appointment of Joan Materna to the Planning Board expires at this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the mayor, that Joan Materna be and hereby reappointed to the Planning Board for a five year term to expire at the reorganizational meeting of April 2028.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 042

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Planning Board Member

WHEREAS, the appointment of Ariel Aufgang to the Planning Board expires at this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor, that Ariel Aufgang be and hereby reappointed to the Planning Board for a five-year term to expire at the reorganizational meeting of April 2028.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 043

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Chairman to the Zoning Board of Appeals

WHEREAS, the appointment of Rodney Gittens as Chairman to the Zoning Board of Appeals expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the mayor, that Rodney Gittens be and hereby be reappointed as Chairman to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Montebello until the next reorganization meeting of April 2024.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 044

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of the Village Historian

WHEREAS, the appointment of Craig Long as the Village Historian expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor, that Craig Long be and hereby is reappointed Village Historian for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2024.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 045

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Court Attendants

WHEREAS, the appointments of Jose Pena, Howard Cohen, James Moore II, and Bobby Richard expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Jose Pena, Howard Cohen, James Moore II, and Bobby Richard are hereby reappointed as Court Attendants for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2024.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 046

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Assistant Village Attorney for Prosecutions (Holzer)

WHEREAS, the appointment of Eric M. Holzer, Esq. expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor, that Eric M. Holzer, Esq. be and is hereby reappointed as an Assistant Village Attorney (Prosecutor) for the purpose of handling the Village's traffic related prosecutions of violations under the direction of the Village Attorney, until the next reorganizational meeting in April 2024.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 047

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment Building Inspector P/T

WHEREAS, the appointment of Adam Gordon as the Building Inspector expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor, that Adam Gordon be and hereby is reappointed Building Inspector for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2024, or as soon thereafter as a successor can be appointed.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 048

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Assistant Building Inspector (Marcos Padilla)

WHEREAS, the appointment of Marcos Padilla expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Mayor, that Marcos Padilla be reappointed to the position of Assistant Building Inspector for a term to expire at the reorganization meeting in April 2024, or as soon thereafter as a successor can be appointed.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 049

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Chairperson to the HPPC

WHEREAS, the appointment of Lisa Levin as Chairperson to the Historic Preservation and Parks Commission (HPPC) expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor, that Lisa Levin be and hereby is reappointed Chairperson to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPPC) until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2024.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, motion carries unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 050

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Member to the HPPC

WHEREAS, the appointment of Robert Israel as a member of the HPPC expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor that Robert Israel be and hereby reappointed as the member to the HPPC for a five-year term to expire at the reorganizational meeting of April 2028.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 051

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics

WHEREAS, the appointment of Louise Renud as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics expires April 19, 2023.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Deputy Clerk, Louise Renud, be and hereby is appointed as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, effective April 19, 2023, until the reorganization meeting in April 2024 as provided by law, provided she continue in her respective Village position.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Kuperman

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 – 052

Village of Montebello

Title: Designation of Official Depository

BE IT RESOLVED that TD Bank, JP Morgan Chase, Webster Bank and New York Class are hereby designated as the official depository for the Village Funds.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Kuperman

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 053

Village of Montebello

Title: Designation of Official Signatories

BE IT RESOLVED, that assuming prior authorization is required by law, any two of the following Village Officers shall be authorized for and on behalf of the Village to make and sign checks, drafts, or other orders with respect to any funds at any time to the credit of the Village with any official depository for Village funds and against any demand savings account or accounts of the Village maintained at any time with any such official depository: Village Clerk-Treasurer, the Mayor, or the Deputy Mayor.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Kuperman

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 054

Village of Montebello

Title: Designation of Official Village Newspaper and Website

BE IT RESOLVED, The Journal News is hereby designated as the official Village newspaper for publication of all legal notices and information pertaining to the Village of Montebello.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that www.villageofmontebello.org is hereby designated as the official website for the Village of Montebello.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 055

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment to Hire Grounds worker

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk – Treasurer has a need to have various tasks within the Village including litter patrolling the streets; and

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk – Treasurer would like to hire a Grounds worker to handle that job; and

WHEREAS, several individuals have applied for the position.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Mayor has authorized the Village Clerk – Treasurer to hire Shawn Farkas at \$15.00 / hour as a Grounds worker with proper vetting from Rockland County Personnel and New York State Department of Motor Vehicles.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

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

Resolution No. 23 - 056

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes for March 15, 2023

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes of the Board of Trustees of March 15, 2023, be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Upon vote, motion carries unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 – 057

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Abstract & Schedule of Claims

BE IT RESOLVED, the Abstract and Schedule of Claims dated April 19, 2023, and totaling \$192,683.81 hereby approved, and the claims listed hereon shall be paid.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 – 058

Village of Montebello

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

BE IT RESOLVED, the abstract and Schedule of Claims – Professional Fee dated April 19, 2023, for Professional Fees, and totaling \$14,427.85 hereby approved, and the claims listed hereon shall be paid.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Kuperman

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 059

Village of Montebello

Title: 2023 Arbor Day

WHEREAS, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska: and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lance N. Millman, Mayor of the Village of Montebello, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2023, as **ARBOR DAY** in the Village of Montebello, and I urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

FURTHER, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 060

Village of Montebello

Title: NYSBOC of Rockland Seminar 2023

BE IT RESOLVED that attendance by Building Inspector, Adam Gordon and Assistant Building Inspector, Marcos Padilla at NYSBOC of Rockland Training Program on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, through Thursday, May 4, 2023, at a cost of \$150.00 for the Building Inspector, and \$300.00 for the Assistant Building Inspector classes is hereby approved.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon Vote motion carries unanimously

Resolution No. 23 - 060

Village of Montebello

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Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon Vote motion carries unanimously.

Resolution 23 - 061

Village of Montebello

Title: 2023 Stormwater II Education Program Agreement

WHEREAS, as part of the Stormwater Phase II Regulations, as administered by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) requires all small, regulated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s), among other requirements, to commit to:

- 1 – Minimum Control Measure #1 – Public Education and Outreach
- 2 – Minimum Control Measure #2 – Public Participation in Stormwater Management
- 3 – Minimum Control Measure #6 – Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), in cooperation with Rockland County Stormwater Consortium (SCRC), will provide each MS4 with community education, outreach and involvement in order to satisfy the three Minimum Control Measures. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rockland County will tap its resources at Cornell University, NYSDEC, USEPA and other reputable sources to develop, implement and evaluate an education program for this MS4; and

WHEREAS, CCE's responsible for:

1. MCM #1 – EDUCATION/OUTREACH (as per the attached agreement) to include classes and workshops; WRRCR Stormwater Radio show, Horticultural Lab, CCE Website and Monthly Meetings.
2. MS4 #2 – PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT/PARTICIPATION (as per the attached agreement) to include Volunteer / Stewardship Opportunities and Partnerships.
3. STORMWATER GRANTS to include NYSDEC Round 15 Stormwater Mapping Grant and the New NYSDEC Stormwater Mapping Grant.

4. NYSDEC MS4 PERMIT UPDATES
5. PROGRAM AGREEMENT ADMINISTRATION including Supervision, Educational Information, and Reporting for the term of the agreement April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Village is responsible for:

1. Funding – the Village will provide \$1,325 to fund this project.
2. Additional Costs –
 - a. The Village will provide \$350 for a license to access the SCRC’s ArcGIS Online stormwater mapping database.
 - b. The Village will provide \$277.27 License and Support Fee toward management of the ArcGIS Online stormwater mapping database.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said Agreement, which is attached, for the term of April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024, be entered into with the Cornell Cooperative Extension and said sum of \$1,952.27 authorized to be expended therefor.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Kuperman

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 23 - 062

Village of Montebello

Title: Accept Current Fee Schedule

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Montebello Fee Schedule dated February 20, 2019 (Planning & Zoning), July 23, 2019 (Building), March 21, 2019 (Fire), August 17, 2022 (Code Enforcement) and April 17, 2019 (Clerk’s Office) is hereby designated as the official Fee Schedule for the Village, and is amended from time to time is approved as such.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Liebergall

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Title: Resolution in Opposition to the Discharge of Contaminated Water into the Hudson River

WHEREAS, the company decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear power plant has announced its intention to release water from onsite radioactive fuel waste pools into the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, to date there has been no specific reporting of the radionuclide contents of this water which is heavily contaminated from the storage of the nuclear fuel waste; and

WHEREAS, pre-release filtration to remove these isotopes has been presented as a solution to reduce the content of these carcinogenic contaminants to a level “as low as reasonably achievable”; and

WHEREAS, the National Academy of Sciences has indicated that there is no verifiable safe level of these isotopes when they are ingested or inhaled; and

WHEREAS, such pre-release treatment would not remove tritium, also carcinogenic, from the water; and

WHEREAS, any contaminants in the Hudson present the risk of entering the food chain; and

WHEREAS, there are community members who depend on fish from the river as a food source; and

WHEREAS, in addition, there are seven communities upriver who source their drinking water from the Hudson; and

WHEREAS, since the River is an estuary that flows from south to north as well as from north to south, this fact must be considered; and

WHEREAS, the River also serves as a source of recreational activities and represents an economic resource that will be endangered by this reckless action.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Montebello strongly opposes the plan to release over a million gallons of contaminated water from the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant site into the Hudson River.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Upon vote, motion carries unanimously.

Old / New Business

- The board discussed the Girl Scout “Little Free Library” project including the color and the location of the library. They will look at different locations and let the Scout know.
- The board discussed that there is a time capsule buried on village property.

At 8:05 PM, Trustee Kuperman made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss possible legal actions, seconded by Deputy Mayor Caridi. Vote carried unanimously.

At 8:33 PM, Deputy Mayor Caridi made a motion to exit the Executive Session, seconded by Trustee Kuperman. Vote carried unanimously.

At 8:33 PM, Deputy Mayor Caridi made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Trustee Kuperman. Vote carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Will – Village Clerk-Treasurer