

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2016 AT THE MONTEBELLO 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.

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| Present: | Lance N. Millman | Mayor |
| | Stacy Caridi | Deputy Mayor |
| | Melanie Golden | Trustee |
| | Steven A. Sorrillo | Trustee |

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| Others Present: | Warren Berbit | Village Attorney |
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Recording Secretary, Gloria Scalisi, Village Clerk-Treasurer

Deputy Mayor's Report:

Deputy Mayor Millman announced the impending storm.

Deputy Mayor discussed the possibility of obtaining digital equipment to record the Board of Trustee meetings.

The Deputy Mayor extended his condolences to Mrs. Jaffee in the loss of her Husband. The Deputy Mayor also extended his well wishes to the Family of Deputy Clerk, Diana Montgomery in the hospitalization of her husband.

Deputy Mayor Millman would like to have Bob Geneslaw contact the Town of Ramapo regarding the pending developments of the properties bordering the Village of Montebello.

Deputy Mayor Millman announced that the Village is approaching its 30th Anniversary. He would like to have a committee formed to possibly honor the founding members and or have a concert.

The Deputy Mayor suggested that a Trustee head a committee for the Master Plan Review.

Parks Commission Business: No one was present from the Parks Commission.

Public Comment: No one wished to speak.

Deputy Mayor Millman welcomed the students of Suffern High School.

Discussion ensued with the owner of Buckwild Towing, Mr. Castronuovo who explained the process of towing, made suggestions and answered questions. This was followed by the adoption of the Buckwild Resolution, read into the minutes as follows:

Title: Buckwild Towing Services

WHEREAS, as recognized in the recent actions of this Board, trucks, tractors and trailers are frequently illegally parked in No Parking and Fire Zones of Dunnigan Drive, thus jeopardizing health and safety; and

WHEREAS, additional signs have been erected and arrangements have been made with the Police Department of the Town of Ramapo for strict enforcement; and

WHEREAS, it is apparent that effective enforcement requires that violators have their vehicles towed and impounded; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence, the Village, especially with the assistance of Trustee Caridi, made a diligent search for companies who could provide towing and impound services, yielding the conclusion, after also checking with other municipalities, that in the vicinity only Buckwild Towing had the capacity of towing large trucks with the capability to store the same, as per the proposed agreement entitled: "Agreement to Handle Private Property Impounds" referenced as of set forth hereinafter, a true copy to be appended to the minutes hereof; and

WHEREAS, Buckwild Towing attended the meeting by it's president, and explained and answered questions and made suggestions as follows:

1. The County issues non-consensual towing medallions, and regulates the industry, including the fees charged.
2. Fees cannot be shared.
3. Village needs more and different signage to justify towing and impounding: about 15 to 20 signs @ \$35, with installation and poles, but less if can be installed on existing poles.
4. Police won't ticket on private property but, as pointed out by the Village Attorney, this is a public road so we'll try to coordinate ticketing with Police Department: and

WHEREAS, it appears reasonable and prudent that said agreement be entered into with Buckwild Towing in order to better enforce the No Parking and Fire Zone regulations on Dunnigan Drive.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that according to the forgoing understandings, that said Agreement be entered into with Buckwild Towing effective immediately, it being understood that either party may terminate same upon ten (10) days' notice at any time, with the following conditions to be added to the agreement:

1. This Resolution will be attached and considered a part of the Agreement

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Sorriolo

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Millman opened the floor for public comment from the visiting Suffern High School Students. The students questioned if there were complaints about the trucks and why the need for towing. The Deputy Mayor explained how the idling of the trucks leads to pollution and they are causing hazardous driving conditions for other trucks driving thru. Trustee Caridi explained that the residents of Lackawanna Trail prompted the Board to take action when they came to a meeting to complain about the noise from the idling trucks and their radios.

Mayor Millman asked Attorney Berbit to explain the process of Accepting the Resignation of Mayor Oppenheim and Declaring the Mayor's Seat Vacant. After a brief description, the Resolutions were read into the record and voted upon as follows:

Resolution: 16-002

Village of Montebello

Title: Accepting Resignation and Declaring Mayor's Seat Vacant

WHEREAS, Jeffrey Oppenheim, M.D., began service to the Village of Montebello as an elected Trustee on March 25, 2003, and as Mayor effective April 15, 2007, but, because a change in personal circumstances caused him concern that he could no longer match the high standard of service which he had set, he tendered his resignation, with regret, effective with this meeting; and

WHEREAS, the hallmark of Dr. Oppenheim's Mayoralty has been a pro-active, highly intelligent and creative approach on all municipal fronts, with great attention to the environment, the quality of life, and with careful fiscal restraint; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Oppenheim's many accomplishments include the renovation of Village Hall, the acquisition and reconstruction of the Montebello Community Center ("M.C.C.") as the meeting place for our Boards and Commissions, the creation of our Justice Court and placement at the M.C.C.(including the construction of the Judges' Chambers), and the making of the M.C.C. available to our citizens for meetings, entertainments, educational, social and ceremonious occasions; and

WHEREAS, also among his myriad accomplishments, Kathryn Gorman Park came to fruition as a beautiful place which continues to evolve in ongoing phases of improvement; the Warren E. Berbit Nature Preserve was established; the Village became a Tree City; the adoption and application of a Comprehensive Tree Law; the adoption and effectuation of the Comprehensive Plan; the Village being recognized by the NYS OPRHA for its work in empowering the Historic Preservation Commission as an important body, including preparation of the Historic Architectural Survey; being one of the first villages with solar power at the

Village Hall and the M.C.C.: one of the first to establish an electric filling station; and, also having acquired emergency power by virtue of the installation of a generator purchased with a grant; and

WHEREAS, albeit with a heavy heart, the Village Board understands it has no alternative but to accept the resignation of the Village's Second Mayor, without whom it might not have so successfully transitioned from an evolving new governmental entity into a forward thinking, state of the art, sophisticated Village.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Oppenheim's resignation be and hereby is accepted effective immediately, and the Mayor's seat declared as vacant; and

BE IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that the Village Attorney and Village Clerk prepare this resolution as a Proclamation in ceremonious form to honor Mayor Oppenheim, and that two such originals be prepared, signed and dated, and framed, one for presentation to Mayor Oppenheim and the other to be hung in a place of honor at the Village Hall or at the Montebello Community Center; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, for posterity, that the Montebello Community Center shall hereafter be known as: "The Dr. Jeffrey Oppenheim Community Center," in lasting tribute to our Second Mayor!

Motion: Trustee Sorrillo

Second: Trustee Caridi

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution 16-003

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointing a Mayor

WHEREAS, the Mayor's seat has been declared as vacant, and in the present circumstances the Trustees have authority to appoint a Mayor until the Annual Meeting in April, and then thereat to appoint until the next Annual Meeting in April, 2017, at which time the Mayor's seat will be filled by virtue of the election held in March, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Lance N. Millman is viewed as a worthy successor to Dr. Oppenheim, having ably served the Village as an elected Trustee since March 24, 2005, and Deputy Mayor since April 18, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Lance has agreed to accept the appointment even though such will cause his Trustee seat to become vacant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. That Lance N. Millman be and hereby is appointed to fill the vacant Mayor's seat until the Annual Meeting in April, or until a successor is duly appointed.
2. That Lance's seat as Trustee be declared as vacant immediately upon his taking office by virtue of his swearing in as Mayor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trustees hereby thank Lance for his service as a Trustee and Deputy Mayor, and wish him well as Mayor, speaking for themselves and all the residents of the Village of Montebello.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Sorrillo

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Village Clerk, Gloria Scalisi Swore Lance N. Millman in as the new Mayor.

Resolution 16-004

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointing Deputy Mayor

WHEREAS, Mayor Millman wishes to appoint Stacy Caridi as Deputy Mayor effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, it appears that Stacy has the requisite experience and ability to serve as Deputy Mayor and is willing to accept such appointment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor's appointment of Stacy Caridi as Deputy Mayor until the next Annual Meeting, or until a successor is duly appointed, be and hereby is affirmed carrying with it the wishes of the Trustees for success as Deputy Mayor.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Sorrillo

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution 16-005

Village of Montebello

Title: Court Clerk Training Program

BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to her request in a letter dated January 13, 2016, referenced as if set forth hereinafter, a true copy of which shall be appended to the Minutes hereof, that

attendance by the Court Clerk, Andrea Pettiti, at a Court Clerk's Training Program sponsored by the Association of Towns given in NYC on February 15th and 16th, be and hereby is approved, including the cost of travel, estimated at \$47.00, and utilization of her time as a Clerk necessary to facilitate attendance thereat.

Motion: Trustee Sorrillo

Second: Trustee Caridi

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution: 16-006

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes for December 16, 2015

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of December 16, 2015 be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Sorrillo

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution: 16-007

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Abstract & Schedule of Claims

BE IT RESOLVED, the Abstract and Schedule of Claims dated January 20, 2016, and totaling \$203,080.43 are hereby approved and the claims listed thereon shall be paid.

Motion: Trustee Sorrillo

Second: Trustee Caridi

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Mayor Millman opened the floor to public comment.

Deborah Munitz of 5 Rose Hill Road mentioned her conversation with County Executive Ed Day. Mrs. Munitz raised the issue of initiating a meeting with all the surrounding Villages and putting together at least an email group to speed and facilitate the ability to react to certain ongoing over-development stresses along the Route 202, Mahwah and Ramapo River Corridor.

Mrs. Munitz spoke of how we are being threatened by the pressures of over-development from the developers and the ongoing law changes within the Town of Ramapo. Mrs. Munitz is therefore looking to the Village to get some type of movement going this spring.

Old Business: No one wishes to speak.

New Business:

Mayor Millman asked the Board's permission to go forward with Bob Genaslaw's letter to the Planning Board of the Town of Ramapo to confirm if there will or will not be an environmental impact caused by pending developments bordering the Village of Montebello.

Mrs. Munitz mentioned the No Solicitation Stickers that the Village of Airmont uses and suggested that we implement such a practice.

At 9:05 p.m. Trustee Sorrillo made a motion to entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Deputy Mayor Caridi.

At 9:20 p.m. Trustee Sorrillo made a motion to exit Executive Session, seconded by Deputy Mayor Caridi.

Resolution: 16-008

Village of Montebello

Title: Authorizing Review by Planner of Applications to the Town

WHEREAS, as previously unknown to the Village, it has come to its very recent attention that applications for at least three (3) high density projects immediately adjacent to the Village's borders are presently before the Town of Ramapo, and that there may be other, similar applications, as yet unknown to the Village; and

WHEREAS, potentially, such projects can have adverse environmental impacts upon the Village, such as with respect to sewers, traffic, noise, water supply and quality, and other adverse impacts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Planner is authorized to immediately ascertain what projects of such a nature are presently before the Town of Ramapo, and then to review same, such that he may timely advise the Village Board whether such reflect potential adverse environmental impacts and, if so, to recommend further action to help ameliorate such concerns, such as making submissions to the Town Board or it other Boards or Commissions as may be applicable.

Motion: Trustee Sorrillo

Second: Trustee Caridi

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

At 9:25 p.m. Trustee Sorrillo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Golden.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.