

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024, 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
	Bruce Egenhauser	Trustee
	Michael Humphrey	Trustee
	Warren E. Berbit	Village Attorney

Absent:

Recording Secretary: Joan Will	Village Clerk-Treasurer
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Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Millman discussed that the Village Community Organic Garden is opening this week, and the water will be turned on. Anyone who wishes to be a member should contact Village Hall.

Mayor Millman stated that he and the Village Engineer walked Montebello Road to take note of the trees that may be dead along the sides. Mayor Millman stated that this portion of Montebello Road is owned by the County of Rockland, and we can only make recommendations for removal of the dead trees.

Mayor Millman stated that there has been an excess of trucks on Montebello Road. He advises that the Village is aware of this, and we have contacted the contractors who are working in the area about the no truck roads within the Village. We have also been in contact with the Town of Ramapo Police Department and the County of Rockland to increase the signage in the area.

Mayor Millman announced that the Jazz Festival will be on September 8, 2024, rain or shine. There will be 3 professional bands playing and we will announce these bands shortly. We will also have food trucks available.

Mayor Millman announced that the Village is interested in starting another time capsule. With all the important things happening this year, like the closing of Viola Elementary School and the eclipse, it would be a fun exercise to do.

Mayor Millman announced that May 26th will be the Annual Memorial Remembrance Ceremony will be taking place on the lawn at Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Mayor Millman announced that April 26th is Arbor Day, and all are welcome to attend the dedication of the new tree planted.

Mayor Millman announced that tonight's meeting will be the yearly re-organizational meeting and the agenda must be handled in a different order.

Building Department Report:

The following is the Building Department Report for the month of March 2024:

- (16) building permits were filed. A total of \$26,038.00 in permit fees were collected.
- (16) Certificates of Occupancy were issued.
- (34) locations were inspected; \$2,053.25 in Fire Inspection fees were collected during the month.
- (12) code violations were issued.

Resolution: No. 24 - 031

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, pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor that Stacy Caridi be and hereby is reappointed Deputy Mayor of the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2025.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Trustee Egenhauser

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 032

Village of Montebello

Title: Master Reorganizational Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED that all organizational Resolutions 24 - 033 through 24 - 054 are hereby approved in one master reorganizational resolution.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 033

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 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 034

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 reappointed Deputy Village Clerk for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 035

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, 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 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 036

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 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 037

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, 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 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 038

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 for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting in April 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 – 039

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Associate Village Justice

WHEREAS, the appointment of Karen Riley as Associate Village Justice expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor that Karen Riley be and hereby is reappointed as Associate Village Justice for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 – 040

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Clerk to Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals

WHEREAS, the appointment of Regina Rivera as Clerk to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals 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 for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 041

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 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 042

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Chairman to the Planning Board

WHEREAS, the appointment of Anthony Caridi as Chairman to the Planning Board expires with this meeting.

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 for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganization meeting of April 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 043

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Planning Board Member (Ad-Hoc)

WHEREAS, the appointment of Nancy Doon as a member of the Planning Board (Ad-Hoc) expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor that Nancy Doon be and hereby reappointed as a member to the Planning Board (Ad -Hoc) for the Village of Montebello for a two-year term to expire at the reorganizational meeting of April 2026.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 044

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 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 045

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals Member

WHEREAS, the appointment of Janet Gigante as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor that Janet Gigante be and hereby reappointed as a member to the Zoning Board of Appeal for a five-year term to expire at the reorganizational meeting of April 2029.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 046

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals Member

WHEREAS, the appointment of Rosemary Millos as a member Zoning Board of Appeals (Ad-Hoc) expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor that Rosemary Millos be and hereby reappointed as a member to the Zoning Board of Appeal (Ad - Hoc) for a two-year term to expire at the reorganizational meeting of April 2026.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 047

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 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 – 048

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Court Attendants (Part-Time)

WHEREAS, the appointments of Jose Pena, Howard Cohen, James Moore II, and Bobby Richard as Court Attendants (Part-Time) expire with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Jose Pena, Howard Cohen, James Moore II, and Bobby Richard are hereby reappointed as Court Attendants (Part-Time) for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 049

Village of Montebello

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

WHEREAS, the appointment of Eric M. Holzer, Esq. as Assistant Village Attorney for Prosecutions 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 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 – 050

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 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 051

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Chairperson to the HPPC

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended Matt Moetzing as Chairperson to the Historic Preservation and Parks Commission (HPPC).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor, Matt Moetzing be and hereby is appointed Chairperson to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPPC) for the Village of Montebello until the next reorganizational meeting of April 2025.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, motion carries unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 052

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Member to the HPPC

WHEREAS, the appointment of Lisa Levin as a member of the HPPC expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor that Lisa Levin be and hereby reappointed as a member to the HPPC for the Village of Montebello for a five-year term to expire at the reorganizational meeting of April 2029.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 053

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Member to the HPPC

WHEREAS, the appointment of Dorice Madronero as a member of the HPPC expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor that Dorice Madronero be and hereby reappointed as the member to the HPPC for the Village of Montebello for a five-year term to expire at the reorganizational meeting of April 2029.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 054

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Member to the HPPC

WHEREAS, the appointment of Rosemary Mocio as a member of the HPPC expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the recommendation of the Mayor that Rosemary Mocio be and hereby reappointed as the member to the HPPC for the Village of Montebello for a five-year term to expire at the reorganizational meeting of April 2029.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Golden

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Historic Preservation and Parks Commission (HPPC) Report

Member Matt Moetzinger is Acting Chairperson as Chairperson Lisa Levin has been absent and out of state due to family matters.

Jazz Festival Update

- After a full discussion, Member Moetzinger and Member Mocio will oversee food vendors and food trucks. Member Moetzinger already began reaching out to food vendors and started eliminating ones who cannot attend or who want a money guarantee.
- Member Madronero and Member Goldstein will oversee marketing, advertising, and reaching out for corporate sponsorships.
- Member Ellsworth will oversee security and will reach out to the proper authorities.
- Member Israel and Chairperson Levin will be assigned duties during this month so they can have an update for the May 1, 2024, meeting.

Historic Preservation

- Certificate of Appropriateness status – 37 Viola Road – is still in the process of presenting their renderings to insert a plan for a vegetative buffer and scheduled for the next meeting on May 1, 2024. A resolution is being written from this past meeting on April 3, 2024.

Parks

- Cleanup of the parks will be discussed at the May 1, 2024, meeting.

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

Public Comment:

Eli Wells of 196 Spook Rock Road wished to ask a question regarding the Stonehedge Public Hearing and was asked to hold the question until the Public Hearing.

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

Mayor Millman recognized a representative from the Town of Ramapo Police Department. Deputy Mayor Caridi thanked the Police for the digital speed signs that are around the Village.

Ms. S. Persaud of 202 Spook Rock Road stated that there are a number of trucks speeding on Spook Rock Road. She was advised to contact Village Hall or the Police Department regarding this.

Resolution No. 24 - 055

Village of Montebello

Title: Appointment of Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics

WHEREAS, the appointment of Louise Renud as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics expires with this meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Deputy Clerk, Louise Renud, be and hereby is appointed as Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics, effective April 17, 2024, until the reorganization meeting in April 2025 as provided by law, provided she continue in her respective Village position.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 056

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 of Montebello Funds.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Egenhauser

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 057

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 Egenhauser

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 058

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 Humphrey

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

STONEHEDGE

Public Hearing reopened at 7:26 pm with a motion by Deputy Mayor Caridi and seconded by Trustee Golden, all in favor.

Public Comment in Public Hearing:

1. Mr. Eli Wells – 196 Spook Rock Road stated that the traffic is very bad now and that if you add 50 more cars it will be atrocious. He stated that if you allow this project to proceed, what stops every home from becoming a two-family home. He also stated that the water tables are rising with all the construction in the area.

Mayor Millman stated that he had a meeting with the Town of Ramapo, and they will be diverting some roads off of Spook Rock and including right and left turn lanes onto North Airmont Road.

2. Mr. Gunanand Persaud, Jr. – 202 Spook Rock Road wished to know why is the Village permitting multifamily homes in this area. He stated that traffic on Spook Rock Road is very bad and that there are many large trucks, and their speed is an issue or limit the amount of traffic on Spook Rock Road.

Mayor Millman stated that this would be the only location within the Village that this type of development will be allowed. Mayor Millman stated that he will be calling a meeting with the Town of Ramapo Police to discuss the speed.

3. Mr. Helmut Schmidt – 217 Spook Rock Road stated he has lived here since before the village and that there was too much traffic, and the vehicles go way too fast for the walkers and bikers.
4. Mrs. S. Persaud– 202 Spook Rock Road wished to discuss the speed of the vehicles and large trucks on Spook Rock Road. She stated that she was nearly rearended while turning into her driveway and had contacted the police. She suggested that a digital speed sign be installed.
5. Mr. Gunanand Persaud– 183 Spook Rock Road stated that he was not permitted a multi-family home and it should not be permitted.
6. Ms. Rochelle Weinberg – 6 Topaz Court discussed the congestion on Spook Rock Road. She stated that everyone enjoys their large properties and the rural character of the Village. She does not wish to see lights or sidewalks installed and no duplexes.
7. Mr. Jacob Schlesinger – 4 Topaz Court objects to the zone change. He stated that if he applied to make his home into a two family that he would surely be denied. He stated that he chose Montebello to have the proper zoning laws that do not permit this type of zoning.

Mayor Millman stated that this zoning is only in this area and not permitted anywhere else.

8. Mrs. C. Schlesinger – 4 Topaz Court objected to a law change for a developer. She stated that she moved here for their own privacy and the lack of congestion and to keep things the way things look. She stated that any subdivision must have tree buffers and no swimming pools as they will be too loud.
9. Mr. Joel Weinberg – 6 Topaz Court stated, why we should allow this? He stated that this project was already asked to be downgraded to allow 11 homes and now he is asking it to be downgraded to allow 19 homes. There will be too much noise. Too much density. He is against the two pools proposed. He stated this proposed development will devalue his home and his property. He stated that the Mayor and the Board should be listening to the residents that have lived here for 30 years first before a developer that does not live here. He stated that the property should be preserved. He stated that the zoning for this project should take into consideration the homes that are near it. He stated you should take the value of their homes into consideration. He stated that the amount of noise from all these proposed homes will be loud.

Discussion ensued regarding the number of homes proposed and the amount of land involved. The Mayor stated that he and the Board are very dedicated to the Village and its development and needs.

10. Ms. Weinberg – 6 Topaz Court stated that as a prior realtor she agrees that property values will decline. She is against a developer proposing this project just to make a quick buck. She

stated that two pools planned are in total disregard for her privacy. That with at least two cars per house that will bring a lot of vehicles to Spook Rock.

Mayor Millman stated that many smaller homes have many cars in their driveways and that there is nothing we can do about that.

11. Mr. Victor Henriquez – 219 Spook Rock Road stated that he and his family escaped living in a city environment and do not want it back.

12. Mr. Jeffrey Sapir – 10 Topaz Court reiterated opposition to this proposed plan.

13. Mrs. S. Persaud – 202 Spook Rock Road asked why they need two pools when the Spook Rock Pool will be nearby.

Mayor Millman explained that anyone can apply for a pool.

14. Mr. Gunanand Persaud, Jr. – 202 Spook Rock Road totally opposes this project.

15. Ms. Sapir – 10 Topaz Court stated that this proposed project will change the entire character of the village. She stated that the contractor had an agreement for 11 homes, but that was not enough for him. The contractor wants to change the character of our area. She stated that she opposes the project.

16. Ms. Weinberg – 6 Topaz Court asked if condominium associations are permitted.

A discussion ensued with Mayor Millman and Village Planner Lockman describing what a condominium allows.

17. Ms. Weinberg – 6 Topaz Court wanted to know what the next procedures would be.

Mr. Marsel Amona addressed the Board. He thanked everyone for taking the time to discuss this. He is open to move the pool complex away from Topaz, perhaps even changing to a clubhouse. He also would consider, if feasible, shifting the single-family homes to up around the cul-de-sac near Topaz, and moving those duplexes. He was asked to amend other changes.

The Public Comment will be held in abeyance until the next Board of Trustees meeting on May 15, 2024 at 7:00 pm and continuation of the Public Hearing after an in depth discussion ensued with the Mayor, Trustees, Village Planner, and Contractor.

Motion to adjourn Public Hearing at 9:26 pm to May 15, 2024, at 7:00 pm by Deputy Mayor Caridi and seconded by Trustee Golden. All in favor.

Title: Conducting Public Hearing to Adopt a Local Law entitled:

“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 42, ALARM SYSTEMS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES TO DETER FALSE ALARM CALLS; AND TO EXPAND THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY TO OTHER OFFICERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE”

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was opened on April 17, 2024, on proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2024, with all footers dated March 13, 2024, and entitled:

“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 42, ALARM SYSTEMS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES TO DETER FALSE ALARM CALLS; AND TO EXPAND THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY TO OTHER OFFICERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE,” and

thus, amending Chapter 42 of Village Code, as more particularly set forth in said Local Law, but summarized as follows:

The Village identified that certain penalty provisions of Chapter 42 do not provide an appropriate deterrent towards the enforcement of the Alarm Systems regulations, and enforcement action may only be taken by the Police Department.

The penalty section is amended to provide for an initial warning for the first offense, with increased penalties for the second and subsequent offenses.

In addition to the Police Department, the enforcing officials are amended to include the Building Inspector, Assistant Building Inspector, and Code Enforcement Officer who all may issue appearance tickets for offenses.

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney concluded that due notice was given, after questioning the Village Clerk on the record hereat, and ascertaining that the following Legal Notice was published in the Journal News on April 7, 2024 and was posted on April 5, 2024 at several places, and that said Notice and the version of said Local Law before us this evening were provided to the Trustees and made available to the public on April 8, 2024 and were posted at several places, published on the Village’s website, and notices were hand affixed to the doors of the meeting room:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday April 17,2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at the Dr. Jeffrey Oppenheim Community Center, 350 Haverstraw Road, Montebello, NY 10901 to consider adopting Local Law No. 2 of 2024, amending Chapter 42, Alarm Systems, entitled:

“A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 42, ALARM SYSTEMS, TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES TO DETER FALSE ALARM CALLS; AND TO EXPAND THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY TO OTHER OFFICERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE“

thus, amending Chapter 42 of Village Code, as more particularly set forth in said Local Law, but summarized as follows:

The penalty section is amended to provide for an initial warning for the first offense, with increasing penalties for the second and subsequent offenses.

In addition to the Police Department, the Building Inspector, Assistant Building Inspector, and Code Enforcement Officer may issue appearance tickets for offenses.

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

Joan Will
Village Clerk – Treasurer
Village of Montebello
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Warren E. Berbit
Village Attorney

March 20, 2024

WHEREAS, at the request of the Mayor, the Village Planner, Jonathan Lockman, AICP of Nelson, Pope and Voorhis explained the local law; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing was opened to the floor on April 17, 2024 at 9:35 pm by a motion by Deputy Mayor Caridi and seconded by Trustee Egenhauser, all in favor, and the Village Attorney requested that first the following be included in the Record:

1. Resolution No. 24-022 of March 20, 2024, approving holding a Public Hearing (attached).
2. Legal Notice, and Affidavit of Publishing and Posting (attached).
3. Draft Local Law No. 2 of 2024, dated March 13, 2024; and

WHEREAS, no members of the public were present and therefore none wished to speak, Deputy Mayor Caridi moved, and Trustee Egenhauser seconded, closing the Public Hearing at 9:36 pm, all in favor, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, after a Public Hearing and due deliberation, that said Local Law be and hereby is approved by authority of Municipal Home Rule Law §20(5), to become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State, with the following conditions:

1. The Local Law should be renamed Local Law 1 of 2024, as it will be the first local law adopted in the calendar year 2024.
2. The Local Law should be amended to follow the non-substantive section re-numbering and word reordering recommended by Fiona Squires of General Code, the Village's code codification firm, in an email dated Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 7:54 am.

The Board was polled:	Mayor Millman	-	approve
	Deputy Mayor Caridi	-	approve
	Trustee Golden	-	approve
	Trustee Egenhauser	-	approve
	Trustee Humphrey	-	approve

Local Law No. 2 of 2024 dated March 13, 2024, renamed Local Law 1 of 2024 and revised April 17, 2024, approved, all in favor.

Resolution No. 24 – 060

Village of Montebello

Title: Approval of Minutes for March 20, 2024

BE IT RESOLVED, the minutes of the Board of Trustees of March 20, 2024, be and are hereby approved.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Egenhauser

Upon vote, motion carries unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 - 061

of Montebello

Title: Approval of Abstract & Schedule of Claims

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Abstract and Schedule of Claims dated April 17, 2024, and totaling \$170,076.82 hereby approved, and the claims listed hereon shall be paid.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Egenhauser

Upon vote, the Resolution was carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 – 062

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 17, 2024, for Professional Fees, and totaling \$25,564.82 hereby approved, and the claims listed hereon shall be paid.

Motion: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Second: Trustee Egenhauser

Upon vote, the Resolution was carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 24 – 063

Village of Montebello

Title: 2024 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 26, 2024, 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. 24 - 064

Village of Montebello

Title: Accept Current Fee Schedule

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Montebello Fee Schedule dated February 20, 2019 (Planning & Zoning), October 18, 2023 (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: Trustee Golden

Second: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Resolution: 24 - 065

Village of Montebello

Title: Security System Expansion at Village Hall

WHEREAS, the current security system at Village Hall does not cover the vestibule area; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk-Treasurer contacted Hi-Tech Security Services, Inc., who installed and monitors our current system; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of the security, the following proposal has been submitted:

Vendor	Project Breakdown	Price Quote
Hi-Tech Security Services, Inc.	Install system as follows – (1) Invid 8 Channel PN1B – 8x8 Network Video Recorder – (1) 4TB HDD – (1) Invid IP Cameras-Dome/Turrent Style RMP- 1 interior front foyer	\$2,625.00

; and

WHEREAS, based on the estimate as outlined, the recommendation of the Village Clerk-Treasurer is to award the contract to Hi-Tech Security Services, Inc. in the amount of \$2,625.00.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proposal of Hi-Tech Security Services, Inc. be accepted at a total cost of \$2,625.00, the expenditure of which for these purposes is hereby approved.

Motion: Trustee Golden

Second: Deputy Mayor Caridi

Upon vote, motion carries unanimously.

Public Comment:

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

Old / New Business

- Sherwood Family Cemetery is an abandoned cemetery within the Village of Montebello recognized and preserved in the ATS Homes Subdivision. The Village has to recognize control and protection of the property in order to do tree work which it has consistently done. The property is currently being researched by the Town of Ramapo Assessor's office. It currently has been traced back to the 1800's. The Mayor and the Board have granted permission to remove any trees that are endangering anyone's home.
- Manhattan Beer PILOT is still being reviewed by Village Attorney Berbit.
- Cell Tower proposal is still being reviewed by Village Attorney Berbit.
- Streetlight Update – the Village is still waiting on the proposal from Orange and Rockland Utilities.
- The Comprehensive Plan is currently choosing members to participate in and setting a budget. Mayor Millman stated that we can set a \$10,000 Budget will be set for professionals and the other members will receive a one-time stipend of \$500.00 per person.
- The Board was given 2024 Spring Certification Course information.
- The Assistant Building Inspector sent photos of Kathryn Gorman Ponds Park of a large fire pit campfire with large debris. The site was cleaned up. The Mayor and the Board suggest the installation of cameras and have requested quotes. The Mayor suggested the Police be contacted.

At 9:57 PM, Deputy Mayor Caridi made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations, seconded by Trustee Golden. Vote carried unanimously.

At 10:23 PM, Trustee Golden made a motion to exit the Executive Session, seconded by Deputy Mayor Caridi. Vote carried unanimously.

At 10:25 PM, Deputy Mayor Caridi made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Trustee Egenhauser. Vote carried unanimously.