

Village of Montgomery
200 N. River Street
Montgomery, Illinois 60538

Village Board Meeting
May 24, 2021

President Brolley called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Trustee Gier	Yea	Trustee Betsinger	Yea
Trustee Sperling	Yea	Trustee Jungermann	Yea
Trustee Bauman	Yea	Trustee Marecek	Yea

Also present: Administrator Jeff Zoephel, Attorney Laura Julien, Director of Public Works Mark Wolf, Director of Community Development Sonya Abt, Engineer Peter Wallers, Chief of Police Phillip Smith, Deputy Chief of Police Armando Sanders, Clerk Penny Fitzpatrick, Members of the Press and others.

President Brolley advised the meeting was being held both in person and remotely via videoconference to accommodate residents who were unable to attend the meeting in person due to the pandemic.

Public Participation

A. Public Comments.

Residents Nate Zimmerman, Robert Baldega, Jacob Clark and Heather Ramsey expressed their concerns with speeding, traffic volume and cut through traffic on Mayfield Drive. They shared property damage to mailboxes, parked vehicles, trees and streetlights had occurred in the area and requested that traffic calming measures be installed to improve neighborhood safety. Resident Lori Wolf alternately proposed parking be limited to one side of the street along Mayfield Drive to improve driver visibility, traffic flow and overall safety. She further asked if a road closure or speed table/crosswalk option was chosen that the improvements be implemented at the Concord/Mayfield Drive intersection or at each of the six cross street intersections along Mayfield Drive, respectively.

Resident Eli Shorkey requested that traffic calming measures be investigated for his neighborhood on Countryside Avenue to reduce speeding and improve safety for residents. He noted sidewalks were not present to protect pedestrians from street traffic in the area. President Brolley noted staff would assess Mr. Shorkey's concerns, identify any problems present and report back with their findings to best address the concerns mentioned. President Brolley inquired and Director Abt confirmed that no further Public Comments were received for the meeting.

B. Proclamation Recognizing Amy Lawler and the 3:11 Project.

President Brolley recognized Amy Lawler and the 3:11 Project with a Proclamation and commended their dedication, efficiency and positive impact on the community. He thanked them for coordinating community assistance and support for families in need and shared how their team recently gathered food, clothing, gifts cards, cash and a birthday cake for a local family who experienced an electrical fire emergency in their home. President Brolley thanked them for their service and had a group photo taken with them.

Trustee Marecek moved to approve the Proclamation Recognizing Amy Lawler and the 3:11 Project. Trustee Gier seconded this motion.

6 Yea. 0 No. Motion carried. Trustee Marecek, Trustee Betsinger, Trustee Gier, Trustee Sperling, Trustee Bauman and Trustee Jungermann voting yea.

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of the Village Board Meeting of May 10, 2021.

B. Accounts Payable through May 20, 2021 in the Amount of \$1,754,422.28.

Trustee Jungermann moved to approve Items A and B of the Consent Agenda. Trustee Marecek seconded this motion.

6 Yea. 0 No. Motion carried. Trustee Jungermann, Trustee Marecek, Trustee Betsinger, Trustee Gier, Trustee Sperling and Trustee Bauman voting yea.

Items for Separate Action

A. Committee Appointments.

President Brolley noted Committee Appointments were discussed and agreed upon during the Intergovernmental Meeting held earlier this evening. He requested a motion to approve Trustee Betsinger as Intergovernmental Meeting Chair and Trustees Marecek and Jungermann as Montgomery Fest Chair and Vice Chair. President Brolley explained there was no term or expiration date for these appointments and he thanked Trustees Betsinger, Marecek and Jungermann for their willingness to serve in these leadership roles.

Trustee Sperling moved to approve the Committee Appointments. Trustee Gier seconded this motion.

6 Yea. 0 No. Motion carried. Trustee Sperling, Trustee Bauman, Trustee Jungermann, Trustee Marecek, Trustee Betsinger and Trustee Gier voting yea.

B. Award of a Contract to Conley Excavating, Inc. for Pearl Street Storm and Downtown Water Improvements in the Amount of \$203,287.00.

Engineer Wallers requested Board approval for this award of a contract and noted the storm sewer replacement and water utility improvements would be handled in conjunction with the road program work planned for this year. He shared Conley Excavation, Inc. had completed underground work for the Village previously, their bid came in under the engineer's estimate and staff recommended approval of this award of a contract.

Trustee Sperling moved to approve the Award of a Contract to Conley Excavating, Inc. for Pearl Street Storm and Downtown Water Improvements in the Amount of \$203,287.00. Trustee Gier seconded this motion.

6 Yea. 0 No. Motion carried. Trustee Sperling, Trustee Bauman, Trustee Jungermann, Trustee Marecek, Trustee Betsinger and Trustee Gier voting yea.

C. Award of a Contract to H. Linden & Sons for the Route 31 Water Main Replacement Improvements in the Amount of \$570,289.00.

Engineer Wallers requested Board approval for this award of a contract and noted this water main replacement work along Route 31 would allow future repairs to be handled out of the right of way without state requirements or involvement and would improve the water quality for businesses in the area. He further shared what the expected timeline for the work would be and noted H. Linden & Sons was the lowest bidder and came in below the engineer's estimate. President Brolley and Trustee Sperling inquired and Engineer Wallers clarified whether this contractor had favorably completed work for the Village before and whether the contract included alternate bids with directional drilling pricing.

Trustee Gier moved to approve the Award of a Contract to H. Linden & Sons for the Route 31 Water Main Replacement Improvements in the Amount of \$570,289.00. Trustee Jungermann seconded this motion.

6 Yea. 0 No. Motion carried. Trustee Gier, Trustee Sperling, Trustee Bauman, Trustee Jungermann, Trustee Marecek and Trustee Betsinger voting yea.

Items for Discussion

A. Liquor License Request from Debbie's Video Gaming at 1240 Ogden Avenue.

Administrator Zoephel noted the applicant had returned to reapply for a liquor license at 1240 Ogden Avenue in the McAlister's building. He asked for Board feedback and direction regarding this revised request regarding a different location. Lori Forsythe of Debbie's Video Gaming highlighted revisions to their prior presentation and explained their unique gaming parlor would provide a safe, quiet atmosphere for clientele and would bring in additional revenue for the Village. She further noted the benefits of developing an empty storefront, partnering with local restaurants for food service and increasing retail shopping and dining traffic in Montgomery.

Trustee Marecek thanked the petitioner for coming back with an alternate location and a timely response to the Board's questions and concerns. President Brolley asked and Trustees Jungermann, Marecek, Betsinger, Baumann and Gier noted they were in favor of moving forward with this revised request for an alternate location. Trustee Sperling clarified that she was not in favor of the prior request and would not be in support of this revised request. Ms. Forsythe inquired and Administrator Zoephel directed her to speak with staff and Deputy Clerk Debbie Buchanan to move forward with this liquor license application process.

B. Liquor License Request from El Costeno at 702 Montgomery Road.

Administrator Zoephel noted El Costeno on Montgomery Road was looking to add an additional liquor license for packaged liquor sales for their carry out service. Trustees Sperling and Marecek inquired and Administrator Zoephel discussed whether the applicant would hold both a restaurant and packaged liquor sales license for this location. President Brolley suggested the discussion be tabled for a future meeting until the petitioner was present to answer Board questions regarding this request.

D. Mayfield Drive Traffic Calming Survey.

President Brolley clarified Items for Discussion C. and D. would be discussed out of order with the Mayfield Drive Traffic Calming Survey results being discussed first. Trustee Sperling questioned and President Brolley noted the survey results and staff's recommendations would be heard and Board discussion and feedback would be gathered to direct future action. Engineer Wallers summarized the five traffic calming options considered, noted the percentage of survey participation received and shared the most supported traffic calming option was the road closure. He noted staff proposed a temporary to permanent road closure and suggested traffic data collection be continued to determine the effectiveness of the road improvement over a few months.

Engineer Wallers discussed the parameters of the road closure, tentative implementation schedule and use of digital message boards to notify drivers of the traffic flow changes for a few weeks before the road closure would be implemented. He noted through traffic access would likely be permitted for authorized and emergency vehicles only (fire, police, public works, school district, postal and refuse vehicles) and would be prohibited for residential traffic. President Brolley thanked Engineer Wallers, Director Wolf, Chief Smith and staff for working to determine the best traffic calming measure for this neighborhood. Trustees Jungermann and Marecek questioned whether the Police and Fire Departments had any issues with the proposed road closure and how traffic ticket citations would be enforced and fines would be given for violations. Administrator Zoephel discussed how "No Outlet" signs would be utilized to re-educate drivers on the restricted traffic flow and discourage violation of the traffic calming measures.

Trustees Bauman and Betsinger discussed the road closure location and delay that would take place as drivers re-learned selecting alternate routes from connecting neighborhoods instead of utilizing Mayfield Drive as a cut-through path. Trustee Jungermann and Trustee Marecek asked and Director Wolf, Engineer Wallers and Administrator Zoephel discussed whether the temporary road closure signage and enforcement would mimic the permanent measure. Trustee Sperling inquired whether collection of traffic data and monitoring would continue for several weeks before and after the installation to improve driver recognition and gather turn around data information. President Brolley discussed that 55% of the residents did not complete the survey and could be surprised by the road closure changes. He asked if the Board was comfortable with the 45% response rate received to move forward with the temporary measure. Trustees Jungermann, Marecek and Betsinger indicated they were in favor of this option to stop the cut- through traffic and slow traffic flow down on Mayfield Drive.

Trustees Bauman, Sperling and Gier noted additional concerns with the low response rate and impact on residents who did not respond with their survey preference. They clarified the location of the road closure was denoted in the survey and the turnaround traffic would likely become an issue once the road closure was implemented. Despite concerns, they also indicated support for staff's recommendation to implement a temporary road closure. Trustees Gier and Jungermann suggested that traffic calming measure complaints be tracked by address. Fire Chief Flanders indicated he was in support of this temporary road closure as emergency access would be granted to the Oswego Fire Department. Trustees Jungermann and Sperling asked and Engineer Wallers and Director Wolf noted the temporary road closure would mimic the permanent barriers with reflective elements, proper lighting and "No Outlet" signs posted along Mayfield Drive and at both subdivision entrances.

President Brolley polled whether there was Board consensus to move forward with this recommendation. He also inquired if a signage plan could be drafted and clarified and a resolution to move forward with this proposal could come back for approval at the June 14th Board meeting. Administrator Zoephel noted any issues with the implementation schedule could be addressed and discussions with the fire, police, public works, school district, postal and refuse departments could be had by then. Trustee Bauman reiterated his concern with dividing this neighborhood with this measure and Engineer Wallers noted the road closure between the single family and townhomes would be temporary, was the most logical location and could be amended in the future if necessary.

Trustee Gier asked and Engineer Wallers noted Mayfield was scheduled to be resurfaced this year and the permanent improvement could be installed after the new paving was completed. Trustee Sperling asked and Administrator Zoephel advised whether another mailing would be utilized to notify residents of this traffic flow change that will impact the neighborhood and the surrounding community. Oswego Fire Chief Flanders asked and Engineer Wallers explained a reflective striping pattern would be applied in the center of the road to mark the road closure and clearly indicate the residential traffic flow restriction and authorized and emergency vehicle use only. President Brolley summarized this item would come back for discussion and action at a future meeting.

President Brolley called a brief recess at 8:38 p.m. and called the meeting back to order and in session at 8:46 pm.

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C. New Public Work Facility Discussion.

President Brolley advised staff would present their findings and recommend a solution regarding planning issues experienced with the construction of the new Public Works Facility. Director Wolf proposed that the facility be constructed on the existing site with a new entrance proposed off Knell Road versus Aucutt Road. He further shared a second option would be to utilize property owned and adjacent to the Police Department as a building site, but advised numerous operational, logistical, staffing and equipment challenges would exist with utilizing that location. Director Wolf shared budgetary comparisons that summarized both options were completed and staff recommended the facility be constructed on the existing Public Works site. He explained the build team would continue to work within the previously proposed timeline for the project and shared staff would come back with a revised option for site plan design at a future meeting for further Board discussion and approval.

President Brolley inquired what Board questions or concerns were present after hearing staff's recommendation. Trustee Marecek asked and Director Wolf addressed whether the existing underground fueling site would be updated at this time and whether a certified underground storage tank operator was required to be present on site. Trustees Jungermann, Marecek and Gier questioned and Director Wolf and Chief Smith commented whether there was space to expand the facility in the future and whether visibility and traffic congestion would be an issue when sizeable sporting events took place at the Stuarts Sport Complex on the option two site. Administrator Zoephel inquired and noted Board support was shown to move forward with utilizing option one and constructing the new Public Works facility on the current site with an amended entrance. He noted staff would move forward with the bid process and bond issuance would come back for action at a future meeting.

New or Unfinished Business

Trustee Gier inquired and President Brolley discussed whether the interim widening of the Route 30/Orchard Road intersection was planned by IDOT for this year. Trustee Jungermann asked and President Brolley discussed whether a meeting with the Village's State Representatives could be scheduled to discuss how urgently Route 30 needed to be widened. They also discussed when the funding to widen Route 30 and complete the full intersection improvements could be expected. Trustee Gier questioned why Route 47 had been widened in a rural area but Route 30 had not been prioritized and widened in a suburban area where significant traffic flow issues were present. He also announced that the Beautification Committee Floral Judging would take place on Wednesday, June 23rd.

Future Meetings

- A. Planning and Zoning Commission – Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Beautification Committee – Wednesday, June 9, 2021.**
- C. Village Board Meeting – Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**
- D. Historic Preservation Commission – Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**
- E. Committee of the Whole Meeting – Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (May Be Canceled).**
- F. Intergovernmental Committee Meeting – Monday, June 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**
- G. Village Board Meeting – Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

President Brolley advised that the cancelation of the Committee of the Whole Meeting would be addressed at the June 14th Board meeting. Administrator Zoephel requested a motion to approve the Future Meetings Schedule.

Trustee Marecek moved to approve the Future Meetings Schedule. Trustee Gier seconded this motion.

6 Yea. 0 No. Motion carried. President Brolley noted all were in favor and none were opposed to the approval of the Future Meetings Schedule.

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: 9:02 p.m.

Seeking no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Trustee Jungermann and seconded by Trustee Gier to adjourn the meeting.

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6 Yea. 0 No. Motion carried. Trustee Jungermann, Trustee Marecek, Trustee Betsinger, Trustee Gier, Trustee Sperling and Trustee Bauman voting yea.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Fitzpatrick
Village Clerk