

Village President Brolley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Trustee Sperling	Yea	Trustee Jungermann	No
Trustee Lee	Yea	Trustee Marecek	Yea
Trustee Heinz	Yea	Trustee Bond	Yea

Also present: Village President Brolley, Administrator Jeff Zoepfel, Chief of Police Dan Meyers, Deputy Chief Armando Sanders, Attorney Catherine Lenert, Director of Public Works Todd Hoppenstedt, Director of Finance Justin VanVooren, Director of Community Development Rich Young, Engineer Peter Wallers, Members of the Press and others.

Public Participation

A. Public Comments (Two Minute Opportunity).

There were no public comments this evening.

Items for Discussion

A. FY17 Budget Review (Attachment)

Director of Finance Justin VanVooren gave an update of the General Fund Annual Budget for the Village of Montgomery, including staff recommendations, and did a PowerPoint presentation.

Trustee Sperling stated that she is very pleased to see the additional officers in the budget and thanked staff for getting that item in the budget. Trustee Lee asked for clarification on the number of Officers. Director VanVooren stated that there will be a promotion for sergeant and one new Officer will fill his position, and then there will be an additional two Officers hired.

Trustee Sperling asked how many total trees are estimated to be replaced. Director VanVooren stated they are estimating 150 trees would be replaced in FY17.

Administrator Zoepfel thanked staff for their work on the budget review. He stated that at the next meeting they will talk about capital improvement and other funds and are looking at the last meeting in March for approval of the budget.

Trustee Bond stated he is pleased to see the increase in the tree replacement program and stated his goal is to see the number of trees replaced to increase even more. He stated his thoughts regarding the necessity of having the tree replacement program.

Trustee Bond stated he would like to address the Montgomery Economic Development Corporation line item. He is concerned that the Board has not seen a business plan or budget presented to support the request for funding this year. He sees this as precious money since growth is important to the Village. He would like the Board to see and consider what the money would be used for. President Brolley stated that they can request the MEDC Director or Chair to present the plans and the budget for the year at a Board meeting. Administrator Zoepfel stated he would provide a copy of the budget to the Board. Trustee Sperling asked Trustee Bond for clarification. Trustee Bond reiterated that he would like to see where the money is being used and stated his concerns that the Village is investing their money into one economic development strategy, and he wants to make sure it is a strategy that produces positive outcomes.

Trustee Sperling stated that she believes MEDC is working on economic development with Community Development. Trustee Bond stated that there is lack of confidence in how that money is being used to fund this strategy and he stated that he believes it is the Board's duty to have this discussion. Trustee Lee stated that they gave everything from last year and reviewed the progress that was made this year in the Village. Trustee Bond stated he would like to see more information.

President Brolley stated that previously the Executive Director has come to the Board to give an update of the process. He agrees that is something that should be provided every year during or prior to the budget process.

B. Montgomery in Motion

Director Young reviewed what has been accomplished since the last meeting regarding Montgomery in Motion. Staff has worked with a rendering consultant to focus on Montgomery in Motion. He showed the Board the examples that have been developed. Director Young showed examples of what staff would like to see near the dam. Director Young stated that when they talk about Montgomery in Motion they are talking about all activities that tie into the river.

Engineer Wallers gave an overview of the idea of painting the streets that was derived from work that was done in Kankakee. He detailed how it would be completed as well as some questions and concerns that go along with this sort of project. One benefit would be that it would draw attention to downtown Montgomery as well as allow residents to come together to complete a project. Lastly, he stated that they are looking for some direction from the Board regarding their thoughts.

Trustee Sperling stated that they discussed this at the Rotary Foundation Board meeting. She stated that one key objective for Rotary is to bring the community together and they believe this was a good way to get residents together from all over the Village. Trustee Marecek stated that he believes that it is a wonderful idea and thinks the intersection at Mill would be a great spot to paint. Engineer Wallers stated that they did not want to go further with the details until they had the support of the Board.

President Brolley stated that with Montgomery in Motion, staff has come with a vision that gets people excited about the community. He stated that he is 100% on board with the painting of a street and is excited to rejuvenate the town and tie residents together.

Trustee Lee stated his concerns when the paint starts to fade. Village Engineer stated that he would contact Kankakee to see what they do when the paint starts to fade. He also stated that once they start to plan this project, they will get more into the details that need to be refined.

C. Department Updates

Chief Meyers stated that they appreciate the work the staff did on the budget and is excited to hire three officers. He stated that Officer Cody Klingberg is in the academy and is doing very well. He also stated that Officer Lauren Shipman went to solo patrol this week and is progressing well. Lastly, he stated that this Thursday at 5 p.m. is the Police Commission meeting. They will be discussing the current patrol eligibility list and the next testing process.

Director Hoppenstedt echoed the Chief's comments by thanking the Board with trusting him in thinking creatively in regards to the funds and appreciates the support. He also stated that he intends to bring forth a recommendation at next week's meeting for tree purchases. Lastly, he stated the IRP bid opening was conducted today and there were two bidders and they are still under review.

Director VanVooren also thanked all the departments regarding their help with the budget. He stated the Village door system is operational and the new Police Department door system will be operational soon. He then gave an update on the financial software.

Director Young stated that Toula is out on medical leave and they are fortunate to have Tonya, who has worked for the Village part-time, in the absence of Toula. He then stated that they are working with several companies, one of which is Lakin tire recyclers, who are looking at 2001 Greenfield building. Lakin will be coming before the Plan Commission in March for a special use for outside storage which would be on a paved surface and blocked by the building itself. Director Young then gave an update on U-Haul. Also, he gave an update on American Crystal. He stated that construction has been slow and they are about a month behind. They have been working on foundation through the winter. They plan on inflating the dome within the next month and feel that they can make up the lost time this summer. He further stated that Fuller's Car Wash and the multi-tenant building should be coming forward this spring for permits. Community Development will be submitting a Riverboat Grant application for entry monumentation in key locations. He stated that the county looks favorable on a municipality that wants to do a project with other organizations so they will be working with the Rotary and other organizations. Lastly, he stated that the ribbon cutting for South Moon is Thursday and that MEDC and Community Development are working on Industrial properties tour this summer.

Trustee Sperling asked if the Board can be notified when the sugar dome is going to be inflated. Director Young stated that he can get that information to the Board.

President Brolley asked about the 9'er's timeframe/activity as well as the Webster Street Crossing. Director Young stated that they are looking at spring for the crossing. Director Hoppenstedt stated that once the pavement can be laid, they will get started on it. Director Young stated that 9'er's is looking to look at opening at the end of March and reviewed the reasons behind the delay.

New or Unfinished Business

Executive Session – No Executive Session

Adjournment: 7:42 p.m.

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

5 Yea. 0 No. Motion carried. Trustee Heinz, Trustee Marecek, Trustee Bond, Trustee Sperling, Trustee Lee voting yea.

Respectfully submitted,

Tiffany Francis
Village Clerk