**MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR DENNIS K LEAHY, DEPUTY MAYOR ROBERT PRITCHARD, TRUSTEE KEVIN GREANY, TRUSTEE JAMES R BARNETT, TRUSTEE DARYL CAPOZZOLI**

**ALSO PRESENT: ATTORNEY KELLY NAUGHTON, ENGINEER SEAN HOFFMAN, POLICE CHIEF ARNOLD AMTHOR, CLERK-TREASURER VALENTINA JOHNSON**

**PUBLIC PRESENT: DONNA BARLETTA, SCOUT D J MARINO**

Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Trustee Capozzoli, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, approving the minutes of the July 26, 2021

meeting as presented. 4 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention (Trustee Greany)

**APPROVAL OF BILLS & CLAIMS**

Motion by Trustee Pritchard, authorizing the bills and claims with the exception of one Purchase Order

not signed by Matt Thorp, and one which includes sales tax, must be adjusted, seconded by Trustee

Capozzoli. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. THANK YOU LETTER, CHAIRMAN JOHN WILSON- rec. & filed.
2. THANK YOU LETTER, JANE SCHIMPF- Mayor advised Jane worked very hard with the seniors through the pandemic.
3. THANK YOU LETTER, ED & HELENE PROTSKO- rec. & filed.
4. THANK YOU LETTER, RHONDA D’AURIA- Mayor thanked Rhonda for the very nice letter.
5. LETTER OF RESIGNATION, F/T/ POLICE OFFICER CHRISTINE KOHLBERGER- Chief advised Christine’s resignation had a lot to do with geography now that she is a new Mom, she lives at the other end of the County so it makes sense, in her best interest and totally understands and wishes her well. Trustee Barnett advised Officer Kohlberger was an outstanding officer, residents liked her, she always found the owners of lost dogs and went out of her way to get the dogs back to their owners, she cared about this village and will be missed, but she’ll be closer to home which is a god thing. Motion by Trustee Barnett, to accept with regret, seconded by Trustee Capozzoli, Officer Christine Kohlberger’s resignation effective August 21, 2021. 5 ayes, 0 nays.
6. LETTER OF RESIGNATION, ACTING VILLAGE JUSTICE EDWARD P. SOUTO- Mayor advised Judge Souto is such a tremendous asset, always went above and beyond, Mayor is working on a replacement. Deputy Mayor advised Judge will be missed. Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Greany, to accept with regret Judge Souto’s resignation effective September 30, 2021. 5 ayes, o nays.
7. BUILDING INSPECTOR’S REPORT, JUNE & JULY 2021- Trustee Barnett advised, Tim’s busy, a lot of inspections and violations and staying on top of it. Rec. & filed.
8. AUTHORIZATION, ORANGE-ULSTER BOCES & VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR CLINICAL EXPERIENCE CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT- Chief advised on contract which we have done for a number of years, not last year due to COVID. Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Capozzoli, authorizing Village Police Department to participate in the clinical rotations with Orange-Ulster Boces. 5 ayes, 0 nays.
9. TABLED LOCAL LAW #4 OF 2021, OPTING OUT OF LICENSING & ESTABLISHING RETAIL CANNABIS DISPENSARIES AND ON-SITE CANNABIS CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK- Mayor advised he is not against it but wanted to see how it works in other municipalities, opt out before 12/31/21 then we can always opt back in. Deputy Mayor advised Beacon just authorized it, not sure what the ramifications are, needs to be some zoning involved, put a moratorium is the proper thing to do. Trustee Capozzoli advised his recommendation is to opt out until we see what other municipalities do. Mayor advised he is more concerned with consumption establishments in the village. Chief advised there will be communities nearby that opt this and people will go elsewhere and you have to be concerned now they are driving and every other thing. Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Capozzoli, approving Local Law #4 of 2021 Opting Out Of Licensing And Establishing Retail Cannabis Dispensaries And On-Site Cannabis Consumption Establishments Within The Village Of Maybrook. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Roll Call: Trustee Greany- aye, Trustee Barnett-aye, Mayor Leahy-aye, Deputy Mayor Pritchard-aye, Trustee Capozzoli-aye.
10. TABLED & AMENDED LOCAL LAW #5 OF 2021, MODIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 189 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC”) OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF MAYBROOK TO RESTRICT PARKING ALONG ABBEY AVENUE- Motion by Trustee Barnett, seconded by Trustee Greany, approving the adoption of Local Law #5 of 2021(Amended) 5 ayes, 0 nays. Roll Call: Trustee Greany- aye, Trustee Barnett- aye, Mayor Leahy- aye, Deputy Mayor Pritchard- aye, Trustee Capozzoli- aye.
11. AUTHORIZATION, AMENDMENT OF MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR FY-2020- Engineer advised on great news, we are receiving an additional $40,000 from Community Development for sewer lining! This brings the total to $185,000. Motion by Trustee Capozzoli, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, authorizing Mayor to sign agreement, subject to Attorney’s review. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

* **COVID-19 Update-** As most are aware, the COVID-19 numbers are on the rise once again. As of August 26, 2021, there is a total of 51,564 positive cases of COVID 19  reported in Orange County since the beginning of the pandemic. There are 1,066 ACTIVE COVID -19 Cases in the County, 65 people who are hospitalized with 2 deaths reported. The Town of Montgomery has a total of 3,337 COVID-19 cases since the pandemic started. As of August 26, 2021, the County Executive Steve Neuhaus confirmed that there are 81 ACTIVE COVID-19 Cases in the Town of Montgomery. Due to the increased number of COVID-19 cases and the presence of the Delta Variant in the County, the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and the Orange County Department of Health strongly urges and recommends ALL PERSONS wear a mask when indoors in public. As of today, August 30, 2021, signs have been posted on the front door of the Government Center and the George C. Bullis Community Center advising all who enter must wear a mask. This is to protect the employees of the village and all who enter the building.
* **Danny Meyer-** Last week, I received a phone call from Rhonda D’Auria to thank the village for our support of the Meyer Family and to inform us that parole was DENIED for the person responsible for Danny Meyers death. As always, our hearts and prayers are with Jill Meyer and her family. Danny’s memory will live on through those who knew him, and the Danny Meyer Playground built in his honor by the community.
* **Hudson Valley Ride for Kids**- The Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation’s Ride for Kids Motorcycle Charity Event raises critical funds for childhood brain tumor research and family support programs. The 2021 Hudson Valley Ride for Kids will be held on Sunday, September 12th. Ride for Kids participants will enjoy a scenic, police escorted motorcycle ride through the back roads of Orange County. Local pediatric brain tumor survivors will accompany motorcyclists on their ride. Any make or model of street legal motorcycle is welcome including non-riders. Registration is $40 per person online and $45 the day of the event. This includes a Ride for Kids t-shirt, ride pin and food at the event. The event is rain or shine and will be held in the Town of Montgomery at 110 Bracken Rd. For more information, contact Hudson Valley Ride for Kids Media Coordinator Saul Negron at 845-271-8995 or email [saul.negron@gmail.com](mailto:saul.negron@gmail.com)
* **Orange County “Health and Fitness Day**- Orange County will be hosting a “Senior Health and Fitness Day” on Tuesday, September 14th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Thomas Bull Memorial Park – Day Camp Area. It’s a FREE day of health, fitness and fun which includes many activities and helpful information. Registration is required! For more info and to sign up contact Danielle Diana-Smith 845-615-3719 or email [ddsmith@orangecountygov.com](mailto:ddsmith@orangecountygov.com)
* **International Overdose Awareness Day**- International Overdose Awareness Day is Tuesday, August 31st. This is a day to remember the lives and loved ones of those impacted by the disease of addiction. The Village of Maybrook is a proud participant of Hope not Handcuffs. Anyone looking for help can stop into the Maybrook Police Department or simply call 833-428-HOPE.
* **Village Infrastructure Projects-** We, the village, have been working with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) in securing the permits needed to replace the sidewalks on Homestead Ave form Oak St to Williams St. This sidewalk project is funded by the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) Grant secured by Senator James Skoufis for the Village of Maybrook in 2019. Our goal is to get this project completed before winter. The reconstruction of the sewer line on Adams Drive is also a priority. A special order of replacement pipe was ordered and has arrived. Preparations are underway. The Maybrook DPW has done preparation work on Prospect Ave by replacing sewer manholes, valve boxes and two fire hydrants before the road is milled and paved. The milling of Prospect Ave is scheduled to begin, weather permitting, the week of September 13th. Residents will be advised when work is scheduled to begin. Negotiations continue with the property owners for the Main St. connection to the Galaxy property. Galaxy is working on their easements for their utilities. Galaxy has also had discussions with Regional Rail about the Main St Railroad crossing to connect Main St to the Galaxy property. I will keep everyone updated on any new progress.
* **Orange County Volunteer Fireman’s Parade-** The Orange County Volunteer Fireman’s Parade will be held on Saturday, September 25th in the Village of Montgomery. Line-up is 1 pm and Step-off is 2 pm. The Village of Maybrook Board of Trustees are invited to march in the paradewith the Maybrook Fire Department. I will be attending the parade along with Maybrook Police Chief Butch Amthor.
* **Maybrook Police Department “Bike Rodeo and Petting Zoo”-** The Village of Maybrook Police Department and our sponsor Garnet Health will be hosting a “Bike Rodeo and Petting Zoo” on Saturday. September 25th from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Danny Meyer Park. There will be a bike raffle, bike registration, bouncy house, petting zoo, bike rodeo obstacle course, injury prevention information and car seat safety check. This event is open to children from 5 to 12 years old and all participants are encouraged to attend with their bicycles.
* **Maybrook Shred Day-** The Village of Maybrook will be hosting a “Shred Day” in the village on Friday, September 10th from 8 am to noon. Residents are welcome to safely discard personal documents that need to be shredded. It’s free and all residents are welcome!
* **Maybrook Women’s Recreation Softball-** Women’s Recreation Softball continue their season into September. Rained out games will be made up before the season ends. A revised schedule is forthcoming.
* **Maybrook Co-ed Recreation Volleyball**- The Maybrook Co-ed Recreation Volleyball program continues play and will be wrapping up their season in September as well.
* **Ovarian Cancer Awareness**- Just a reminder, September is Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. The Village of Maybrook has been and continues to be a proud participant in spreading the word about Ovarian Cancer Awareness. The village will be displaying “Teal Ribbons” to spread the word. Residents are welcome to display ribbons as well.
* **Next Village Board Meeting**- Our next Village Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7 pm. We are back to two meetings a month in September. Please stay in touch with the Village of Maybrook website and Facebook Page for updates on COVID-19 and village events. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful Labor Day weekend.

**TRUSTEES’ REPORT**

**TRUSTEE KEVIN GREANY-** Advised on the STP, Donnie’s doing a great job down there, rags being flushed down toilets still a problem, but getting better, not as many this past weekend.

Thanked Dennis, Brian Mahar, and all for the very touching Memorial for Danny Meyer, sorry he was not able to make it, it meant a lot and thank God the killer will remain in jail for another two years, at least.

**TRUSTEE JAMES R BARNETT-** Advised Jill, Danny Meyer’s mother was very happy, it was a very nice ceremony. The kids played in the pouring rain, they were there for her, and the results paid off.

Advised DJ Marino is here working on his Merit Badge.

Thanked Chief, on 8/13 Cardinal Timothy Dolan was here to bless the statue at the church, it was broken and fixed, Sgt Barnett, Officer Erps, Officer Hughes, and Officer Kohlberger did a great job! Cardinal appreciates it!

**DEPUTY MAYOR ROBERT PRITCHARD-** Advised the Board that Al Sauer has officially approved the design for the railroad.

Advised he was not present at the meeting when the Rumpf property was discussed, but we previously said to get two entrances, so we want to see a connection, this will enable kids on bikes to not have to ride bikes on a busy street, and he wants to see this included.

Congratulations to Jeanine Lord Biagini! Beautiful wedding! Wishes her the very best!

Discussed Tina’s sister’s book, “ All Good Things” by Debra Baker, how much he enjoyed the book, and the respect and admiration he has for Tina and her family. What wonderful memories and family time and love. An awesome book and Debra did a wonderful job writing it.

**TRUSTEE DARYL CAPOZZOLI-** Advised on the numbers of patrons, books, and passports at the Community Center for the month.

Advised on new format for new cards being ordered.

Advised on not having certain books.

Advised the two new DPW guys are great!

Advised on 9/19 is the County Parade at 8AM, Opening Prayer, Board and Police Department are invited, looking to close Wallace Avenue from Volunteer Place to Main Street. Chief advised he will take care of this.

Advised the line up on 9/25 is 1PM.

Thanked everyone for all they do getting us through this pandemic, ladies at Community Center, Tina, Kelly and Sean.

Tony Marano is the Grand Marshal for General Montgomery Day and Karl Heller is for Daryl’s division.

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**ENGINEER SEAN HOFFMAN-** Thanked Matt and Mayor, still battling with DOT on the sidewalks and advised of the issue.

Advised on Adams Drive, he spoke to Kelly and Kelly came up with a better idea and will do a temporary easement.

Motion by Trustee Pritchard, seconded by Trustee Greany, authorizing Mayor to execute a temporary construction easement for Adams Drive with regard to Mr. Smallwood’s property. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

**ATTORNEY KELLY NAUGHTON-** Advised we were suppose to have a Hearing tonight, but they cleared up the violation.

Advised on the status of Galaxy and agreements, thanked Dennis, Tina and Sean, we’ve been working on this and she will hopefully have the agreements for Main Street for the next meeting, we are almost there.

Mayor advised Kelly is also looking into increasing the fees for the Judge for the court.

Motion by Trustee Greany, seconded by Trustee Pritchard, meeting was adjourned at 8PM. 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted,

Valentina Johnson

Village Clerk-Treasurer