



200 N. RIVER STREET / MONTGOMERY ILLINOIS 60538

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## Agenda

*Intergovernmental Committee Meeting*

I. **Call to Order**

II. **Roll Call**

III. **Public Comments**

IV. **Minutes of August 23, 2021** (Attached)

V. **Items for Discussion**

- Status of Upcoming Events
  - i. *River Run scheduled for October 2 | 9A | Village Hall*
    - 1. *Current Runner Numbers*
    - 2. *Post- Race Activities on River St.*
  - ii. *Cemetery Walk canceled for October 6*
  - iii. *Halloween Safety Event October 10 | 10A-2P | Montgomery Police Department*
  - iv. *Senior Luncheon canceled for October 12 and November 9*
- Merry & Bright Montgomery
  - i. **Holiday Decorations Contest** (Beautification)  
November 15- December 8- nominations due by December 5  
  
Event Description = The annual Holiday Decorations Contest will be sponsored again by the Beautification Committee. Residents and business owners are encouraged to self-nominate or nominate the best-decorated homes (or businesses) in the Village for consideration for awards. Online nominations begin November 15 through December 5. Judging takes place December 8.
  - ii. **Festival of Trees** (Intergovernmental)  
December 1-30  
  
Event Description = The Village Hall will again offer businesses, organizations, families, and other groups the opportunity to decorate and display a tree for the Festival of Trees. Groups can choose to provide their own artificial trees and decorations and set them up inside of the building the week after Thanksgiving. New this year, the Village is offering the opportunity to be a part of the River Street Festival of Trees. The fee is \$100 and includes a live tree set along River Street for your group to decorate. In addition, the Village will display a sign in front of the tree for all to see! The outdoor tree decorating program is an

excellent opportunity for businesses, school groups, scout troops, or families to do something fun for the holidays for all to enjoy. To secure your tree, email [communications@montgomeryil.org](mailto:communications@montgomeryil.org). Space is limited.

iii. Tree Lighting & Santa Visit | December 5 at 5P

December 5

Event Description = Save the date for Sunday, December 5 at 5P. Once again, the Village Board will be hosting the Annual Tree Lighting with a visit from Santa! The Greater Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring hot chocolate, cookies, kids' activities, holiday performances, and giveaways at the Village Hall and the businesses along River Street. Dress for the weather.

**VI. Schedule of Upcoming Events**

- River Run | October 2 | *Downtown Montgomery and Fox River Trail*
- CANCELED - Cemetery Walk | October 6
- Halloween Safety Event | October 10 | *Montgomery Police Department*
- CANCELED – Senior Luncheon | October 12
- Dime Jingle | October 20 | Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
- CANCELED – Senior Luncheon | November 9
- Dime Jingle | November 17 | Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
- Tree Lighting & Festival of Trees | December 5 | *Village Hall*
- Holiday Decorations Judging & Awards | December 8 | Village wide
- TENTATIVE – Senior Luncheon | December 14
- Dime Jingle | December 15 | Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room

**VII. Adjournment**

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## MINUTES

### *Intergovernmental Committee Meeting*

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Village President Matt Brolley at 6:31P.
  
- II. **Roll Call:** Present were President Matt Brolley, Trustees Dan Gier, Theresa Sperling, Steve Jungermann, Doug Marecek, Matt Bauman, Engineer Pete Wallers, Director of Public Works Mark Wolf, Chief of Police Phil Smith, Village Administrator Jeff Zoepfel, Deputy Clerk Debbie Buchanan, Communications Manager Kristina Nemetz, Superintendent of Streets Shawn Murphy, and Montgomery-Countryside Fire District Chief Tom Meyers.

Trustee Tom Betsinger was absent.

- III. **Public Comments:** None

IV.

**Minutes of July 12, 2021:** It was moved by Trustee Doug Marecek and seconded by Trustee Steve Jungermann to approve the minutes of July 12, 2021. Motion carried 6-0.

- V. **Items for Discussion**

Communications Manager Kristina Nemetz gave a status update of upcoming events. *Senior Luncheon is canceled for September 14.* Shredding Event scheduled for September 25 from 9A-12P at the Police Department and River Run scheduled for October 2 at 9A starting in front of Village Hall.

*Trustee Gier added that Senior Luncheon will most likely be canceled until December at which time they will reassess and follow the direction from the state of Illinois.*

Communications Manager Kristina Nemetz said staff is reviewing options for the Tree Lighting to ensure social distancing and to promote all of the great offerings around the holiday season. This includes more outdoor activities during the tree lighting, opportunity for community businesses or group to decorate trees along River St., and finding a way to better engage River St. businesses into the event. The Festival of Trees (tree decorating inside of Village Hall) will run from December 1-30. The Tree Lighting and Visit from Santa will be December 5 and will begin as in the past at 5P.

The Holiday Decorations Contest will take place again this year. Trustee Gier noted that the judging would take place December 8.

Trustee Doug Marecek mentioned the highlights of Montgomery Fest and asked for input from the Village President, Trustees, and Staff.

- Carp Derby – 36 participants
- Car Show – 160 cars
- Crafters – 0
- Sponsorship = \$46,450 / 32% increase over 2019
- Carnival Revenue = \$21,728.28 / 46% increase over 2019
- Rotary Ice – 52 bags sold
- Food Vendors – 8
- Parade Entries – 31
- VIP Access Staff Event – 135
- Fitness in the Park Attendance – 15-20 (over all 3 classes)

Trustee Marecek added the following notes:

- The parade was smoother than ever with the new lineup along the street.
- Whatever we did, the families were back out and even the carnival mentioned the change in the crowd at this year's fest.
- Residents along River St. had minor concerns but nothing that could not be addressed.
- There were a few small things over at the Car Show, but things we can tweak and update for next year.

President Brolley asked if anyone asked about crafters. Trustee Marecek noted that someone left because there were no crafters, and we received a few other comments from people who missed having them.

Trustee Bauman said it was a better feel to the fest this year, however the junior high kids were too old for the carnival area leaving them with not much to do at the fest. He would like to see the fest committee address that there isn't really a place for teens there. Additionally, he felt craft booths are to be expected at a fest.

Trustee Sperling said that Taekwondo can do the demo AFTER the fest, not during the parade and that their holding up of the parade cannot happen again or they will not be allowed back in the parade in future years. Possibly they could be part of the Talent Showcase.

Trustee Sperling reported that Rotary felt that vendors need ice delivered and if that were the case the pricing would need to be increased next year. A member of the Rotary was there taking some pictures. Trustee Sperling felt the incline to the food trucks was hard for people in scooters and next year the Rotary may explore "food running" for people.

President Brolley said the foundation was up 50%, almost double their best year ever. The Foundation loved the new layout.

Trustee Marecek asked the Fire District to weigh in on their thoughts. Chief Meyers added that he liked the set up. The bees were an issue and that was the largest issue they dealt with (bee stings) in regard to first aid. The fire access on River St. behind food vendors works great.

President Brolley said that WSPY needs a new location next year as it was too hard to hear during interviews.

Trustee Marecek added that communications and social media were great. Trustee Sperling and President Brolley both agreed that the bands were great especially on Saturday afternoon.

Trustee Sperling asked if there was anything heard back from the BMX bike group that did not show up for their performance. Deputy Clerk Buchanan stated that she confirmed in advance and followed up after and they have not answered or returned calls. Trustee Marecek also confirmed they didn't show.

Trustee Marecek liked the fitness in the park, but only about 15-20 people took advantage of it. He also noted he enjoyed riding in the go kart on behalf of the Police Department.

Communications Manager Kristina Nemetz thanked the entire staff for all of their hard work and coordination for the fest.

President Brolley noted the upcoming schedule of events:

- Dime Jingle | September 15 | Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
- Shredding Event | September 25 | *Police Department*
- River Run | October 2 | *Downtown Montgomery and Fox River Trail*
- TENTATIVE - Cemetery Walk | October 6 | *Riverside Cemetery*
- Halloween Safety Event | October 10 | *Village of Montgomery Police Department*
- Dime Jingle | October 20 | Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
- Dime Jingle | November 17 | Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room
- Tree Lighting & Festival of Trees | December 5 | *Village Hall*
- Dime Jingle | December 15 | Village Hall Multi-Purpose Room

IV. **Adjournment:** It was moved by Trustee Steve Jungermann and seconded by Matt Bauman to adjourn the meeting at 6:54P. Motion carried 6-0.