

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025, AT THE SENIOR CENTER, VILLAGE OF MONTEBELLO, 1 MONTEBELLO ROAD, MONTEBELLO, NEW YORK. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:10 P.M. FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Present:	Stacy Caridi	Deputy Mayor
	Bruce Egenhauser	Trustee
	Michael Humphrey	Trustee
	David Rose	Trustee
	Warren E. Berbit	Village Attorney
Absent:	Lance N. Millman	Mayor
Recording Secretary:	Joan Will	Village Clerk-Treasurer

No Deputy Mayor's Report.

Public Comment:

Mr. Barry Romoff of 8 Highgate Court – Montebello asked if a resident could apply for a building permit if they have an active violation pending. Village Attorney Berbit responded that it was not a simple answer it had many contingencies involved.

Mrs. Marissa Romoff of 8 Highgate Court – Montebello stated that trash is being left in the road and at the end of driveways all week long and not returned to the house. It brings animals and is blowing all around. She also stated that the trash is not placed within the cans and recycling is all over the place. The Board explained that the Village employs a litter patrol; however, they cannot go on private property. The Board also stated that our Code Enforcement team goes around the Village daily and places violations where necessary. The Board encouraged the residents to contact Village Hall whenever they see a potential violation and a code officer will be dispatched. But, of course, the best answer is generally, yes, but all doing the right thing.

The Romoff's also requested that a traffic light be installed on the corner of Montebello Road and Mile Road as the traffic especially in the mornings is terrible. Village Attorney Berbit explained that the Village attempted to get one installed in the past by the County and every attempt proved futile.

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

Village Attorney Berbit explained the rationale behind the Local Law No 2 of 2025. He explained that the Taxable Assessed Value that the Village receives from the Town of Ramapo Assessor's Office will not be finalized until November 18. At that time, the Village will know if they will need to exceed the 2% Tax Cap. Village Attorney Berbit explained the need for a Public

Hearing for the 2026 Budget and the need to hold the Public Hearing not later than November 15, but will hold it open for a final determination until November 18th until the TAV has been secured and the Mayor is able to participate.

Resolution: 25 - 150

Village of Montebello

Title: Adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2025 to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on November 13, 2025, on adopting Local Law No. 2 of 2025, "A Local Law No. 2 of 2025 to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law"; and

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney ascertained with the Village Clerk-Treasurer that due legal notice was given by virtue of the publishing of the Legal Notice on November 9, 2025, and posting of the Legal Notice on November 9, 2025, in furtherance of Resolution No. 25 - 151 and supplying said Local Law to the Trustees and making same available to the public on November 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk-Treasurer read the Legal Notice into the record as follows:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing will be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Montebello on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard at the Village of Montebello Senior Center, 1 Montebello Road, Montebello, NY 10901, for the purpose of considering and adopting a Budget for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, and, in conjunction therewith, if necessary, to consider Local Law No. 2 of 2025 which would allow the Village of Montebello to adopt a budget for said calendar year commenced January 1, 2026, that requires a real property tax levy in exceed of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.

The Proposed salaries of the Village Board members are as follows:

Mayor - \$44,625.

Deputy Mayor - \$12,075

Trustees (3) - \$6,825

All members of the public and all interested parties are invited to attend and participate. The proposed Local Law and the proposed Budget will be available for inspection and review at the Village Office during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m."; and

WHEREAS, the following documents were received and included in the record:

1. Legal Notice and Affidavits.

2. Proposed Local Law.

; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing portion re: Local Law No. 2 of 2025 was opened at 7:38 PM with a motion by Trustee Rose, seconded by Trustee Humphrey, all in favor, and closed at 7:41 PM with a motion by Trustee Humphrey, seconded by Trustee Egenhauser, all in favor. Barry Romoff, of 8 Highgate Court, asked if the Village exceeded the tax cap for 2025. The answer was yes. With no one else from the public wishing to speak and the Village Board duly deliberated in public.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said Local Law, to be known as: Local Law No. 2 of 2025 to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law, said Local Law to become effective immediately contingent upon filing with Secretary of State.

Motion: Trustee Humphrey

Second: Trustee Egenhauser

Upon vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

Note: Mayor Millman was absent

Resolution No. 25 - 151

Village of Montebello

Title: Public Hearing on 2026 Budget November 13th and November 18th, 2025

WHEREAS, after the adoption of Local Law No. 2 of 2025, the Public Hearing on the Village Budget for calendar year 2026 was opened at 7:43 PM upon Motion by Trustee Egenhauser and Seconded by Trustee Humphrey, all in favor, 4-0, the Mayor being absent; and

WHEREAS, the Village Attorney questioned the Village Clerk on the record, who confirmed that the following Legal Notice as approved in public on November 6, 2025, was timely posted and was published Sunday, November 9, 2025, and that the Tentative Budget as prepared by the Village's Financial Advisor to reflect changes requested by the Village Board in reviewing the Mayor's Budget in public on November 6, 2025, and given the Board Resolution adopted on that date, which, due to the Mayor's pending absence, specified that today's Public Hearing would be continued until the meeting on November 18, 2025, to allow due deliberation and also the Mayor and others to participate on said later date:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 and, in conjunction therewith, if necessary, to consider Local Law No. 2 of 2025 which would allow the Village of Montebello to adopt a budget for said calendar year commencing January 1, 2026, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-c.; and

The proposed salaries of the Village Board members are as follows:

Mayor -	\$ 44,625.00
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Trustees (3) -	\$ 6,825.00

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Joan Will
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Warren E. Berbit
Village Attorney

Dated: November 6, 2025

WHEREAS, Barry and Marissa Romoff of 8 Highgate Court ask the Board what the biggest budget item was at today’s Public Hearing. With no one else wishing to speak, this portion of the meeting was closed. ; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said Public Hearing be closed at 8:00 PM, to be continued on November 18, 2025, to facilitate the deliberative process and the Mayor and others to participate thereat, at which time the Budget will be adopted including exercising Local Law 2 of 2025 if such is necessary.

Motion: Trustee Egenhauser

Second: Trustee Rose

Upon vote, motion carries by all.

Public Comment:

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

At 8:00 PM, Trustee Rose made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Trustee Egenhauser. Vote carried unanimously.