

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO, N.Y.
MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2005

MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Barnicle called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Roll Call

Upon call of the roll, the following were:

Present:

Absent:

James Barnicle, Mayor
Gordon Jenkins, Trustee
Victor, Marinello, Jr. Trustee
Brian VanDermark, Trustee

Scott Schoonmaker, Trustee

Also Present: Richard Sush, Village Manager
E. Danielle Jose, Village Attorney
Tim Havas, Deputy Village Attorney
Brenda Galligan, Treasurer
Sue Flora, Code Enforcement Officer
Bill Bertholf, Sewer Superintendent
Clarence Decker, Water Superintendent
Douglas Solomon, Chief of Police
Betsy Conaty, Director of Parks & Recreation
Alan Reynolds, DPW Superintendent
Alvin Dumas, Human Rights Commission Chairman
Alan Kesten, Fire Chief

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 6,
2005**

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Jenkins, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the minutes of the Village Board regular meeting of June 6, 2005 as presented.

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OLD BUSINESS

Weekend Events

Broadway Planting

Mayor Barnicle explained that volunteers from Daytop were weeding the planters on Broadway. He expects to have prisoners from Woodbourne Correctional come with flowering plants to plant in the Broadway plant boxes.

Fire Department Poker Run

The Mayor commended the Fire Department for the volunteers for the Poker Run event that was held this past Saturday. He noted that it was well organized outstanding fund raiser held at the Concord with more than 800 riders participating.

Federation of Sportsmen - Kauneonga Lake

The Mayor announced that members of the Federation of Sportsmen from Kauneonga Lake finished their renaissance project at deHoyos Park with a flower and sign planting monument letting park visitors know that the pond is stocked with Black Crappies and Yellow Perches.

PBA Softball Event

The Mayor announced that the PBA participated in and won a softball tournament to raise funds for a sergeant's son.

Juneteenth Celebration

Mayor Barnicle reported that he attended the Juneteenth Celebration at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center sponsored by the NAACP.

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Miller Hill Area Water Alert

Mayor Barnicle advised all property owners in the Miller Hill area that on June 29th the Village will be installing a new water valve so that area might experience low water pressure.

MANAGER'S REPORT

We received a check from the State of New York in the amount of **\$948,520.85** to cover our expenses in building the new firehouse. It is the first reimbursement from the Functional Replacement program.

The firehouse has received siding and roofing and other finishing touches to the exterior. The construction crews continue to work on the parking areas and apron. Interior work, such as installation of sheet rock, has also begun.

A long-standing problem with sewer backups in the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center has been corrected. Our water and sewer departments worked together to remedy the problem. The same departments also came to our rescue when the electrical contractor for the firehouse project delivered boxes and boxes of light fixtures, but since the doors have not been installed yet, we couldn't secure the fixtures. They put all of the fixtures on village trucks and stored them away for safekeeping until they are needed. My sincere thanks go out to them. Going above and beyond is their standard operating procedure. Thank you.

Mighty M Gaming, which had graciously funded the cost of a police officer last year, has agreed to partially fund the position again, in the amount of \$32,500.00.

The Monticello Gymnastics School held their annual exhibition on June 10. A highlight of the night was the return of a number of former students to help celebrate Pete Tweed's 50th birthday.

The Sullivan County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs began a new tradition at DeHoyos Park on Saturday, June 11. They held a Fishing Derby for children. They had previously stocked the pond with fish and then organized a "catch and

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release" competition. Over 170 fish were caught and returned to the waters of DeHoyos Pond by 30 to 40 youngsters. Several turtles were also caught and released. I have circulated some pictures that I took of the event. The looks on the faces of the children tell the whole story.

Fire House Grand Opening

Fire Chief Alan Kesten announced that the fire department is planning a Grand Opening Celebration to be held on October 8th when the new firehouse will be done.

The Mayor suggested a parade using old fire truck and apparatus.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO FOR THE 2005/06 FISCAL YEAR AND SETTING WATER RATES FOR THE 2005/06 FISCAL YEAR AND THE SANITATION BUDGET AND RATES FOR THE 2005/06 FISCAL YEAR

Discussion - Mayor Barnicle explained that the water rate will go up for the year \$21.56 or \$5.39 a quarter which will include a \$70,000 back up generator which was mandated by the Department of Health. He noted that Trustee VanDermark had suggested this inclusion in the water budget. The Mayor felt for less than \$22.00 per year the long term effects of that generator will allow the Village to be prepared in the event of an emergency.

Trustee Jenkins questioned if the Village should have another public hearing since the public was not aware of the exact amount of the rate increase?

Mayor Barnicle responded that the Board had discussed a rate increase during the public hearing and also during the budget work sessions.

The Village Attorney advised the Board that if the public was informed that there would be an increase and if it is not a significant change from what the public was advised at the public hearing then the Board does not need to hold another public hearing. She felt that this amount is not a significant change.

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The Treasurer noted that the tax rate will decrease this year from \$19.99 to \$19.89 which covers the loss of the \$32,500 from the Monticello Raceway donation and it also includes the extra money for the fire department, plus \$30,000 to cover some utilities and electric at the new firehouse.

The Mayor indicated that after this Board inherited what the Village did in budget bookkeeping, follow through and the lack of fiscal responsibility, to go down in the tax rate is a yeoman's job done by department heads, the Treasurer and the Village Manager.

Trustee Jenkins questioned the amounts for commercial sanitation as the Board has not been provided any figures?

The Highway Superintendent responded that commercial sanitation (dumpsters) is increasing, but at this time there are no amounts.

Trustee Jenkins felt that there should be another public hearing when these amounts are available to the Board and the public.

The Highway Superintendent indicated that it will be an insignificant amount that those users will be increased.

The Mayor indicated that these increases were also discussed during the public hearing and budget work session. He felt the public will be satisfied to hear that the tax rate will be decreased slightly.

Trustee VanDermark questioned whether the cost of the asset audit is included in this budget?

The Treasurer responded that it is appropriation 1460.201 in the latest budget in the amount of \$5,000.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello has held numerous work sessions and a public hearing on the 2005/06 General Village Budget; and,

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello has also held a public hearing on setting water rates for the 2005/06 fiscal year in order to maintain the Water Treatment Plant as follows:

\$3.30 per 100 cubic feet
\$6.60 per 100 cubic feet (Outside)

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby adopt the General Government budget, Sanitation Budget and rates for the Village of Monticello and does hereby set the water rates for the 2005/06 Fiscal Year.

A motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Marinello, approved on a roll call as follows: Trustee Jenkins, nay; Trustee Marinello, aye; Trustee VanDermark, aye; Mayor Barnicle, aye; vote adopt the above resolution. Motion carried 3 ayes - 1 nay - 1 absent.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2005 ESTABLISHING THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO SEWER RENTS FOR 2005/06

WHEREAS, the Village of Monticello Sewer Rents are a part of the Village Code; and,

WHEREAS, the established rates for the Sewer Department in order to maintain the sewer lines and the Wastewater Treatment Plant are as follows:

Inside Village Limits: \$.85 per thousand of assessment
 .82 % Water Consumption

Outside Village Limits: \$3.40 per thousand of assessment
 .82 % Water Consumption

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby adopt Local Law No. 4 of 2005 establishing the Village of Monticello Sewer Rents for the 2005/06 fiscal year.

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A motion was made by Trustee Jenkins, seconded by Trustee VanDermark, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO CHANGING THE NAME OF GOVERNMENT DRIVE TO WASSER WAY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes the special community contributions made by former Sullivan County Sheriff, Joseph Wasser, to the Village of Monticello and many of its residents over the past near century; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello is desirous of renaming Government Drive in memory of the late Sheriff Wasser; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that it is in the best interest of the Village of Monticello to rename Government Drive as "Wasser Way" in memory of Sheriff Joseph Wasser.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Monticello hereby renames Government Drive as Wasser Way.

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee VanDermark, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

The Mayor directed the Village Clerk to notify the Wasser Family and the County Officials. The Mayor directed the Highway Superintendent to order a street sign.

RESOLUTION CHANGING THE FIRST MEETING IN JULY FROM MONDAY, JULY 4th TO TUESDAY, JULY 5th 2005 DUE TO THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello hold their regular meetings on the first and third Mondays of each month; and,

WHEREAS, the first Monday in July a national day in celebration of Independence Day; and,

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby change the first Board meeting in July from Monday, July 4th to Tuesday, July 5th 2005.

A motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO ADOPTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 5 OF 2005 WHICH WOULD AMEND SECTION 252 OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO ALLOW PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF WASSER WAY FOR ROAD TEST APPLICANTS ONLY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello has identified traffic difficulties with respect to ensuring access to the Sullivan County Government Center for road test applicants; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello has determined that establishing parking for road test applicants only is an effective way to address the parking control issues referenced above; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello wishes to set a time and place for a public hearing with respect to proposed Local Law 6 of 2005 which would amend Section 252 of the Vehicle and Traffic Code to allow parking on the west side of Wasser Way for road test applicants only, so that the public may be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello with respect to the aforesaid proposed Local Law at 7:00 p.m. on March 7, 2005, at Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

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A motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Jenkins, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO ADOPTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 6 OF 2005 WHICH WOULD AMEND SECTION 252-47 OF THE VILLAGE CODE BY CLOSING A PORTION OF BELMONT DRIVE

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello has, from time to time, maintained a portion of Belmont Drive in the Village of Monticello ("Village") beginning 519 feet in a westerly direction from the intersection of Colonial Drive and Belmont Avenue and extending 721 feet in a westerly direction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello has only recently determined that the aforementioned section of Belmont Drive is privately owned; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello has also determined that the aforementioned section of Belmont Drive is below standard with regard to width and general condition; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello desires to discontinue providing occasional maintenance on the aforementioned section of Belmont Drive as it is private property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello desires to close access to the aforementioned section of Belmont Drive, a substandard private road, as a public roadway; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello wishes to set a time and place for a public hearing with respect to proposed Local Law 6 of 2005 which would amend Section 252-47 of the Village Code, so that the public may be heard;

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NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello with respect to the aforesaid proposed Local Law at 7:00 p.m. on July 5, 2005, at Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

A motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Jenkins, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO SIGN A RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH BRENDA ROBINSON TO BE THE PARK CUSTODIAN

WHEREAS, the Village of Monticello has had a park custodian to monitor activities of deHoyos Park and open the gates in the morning and close the gates at sundown; and,

WHEREAS, Brenda Robinson owns property at the entrance of the deHoyos park and has assumed these duties and report any errant behavior to the Monticello Police Department and/or the Village Manager; and,

WHEREAS, as compensation Brenda Robinson has received is that her Village Water, Sewer and Sanitation charges be waived during the period of time she performs these duties.

WHEREAS, the Village of Monticello was satisfied with this arrangement for having a park attendant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the Village Manager to sign a renewal agreement for the period from June 2, 2005 To June 1, 2006 in form approved by the Village Attorney with Brenda Robinson to be the Park Custodian with payment to be in lieu of her Water, Sewer and Sanitation - Account #474 Utility Bills.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR FORECLOSED PROPERTY NOW OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO

WHEREAS, the Village of Monticello has foreclosed on properties for non payment of taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the Village Board wants to sell these properties to interested parties to put them back on the tax roll and be renovated for specific purpose by the prospective buyer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize to advertise for bids for the following properties:

SBL	Location	Type of Property	Minimum Bid
106-3-15	Liberty St.	Vacant	\$ 5,000
108-9-14.1	Pleasantview	Vacant	\$ 5,000
109-1-25.12	West Broadway	Vacant	\$ 5,000
109A-2-5.17	West Broadway	Vacant	\$ 5,000
109A-2-5.21	West Broadway	Vacant	\$ 5,000
110-3-38	Hillside Ave	Vacant	\$ 5,000
110-3-39	Hay Street	Vacant	\$ 5,000
110-3-41	Hay Street	Vacant	\$ 5,000
111-4-3	Cottage St	Vacant	\$ 5,600
111-6-7	Oakley Avenue	Vacant	\$ 5,000
111-7-11	Prince Street	Vacant	\$ 5,000
112-4-20.4	Pleasant Street	Vacant	\$ 5,000
112-9-14.3	Landfield Ave	Vacant	\$ 5,000
113-6-7.1	Nelshore Drive	Vacant	\$ 5,000
113-6-9	Nelshore Drive	Vacant	\$ 5,000
118A-1-3.16	Richmond Ave	Vacant	\$ 5,000

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Jenkins, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

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**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE ANNUAL BIDS FOR CERTAIN VARIOUS
MATERIALS USED BY THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR FY 2005/06**

WHEREAS, bids for various materials used by the Highway Department were solicited by the Village Clerk for FY 2005/06; and,

WHEREAS, the Highway Department Superintendent has reviewed the bids and recommended the bids be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello finds that it is in the best interest of the Village of Monticello and its residents to award the bids for the items listed below under the State Bid Contracts

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby accept the following bids for the various materials used by the Highway Department:

LP Propane Gas	-	CES	-	\$ 1.0895/G
Bituminous Concrete	-	Callanan Industries		\$29.30 (Fine
Mix)	-			\$29.80 (Course)
Rock Salt		State Bid		
Run Of Bank Gravel	-	Woodbourne Lawn	-	\$5.50/T FOB)
Ice Control Sand	-	Woodbourne Lawn	-	\$7.00/T (FOB)
Unleaded Gas	-	Ultra Power Corp	-	\$ 1.69775/Gal.
Diesel Oil	-	Ultra Power Corp	-	\$ 1.92325/Gal.
#2 Fuel Oil	-	County Petroleum	-	\$ 17470/Gal.
Crusher Run	-	Callanan	-	\$ 7.60/T
Galvanized Corrugated Steel Sluice Pipe	-	Schmidt's		(Various materials) (see attached)
Polyethylene Drainage Pipe	-	Schmidt's		(Various materials) (see attached)
Motor Oils/Greases & Anti Freeze	-	Eastern Oil Co.	-	As bid for (Various materials) (see attached)

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A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Jenkins, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

RESOLUTION AWARDING THE ANNUAL BIDS FOR CHEMICALS FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS FOR FY 2005/06 AND BIDS ON METERS

WHEREAS, bids for various chemicals used by the Water and Sewer Departments were solicited by the Village Clerk for FY 2005/06; and,

WHEREAS, bids for various meters used by the Water Departments; and,

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Department Superintendents have reviewed the bids and recommended the bids be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby accept the bids for the various chemicals and meters to the lowest responsible bidder.

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee VanDermark, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO ADOPTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW 7 OF 2005 WHICH WOULD AMEND SECTION 252-13 OF THE VILLAGE CODE DESIGNATING THE INTERSECTION OF EAST DILLON ROAD AND WOOD AVENUE AS A STOP INTERSECTION IN BOTH DIRECTIONS OF TRAVEL

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello has identified traffic difficulties with respect to safety of motorists and pedestrians at the corner of Wood Avenue and East Dillon Road; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello has determined that designating the intersection of East Dillon Road and Wood Avenue as a stop intersection in both

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directions of travel is an effective way to address the parking control issues referenced above; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello wishes to set a time and place for a public hearing with respect to proposed Local Law 7 of 2005 which would amend Section 252-13 of the Vehicle and Traffic Code by designating the intersection of East Dillon Road and Wood Avenue as a stop intersection in both directions of travel, so that the public may be heard;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello with respect to the aforesaid proposed Local Law at 7:00 p.m. on July 5, 2005, at Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

A motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Jenkins, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FEE SCHEDULE

WHEREAS, presently there are charges for various departments, and;

WHEREAS, that the appropriate fees must be charged for maintaining, inspection and usage for various departments and most of the fees have not been amended for more than three years; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby approve the fee schedule as attached for various Village departments effective August 1, 2005 as follows:

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Excavation Permit Fees:

Non Refundable Excavation Permit Fee	\$ 100.00
Street Bond (Refundable after inspection by the the Highway Superintendent)	\$1,000.00
Security Deposit for Procession & Street Fairs	- \$100.00
Permit Fee for Procession & Street Fairs	- \$ 50.00
Fireworks Permit	- \$250.00
Blasting Permit	- \$250.00

A motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE FILING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE
NYS UNIFIED COURT SYSTEM FOR A JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM GRANT**

WHEREAS, the NYS Unified Court System has requested applications for the next cycle of the Justice Court Assistance Program grants; and

WHEREAS, the Village is interested in applying for funds to upgrade equipment currently in use at the Justice court; and

WHEREAS, the program requires the Village to adopt a resolution authorizing the application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monticello Village Board authorizes that an application be filed with the NYS Unified Court System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor be authorized and empowered to certify the application in the name of the Village of Monticello.

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Jenkins, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

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RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFERS

WHEREAS, the Village of Monticello has adopted its annual budget for the 2004/05 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Village will incur expenditures that exceed the adopted line item amounts authorized by the Village Board of Trustees, and;

WHEREAS, there are revenues that exceeded budgetary amounts and/or expenditure line items that may be reduced.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following line items are increased/decreased as adopted, and the Village Treasurer is directed to make the following modifications to the annual budget: [See attached].

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Jenkins, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO REFERRING ZONING CHANGE REQUEST TO PLANNING BOARD APPROXIMATELY 1.3 ACRES LOCATED BETWEEN SUMMIT AND PARK AVENUES - SBL 115-2-8 AND 115-2-9 FROM R-2 (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE) TO RM (MULTIPLE DWELLINGS)

WHEREAS, there is a petition by a certain property owner in the Village to change the zoning of 1.2 acres of SBL 115-2-8 and SBL 115-2-9 parcels from R-2 to RM; and

WHEREAS, in order to make an informed decision on said request, the Village Board desires the advice of its Planning Board regarding said request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello that the request for a zoning change regarding the property in the Village designated by tax map number 115-2-8 and 115-2-9 from R-2 to RM be referred to the Village Planning Board for its recommendation within 60 days of the date of this resolution.

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A motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO RESPOND TO NEW HOPE COMMUNITY'S REQUEST FOR PADAVAN SITE APPROVAL FOR AN INDIVIDUALIZED RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVE (IRA) ON LAWRENCE AVENUE PURSUANT TO SECTION 41.34 OF THE MENTAL HYGIENE LAW, COMMUNICATING THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO

WHEREAS, New Hope Community has notified the Village of Monticello ("Village") of its intention to establish an Individualized Residential Alternative ("IRA") facility on Lawrence Avenue in the Village of Monticello (SBL# 114-10-2.1); and

WHEREAS, New Hope Community currently operates an IRA for seven (7) individuals on 17 York Avenue, and intends to relocate the seven (7) individuals to the Lawrence Avenue facility; and

WHEREAS, New Hope Community intends to sell the York Avenue property, once the seven (7) individuals have been relocated, thereby returning the York Avenue property to the Village tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, New Hope Community requests the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Mental Hygiene Law §41.34(c)(1)(C), the only basis for the Village to object to the establishment of said facility is that the establishment thereof would result in a saturation on the community with respect to residential facilities for the mentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, as New Hope Community will be removing one facility in the community simultaneous with its establishment of a new facility, it does not appear that the community will become saturated with respect to residential facilities for the mentally disabled by the establishment of an IRA facility on Lawrence Avenue in the Village of Monticello.

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1. That the Manager of the Village of Monticello shall be and hereby is authorized to respond to New Hope Community's request for Padavan Site approval for an Individualized Residential Alternative (IRA) on Lawrence Avenue pursuant to Section 41.34 of the Mental Hygiene Law, communicating the approval of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello; and
2. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon signature of the Village Clerk.

A motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

DISCUSSION OF REQUESTED TAXI CAB FARE HIKE

Alan Kesten owner of Yellow Cab was presented to request that the Board authorize a 25 cent rate increase for taxi fares within the Village because of the rising cost of gasoline, automobile liability insurance and Worker's Compensation premiums. The Board also received a letter from Ronnie's Royal Taxi the other Village operated cab company.

The Board asked that this matter be put on the next Board meeting for discussion and a resolution so that users of the cab service would have a chance to voice their opinion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Meeting Remarks

Debra Mack, a Village resident noted that each Board member was elected by the residents of the Village and they have an obligation to answer the questions that are asked and to let the public speak. The Board members, when they were candidates, asked for their vote and made all types of

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promises to get their support. She felt that something is wrong with this system. She felt that there are no open forums and it seems there is no freedom of speech at Village Board meetings. She felt that more residents should attend Village Board meetings to hear and see how the residents are treated.

Betty Friedland agreed with Ms. Mack as the Board was elected to their offices and they have a responsibility to the residents to give them an answer.

Poker Run

Betty Friedland complimented that fire department volunteers on the excellent event that was held which was very well organized.

Water Increase

Betty Friedland noted that the State Comptroller reported that the Village took half a million dollars from the Water Department and it has not been replaced and now the Board has raised the water tax. She questioned where that lost half million dollars went and asked that a Board member give her an answer. Ms. Friedland was concerned that at the public hearing the exact figures were not available to allow the public to comment when they is the only time they have to speak on that subject. She felt that the small tax decrease does not makeup for the large reassessments that the property owners are paying for from last year. She did not think people of fixed incomes can afford to pay any raise in taxes or water fees. She questioned whether the department heads are getting the 3% pay increase?

The Treasurer responded that they are getting the 3% pay increase including the Village Manager, but all the elected officials are not getting any increase.

Key Bank Sidewalk Steps

Betty Friedland questioned when the other two sets of sidewalk steps will be repaired?

The Highway Superintendent will inspect them.

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Human Rights Commission Member Recruitment

Human Rights Commission Chairman explained that after the last meeting when the dissolution of Village's Human Rights Commission was discussed and voted down, he went out to do recruitment on new members to serve on this commission.

Thornton Avenue

Carmen Rue was concerned that someone is dumping debris on vacant property on Thornton Avenue and she suggested that the owner put up a sign that says the violators will be prosecuted.

Crosswalk Safety

Rochelle Massey was concerned that the crosswalks on Broadway have not been restriped for pedestrian safety.

Mayor Barnicle explained that the Village has written the NYSDOT a letter requesting this be done, and they have responded that it will be done.

Waverly Avenue

Hazel Williams complained about the speeding vehicles on Waverly Avenue and questioned what the Village can do about it.

Trustee Jenkins asked if the Chief of Police could station an officer to monitor the traffic as each meeting she is here to complain.

Chief Solomon indicated that he will discuss the problem with Ms. Williams to have an officer there at the times that she feels there is a problem.

Intersection Of Fraser Avenue and Broadway

Ceil Plotkin was concerned about the traffic hazard at the intersection of Fraser Avenue, E. Broadway and Richardson

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Avenue. She noted that people are making right on red turns which are prohibited at that intersection as well as cars on Broadway not stopping when there is a red light. She was further concerned because the fire house is relocating on Richardson Avenue and emergency vehicles will be coming out of that intersection. Ms. Plotkin questioned whether the traffic signal will change when the fire apparatus is responding to a call?

The Mayor responded that because of the age of that traffic signal the lights cannot be synchronized with a button so they all would turn red as they exited the firehouse and be able to climb the E. Broadway on their way to a call.

The Village Manager responded that the traffic signals would have to be changed, and each traffic light costs from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

Ms. Plotkin questioned what is the cost of a human life?

Mrs. Sharoff who lives at the corner of Hammond Street and Fraser Avenue noted the intersection has a 4 way stop sign and very few motorists stop at all.

Litter Issues

Sue Anthony, a Village resident was concerned about the amount of litter accumulating in the Village. She questioned why each property owner isn't required to take care of their own property to eliminate the garbage problem. She noted that out of town visitors remarked how dirty the Village looked. She was concerned with the dirty condition at the old Foothills building where the Federation of the Homeless is housed and also the area on the Forestburgh Road from the blinker light to the gas station which has piles of sand accumulating. She questioned whether the Village can go into the schools to try to educate the youth at a young age.

The Mayor responded that the Federation For The Homeless have been cited, and has spoken to the new Director to clean up and liter pluck part of Park Avenue.

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Sue Anthony was also concerned with the high grass at some intersections which cause sight visibility problems for vehicles.

The Mayor responded that all those properties that have violations are being cited. He noted that he has tried to get residents to "Adopt A Street", but have had few volunteers.

Sue Anthony felt that since the Village does not have at home pickup of discarded household items during Spring and Fall Clean Up people just toss the items on vacant property because they have no means of getting it to a specific site. She also noted that the Village no longer will pick up brush and branches nor can it be taken to the County landfill.

The Mayor responded that the Village compost area is full and cannot accept anymore materials.

Taxpayer Participation

Trustee Jenkins was concerned that taxpayers are not attending meetings and participating in such matters as the budget hearings which affect their pocketbooks. He wants to encourage residents to attend Village Board meetings and ask questions because it appears that no one really cares and those that do come to meetings cannot only be concerned about their own agenda but focus on the entire Village. He indicated that if he is asked a question he will respond as he feels that is why he was elected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:05 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to move into an Executive Session to discuss labor negotiations.

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ADJOURNMENT

At 8:35 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Jenkins, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adjourn the Regular Village Board meeting.

EDITH SCHOP, Village Clerk