

Minutes

Board of Trustees

Village of Monticello

October 6th, 2015

5:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Solomon.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Solomon-Present

Trustee Bennett-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Weyer-Present

Trustee Gomez-Present

Also Present:

David Sager, Village Manager

Michael Davidoff, Special Council

Richard S. Baum, Deputy Special Council

Motion to Accept the Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Bennett with a second by Trustee Weyer to accept the agenda with the following add-ons:

1. Continuation of the Public Hearing on the Kapelow Structure at 106 Liberty and Crystal St.
2. Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to sign the Jefferson Street Gateway Project Design Approval Request Memo in the amount of \$507,495.00

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Mayor Report

Mayor Solomon stated that he ran into Tony Cellini & his wife and they told him that they tried to have dinner at several village eateries and all of them were packed and had a waiting time to be seated, so they ended up getting take out. They commended the Village on the progress that the Village is making with getting local business open.

Mayor Solomon also made the Board aware that they would need to either reschedule or cancel the November 3rd, 2015 meeting due to Election Day.

A motion was made by Trustee Gomez with a second by Trustee Bennett to cancel the November 3rd meeting and to only hold one meeting for the month on Tuesday, November 17th, 2015. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Manager's Report

In discussions with Pathstone Group to potentially rehab the residence at 25 Burton Avenue and use it as part of a first-time homebuyer program. Hoping to hear back from them with a possible proposal by the end of this week.

We have sent out canvas letters and are in the process of doing interviews for positions in Water, DPW, and Sanitation.

The Highway Department has been doing a tremendous amount of work milling, patching and repairing catch basins. Landfield and Wood Avenues have been prepped and should be paved in the next week. All of the necessary sidewalk improvements have been completed and I encourage you to drive around and see the changes.

Thank you for allowing me to attend the NYCOM Fall Conference in Lake Placid. I will be happy to provide you a brief on all of the sessions I attended. There was much I learned and some wonderful connections I made at NYCOM that should benefit us moving forward. One issue that came up was that of Workplace Violence and the protection of employees in the workplace. As a result, I will be seeking bids on the replacement of the current window servicing the Village Clerk area with a protective glass system. I hope to be able to present the proposals to the board by next month.

I have a meeting scheduled for Friday morning with Barton & Loguidice to begin discussing the updating of proposed building plans and improvements for Village Hall.

This morning, I attended my second meeting as part of a group of Town Supervisors and Highway Superintendents to discuss sales tax revenue sharing with the county. The county has been open to discussions and we are in the process of negotiating. I had proposed at that meeting that we have a sliding scale sharing mechanism, so that local municipalities can reap a greater benefit if the potential sales tax increase as a result of the casino project reaches certain plateaus. I have been asked to come to tomorrow's Town Supervisor Association meeting to discuss this proposal and others. Again, I am the only official from any village in Sullivan County that has been asked to participate in this group discussion.

Two of the DPW trucks used for salting and sanding in the winter are in disrepair and one in particular will not pass NYS Inspection due to its current condition. Highway Superintendent Steinberg is proposing that we consider selling the two vehicles and purchase a used vehicle that could satisfy our needs. I ask that you consider this proposal.

I am pleased to announce that Chief Robert Mir was successful in receiving a \$10,000 grant award from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services for new Livescan Equipment. Chief Mir will be combining these grant monies with money already set aside in the budget to purchase a new computer, and digital photo and fingerprint scanning equipment for the police department. Our current computer and equipment is becoming obsolete due to advances in technology.

Chief Mir also recently received a grant of \$3,360 from the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee to participate in the statewide Police Traffic Services Program.

In the coming weeks, I will be looking at potential options for improving our police vehicle fleet. Due to past budget cuts, several of the patrol cars are in a position from a mileage and condition standpoint to have already been replaced. I will be looking at associated costs and scenarios to bring the police fleet back to an acceptable state, as well as, developing a plan toward more consistent fleet replacement policies in the future.

Discussion-B2 Zoning District

The Deputy Special Council, Richard S. Baum was present, he discussed the proposed changes to the B2 Zone (Broadway) that was presented to the Board. Changes were discussed in regards to the B2 Zone becoming a mixed used zone to allow apartments on the 2nd and 3rd floor of the businesses.

After the discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Weyer to set a Public Hearing date for Tuesday, November 17th, 2015 at 5:30pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Discussion-Trucks 9 & 17 Plow Truck & Salter

Jim Steinberg, the Highway & Sanitation Superintendent, was present. He discussed the current status of two of the municipal trucks in light of the upcoming winter season. Trucks 9 & 17 are out dated and will no longer pass inspection and the Village will not make it through the winter being down the two plow trucks.

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Gomez to declare Trucks 9 & 17 as surplus. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Weyer to go out to bid for a 2009 or Newer 4x4 Plow Truck with Combination Body and setting a bid opening date for Thursday, November 12th, 2015 at 2:00pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

There was also a discussion regarding the traffic light on the corner of Richardson Avenue & East Broadway that was taken out by a tree falling on the electrical wires. There was a quote presented for \$45,000.00 as an emergency purchase out of the Sanitation Department, which the Board was not inclined to authorize, the Board instead wanted to bid out the traffic light to see if a better price would come in, they would also like to update the traffic light with LED lights.

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Gomez to go out to bid for a Traffic Light and setting a bid opening date for Thursday, November 12th, 2015 at 2:00pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Continuation of the Public Hearing on the Kapelow Structure at 106 Liberty and Crystal St.

Michael Davidoff, the Village Special Council, made the Board aware that they are still trying to work out some issues in Court and asked that the Public Hearing be continued on Tuesday, October 20th, 2015 at 5:30pm.

A motion was made by Trustee Bennett with a second by Trustee Weyer postponing the Public Hearing until the October 20th meeting. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to sign the School Resource Officer Agreement

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Gomez with a question.

Trustee Gomez questioned if the contract needs to state anything holding the Village harmless for gross negligence?

Michael Davidoff responded that there is coverage under the contract through the school, the Village does need to have that, this contract is just allowing the Village Officer to be in the school

Mayor Solomon asked if the contract needs to state the dollar amount in the contract in regards to how much is being paid by the Village, grant etc.

Michael Davidoff responded that the breakdown is of who is paying what part of the salary is not necessary, the percentage is present for the Village's portion and that's all that is necessary.

Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the third amendment to the Water Service Interconnection Escrow Agreement for certain work pertaining to two (2) connections to the Village of Monticello Water Distribution System

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Rue. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the in- house posting of three(3) MEO positions for the Highway & Sanitation Department salary commensurate with CBA

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Weyer. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to sign the Jefferson Street Gateway Project Design Approval Request Memo in the amount of \$507,495.00

A motion was made by Trustee Gomez with a second by Trustee Weyer. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the Pace University Law School Land Use Joint Visioning Session with the Village, Town of Thompson & County

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Gomez. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the Settlement of the Direct Energy Lawsuit in the sum of \$150,000.00 payable in three installments, the first at the end of October 2015, the second at the end of November 2015 and the last payment and the end of December 2015 which will constitute payment in full for all sums due Direct Energy from the Village of Monticello and upon such payment the lawsuit will be settled and discontinued, and the Village Board hereby authorizes the Village Manager and Drew, Davidoff & Edwards Law Offices, LLP by Michael Davidoff, Esq., counsel to the Village of Monticello, to execute the a Stipulation of Settlement as well as any other documents necessary to settle the lawsuit on behalf of the Village of Monticello

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

Adjournment

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A motion was made by Trustee Bennett with a second by Trustee Weyer to close the meeting at 6:25pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janine Gandy".

Janine Gandy, Village Clerk