

## Minutes

Board of Trustees

Village of Monticello

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016

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

### **Motion to accept the agenda**

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

### **Approval of Minutes from the February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting**

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

### **Mayors Report**

Mayor Solomon thanked Deputy Mayor Bennet and the Villager for staying on top of and handling the Monticello Meadow's heating issues.

He also spoke regarding the "Ban the Box" campaign allowing individuals with prior convictions to be given a fair employment opportunity without any prejudice. He stated that he would like the Village Special Council to put something together for the Board to review at the next Board meeting.

### **Managers' Report**

The initial meeting toward the reorganization of the Monticello Business Association on February 25<sup>th</sup> was well attended and received. A second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,

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March 16, 2016 at 6:30 PM once again at Albella's Restaurant. We hope to begin formal organization steps and the formation of subcommittees. If you know of a business person in or around the village, please invite them to join us.

Insurance adjusters have come to inspect the old firehouse area that was damaged due to a broken primary fire suppression system water line. Asbestos was found in the area and must be appropriately abated. Until further notice, the entire area has been isolated and no employees should enter or exit.

As you are aware, I have been dealing with numerous tenant complaints at Monticello Meadows (formerly Shaker Heights and Carriage House). On Friday, I issued 65 instances of failure to provide heat or hot water to tenants in what is called the "91" building. Owners/management are due to appear in Village Court. In addition, I have asked the code enforcement officer to issue several violations at the Woodland Villa complex (formerly Moon Manor Apts.). As a result of what I see as unresponsive management and ownership at several village rentals, I have requested both English and Spanish versions of the NYS Tenants Rights Guide put out by the NYS Attorney General's Office to be able to hand out to rental tenants. My hope is to rid the village of slumlords and substandard properties.

At approximately 2:30 AM this morning, the brick façade on what was formerly Glenn Smith's Engineering Office (to the left of Salt & Pepper) collapsed onto the sidewalk, with some debris going out onto Broadway. Thankfully, no one was injured as a result. First thing this morning I instructed Village DPW to clean up the debris. The property owner will be billed for the removal as well as for damage to the sidewalk. Because of this, I will have the code enforcement officer regularly walking Broadway to look for potential issues that could represent a public safety hazard. I also walked Broadway this morning taking notes on issues and will be having the CEO issuing violations.

The Highway Superintendent, Jim Steinberg, has also ordered additional handicapped parking space sign and two (2) hour parking signs for the Ted Stroebele Center, so that there is more accessible parking for our senior's. We are also looking at adding additional dedicated parking in the municipal lot behind the building.

**Charles Degliomini -Montrain Resorts & Casino's**

Charles Degliomini, Executive Vice President of Empire Resorts Incorporated was present speaking about the Montrain Casino project taking place and the opportunities that will be available for the Village and the residents.

**Alan Weir-Latino Alliance Cultural Festival**

Alan Weir, Latino Alliance of Sullivan County was present. He spoke to the Board asking for their approval to host a Latino Alliance Cultural Festival on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from either

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12noon -5pm or 1pm-6pm. He has already spoke with the local business owners that are willing to participate in the event and he is looking for approval from the Village.

A motion was passed by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett approving the date of Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

**Resolution authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$647,681.93**

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

**Resolution authorizing Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year ending July 2016**

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

**Resolution authorizing the posting of a Laborers position in the Highway Department, salary commensurate with CBA**

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

**Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Pipe Locator for the Water Department in the amount of \$3,900.00 from Mitchell Instrument Co Inc. from app# F.8340.234. Current account balance is \$5,006.46**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to the Delaware River Basin Commission in the amount of \$2,500.00 for the DRBC Water Docket Application and late fee from app#F.8310.414. Current account balance is \$3,971.01 after budget transfers**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to Joe Johnson Equipment in the amount of \$4,665.26 for the Sewer Department & Water Departments Vac-All Truck Cyclone Cylinder from app#G.8120.233. Current account balance is \$1,247.36**

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

**Resolution authorizing the purchase of two power Flashing Chevrons for West Broadway at the top and the bottom of each curve from Tenco Corp in the amount of \$2,960.00 each for a total of \$5,920.00 from app#A.1620.202. Current account balance after budget transfers is \$6,423.68**

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

**Resolution authorizing Dustless Blasting to Sand Blast new truck#9 dump body and frame in the amount of \$2,000.00 from app#A.1640.421. Current account balance is \$15,612.60**

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

**Resolution authorizing 52 Automotive to paint new truck #9 from green to orange in the amount of \$4,500.00 from app#1640.421. Current account balance is \$11,562.60**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$25,010.32 for the Village's Foreclosure proceedings**

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

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Village Board Meeting**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Gomez rescheduling the meeting to Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at 5:30pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

**Executive Session (if necessary)**

A motion was made by Trustee Gomez with a second by Trustee Bennett to go into Executive Session at 6:32pm to discuss the following:

*Litigation*

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

A motion was made by Trustee Bennett with a second by Trustee Gomez to come out of Executive Session at 6:40pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

**Gold Tax Settlement**

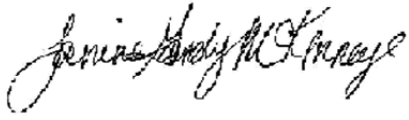
A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett authorizing the settlement of the above mention in the amount of \$322.45 which is the Tax Search fee and Penalties incurred in the foreclosure proceedings. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Bennett to close the meeting at 6:45pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

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Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janine Gandy-McKinney". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

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Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk