

Minutes

Board of Trustees

Village of Monticello

April 19th, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

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

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Solomon-Present

Trustee Weyer-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Lymon-Present

Trustee Nikolados-Present

Also Present:

David Sager, Village Manager

Michael Davidoff, Special Council

Melissa DeMarmels, Village Treasurer

Chief Mir, Police Department

Phil Klemen-Water & Sewer Department

Motion to accept the agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Lymon with the following additions:

1. Resolution authorizing the contract between Jesse York and the Village of Monticello for the use of the Ted Stroebele building
2. Resolution of support for the Rural Business Development Grant (RDBG) Application

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

Approval of Minutes from the April 5th, 2016 meeting

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

Mayors Report

Mayor Solomon stated the he and Trustee Nikolados attended the NAACP Dinner on April 9th, 2016 at the new restaurant Solaria. The Mayor stated that it was a very nice event and they had a great time.

Manager's Report

The Village Manager, David Sager reported that the Village's Annual Litter Pluck will be this upcoming weekend, Saturday, April 23rd and Sunday, the 24th. He hopes to get a good turn-out of Village residents to get the Village clean and feels that this will be a nice way to move forward with the upcoming events planned for the community. He spoke with some of the local organizations and is looking forward to speaking to more this week to get them on Board to assist in the Litter Pluck.

On Monday, April 25th, 2016 from 2-4pm there will be a Municipal forum at the Sullivan County Renaissance. The Mayor of Ithaca, Svante Myrick, will be a keynote speaker along with Wade Beltramo from NYCOM. He asked the Board for their support and attendance at this event.

Lastly, the Treasurer passed out the "request list" to the Department Heads for the 2017 budget. May 21st, Tentative Budget deadline and we would like to meet that deadline. Budget Workshops will need to be set up and we would like to have at least 3 workshops between May 21st and our second meeting in June because we need to adopt the final budget on or before July 1st, 2016.

Department Head Reports

Discussion- Jefferson Street Gateway Project

The Village Manager made the Board aware that the bids came in much higher than what was anticipated. Jim and I met with Peter Christiano from B & L during the week and we were looking at ways to maybe scale the project down and or complete it in phases, but before any of that is determined, we are waiting to hear from the State regarding the possibility of more funding or how we would go about receiving more funding if it becomes available. The Village may want to look at additional loans or bonds to complete the entire project if it is not the desire of the Board to complete it in phases with the current monies that we were already awarded. It will more than likely have to be rebid because the initial bids did come in much higher than what was anticipated. The Board needs to make some decisions on how they want to move forward with this project.

Presentation-Sean Wall-Carty-Center for Discovery

Sean Wall-Carty, Human Resources Director for the Center for Discovery was present to talk about the different employment opportunities available at the Center for Discovery.

Resolution authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$140,733.20

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

Resolution authorizing Budget Transfers ending Fiscal Year July 2016

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

Resolution authorizing the emergency purchase of a HOMA Pump for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$11,475.00 from app#G.8120.233 from R & R Pump & Control Services. Current account balance after purchase is \$1,987.38

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 USDA for E in the amount of \$285,271.43

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 payment to NYSHIP for the Village employee's health insurance in the amount of \$181,486.30 for the month of May 2016 from the various funds, Water, Sewer, Sanitation & General as listed

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

Resolution authorizing the purchase of 3 Dell OptiPlex Computers with monitors in the amount of \$1,037.48 each to be paid from the various funds as listed

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

Resolution authorizing the installation of a crosswalk at the intersection of St. John Street and Bedford Avenue as requested by BOCES

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

Resolution authorizing the installation of "No Parking" signs on the Southside of Fulton Street from Lakewood to York Avenue

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a questions and second by Trustee Lymon.

Trustee Rue asked exactly where are the "No Parking" signs going?

Mr. Sager responded that the signs will be going south from Lakewood Avenue down to York Avenue.

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

Resolution awarding the Traffic Light bid for the intersection of East Broadway, Richardson Avenue & Fraser Avenue to Ray Pantel Inc. in the amount of \$247,000.00 from app#A.1640.202 after budget transfer

4/19/16-VOM Village Board Meeting-

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a question and a second by Trustee Lymon with a question.

Trustee Rue asked where will be getting the money from to pay for this because there is currently no money available in the line to pay for this. There were only two bids and I don't know if we can award a bid without three bids. Are we going after their insurance and shouldn't their insurance pay for it?

Mr. Davidoff stated that everything has already been filed with the insurance companies and right now they are fighting about who is the responsible party. The Village's insurance policy doesn't cover this, so we are stuck with the parties that are fighting. We may end up having to file a suit against our own insured.

Trustee Lymon also stated her concerns regarding there not being money available to pay for it and we owe it to the taxpayers to not spend money that we do not have. She stated that there is not information and she doesn't feel comfortable moving forward on this until we hear from the insurance companies. She also asked if the project could be rebid out to get more bids in.

The Village Clerk responded that this is a time-sensitive matter and that even if we did reject the bids and go back out to bid, we'd still more than likely get the same results. Not every bidder will respond. This is a specified type of work and not everyone is skilled or equipped to complete it, so the results of this type of bid are not unusual.

Mr. Sager made the Board aware that this is a matter of the safety and welfare of the Village residents. The summer is quickly approaching us and we had a deadline line set for June and with the influx of summer residents that we get especially on that end of Broadway, I think that we are looking for disaster. I was almost hit the other day making a right onto Broadway from Richardson Avenue and I was in the right. That is a dangerous area and will become more dangerous and time passes due to the influx of summer residents.

Trustee Nikolados also expressed that he was also almost hit by a car doing the same thing. That is a dangerous and it will only get worse once summer hits us.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Solomon-yea

Trustee Weyer-yea

Trustee Rue-abstain

Trustee Lymon-abstain

Trustee Nikolados-yea

Resolution authorizing the 2016 Spring Clean-Up for the Village. Date to be set for Saturday, May 14th thru Saturday, May 21st, 2016. Senior pick-up to begin on Monday, May 16th, 2016 at 8:00am

4/19/16-VOM Village Board Meeting-

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 Village Manager to hire Thomas J. Brawley as the full-time Code Enforcement Officer at his current salary and authorizing benefit time as allotted to all Department Heads in the Village of Monticello

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with question and a second by Trustee Lymon.

Trustee Rue asked if we have enough money in the budget to continue to pay him due to the fact that we are still paying Mr. Snowden a full salary with benefits.

Mr. Sager responded that we have been doing it for the last two years and the only thing that would be added on is health benefits, which Mr. Brawly should get. He is and has been doing the job for the last two years and should be treated just like all of the other department heads.

Trustee Lymon stated that she agrees that Mr. Brawly should be treated as all of the other department heads but her concern is what's going on with Mr. Snowden and that she feels that issue should be resolved before we move forward with hiring Mr. Brawley. She stated that she understands that he has been doing the job, but is also concerned if the Village can afford to keep paying both full-time positions.

Mr. Sager responded that he also would like a remedy to the situation with Mr. Snowden, but it is in the hands of the DA and beyond his control and is a very sensitive issue that he cannot speak on in public but will look into and give the Board an answer.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

- Mayor Solomon-yea
- Trustee Weyer-yea
- Trustee Rue-abstain
- Trustee Lymon-yea
- Trustee Nikolados-yea

Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to sign the engagement letter with the Village auditors, Cooper, Arias, LLP

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

Resolution regarding the Procurement of all Goods and Services by the Departments of the Village of Monticello

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

Resolution adopting Investment Policy for the Village of Monticello

4/19/16-VOM Village Board Meeting-

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

Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to sign the new School Resource Officer Extension Agreement with the Monticello School District

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

Resolution authorizing going out to bid for the demolition of 103 Jefferson Street. Bid opening date to be set for Thursday, May 26th, 2016 at 2:00pm

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Barton & Loguidice for the Aerial Photography in the amount of \$9,200.00 to be paid from the USDA

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

Resolution authorizing the contract between Jesse York and the Village of Monticello for the use of the Ted Stroebele building for his Boxing Program

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

Resolution of support for the Rural Business Development Grant (RDBG) Application

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

There was no Executive Session

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Lymon to close the meeting at 6:40pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk