

Meeting Minutes

Board of Trustees

Village of Monticello

Tuesday, September 19th, 2017

5:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

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

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

Department Heads

Motion to accept the agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Lymon with a second by Trustee Nikolados to accept the agenda. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Approval of Minutes from the September 5th, 2017 meeting

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

Mayors Report

Assembly Woman Aileen Gunther and Denise Frangipane was present and presented the Village with the \$250,000.00 check for winning the Golden Feather Award from Sullivan Renaissance.

Manager's Report

Work is continuing on the west Broadway Stand tank installing prefab concrete sections, the project is moving and on schedule. If anyone want to go up there and see, please let us know and we can make it possible, dress just has to be appropriate. The Payroll Clerk gave notice and we are in the process of canvassing. In the meantime we have done cross training and Sandy Burke from the Building Dept will be handling that.

Resolution authorizing the payment of bill's in the amount of \$65,215.59 for Fiscal Year ending July 31, 2017 and \$126,210.58 for the 2018 Fiscal Year

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Lymon. Upon the call of the

roll, all were in favor.

Resolution awarding the Annual Water & Sewer Bids to the Lowest Bidders for fiscal year 2017/2018

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

Resolution awarding the RFP for Special Inspections associated with the WQIP Waste water Disinfection Improvements Project to Atlantic Testing Laboratories, LTD and authorizing the execution of the Contract

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

Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Muffle Furnace Model# FB1415M for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$1,459.00 from North Central Lab from app#G.8130.419. Account balance after purchase is \$12,541.00

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

Resolution authorizing payment to the Monticello Greenhouse in the amount of \$1,811.80 for Planters and Blooming Plants from app#A.8692.402

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

Resolution authorizing payment to M&T Bank in the amount of \$12,363.71 for the Police Department's Dodge Ram Truck Installment payment to be paid from app#A.9785.600=\$11,512.76 and A.9785.700=\$850.95. Current account balances are \$24,231.98 & \$1,411.79 respectively

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

Resolution authorizing payment to the Monticello Central School District in the amount of \$24,102.80 from app#1950.400. Current account balance is \$20,000.00, additional funds will be paid from the Fund Balance

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a comment and a second by Trustee Weyer.

Trustee Rue commented that in looking at all of the properties listed here, some of these are the ones that were taken out of the auction and now we have to pay the taxes on them for the school, town and County. Now, any monies received from the auction is going to go right back out to pay all of these taxes, so we are not gaining anything in holding on to these properties. I also see that some of these properties say "new year, land bank" and I don't believe that we ever voted here to give any of these properties to the land bank including 504 Broadway and I just want to make that clear for the record. When the next auction comes, I think we need to be very careful because now we are stuck paying the taxes on these properties. But, if these properties had went into the auction, a lot of them would have sold and we would've got what it was sold for and the taxes, now we have to pay the taxes and also the County for the cost of

them doing the auction, so whatever we get from the auction profits will all go to pay the School, Town and County taxes, plus the auction fee's, so there is no gain for the Village.

Trustee Weyer stated aren't a lot of them vacant properties, I'm not understanding, I know that some of them we pulled, I'm just curious, is this something you can talk to the school about

Mrs. Sager responded, I can reach out to the school, I don't know why, but there is the strange rule, but in the first three years and in the tax year that the deed is taken, there is an abatement of taxes for the County and Town. I don't know why that doesn't follow through for the school, with these parcels that the Board has taken, I would hope that they have some direction on what they want to do with them by next year. Any properties that are to go to the Land Bank, the way the Land Bank is set up is that those properties will be excluded from those taxes and there are other decisions that need to be made. We are not going to be paying the County and Town taxes, however the school, I don't know why they don't apply the same rule of the three year grace period essentially giving the municipality time to decide what they want to do with the properties.

Trustee Rue commented that in the past, we have paid taxes to the County and Town, that's why we sold the properties, so that we didn't keep have to keep paying for them.

Trustee Lymon asked can we table it.

The Village Treasurer interjected that if you don't pay it by the 30th, you will be paying penalties.

Trustee Weyer stated I think we should table it and at least reach out to the school and have a conversation with them, I mean these are left over parcels that no one wants and vacant lots that no one wants so something has to be done with them.

Trustee Rue stated that not all of them are vacant lots, my point is also, 504 Broadway is \$7,325.00 in taxes to the school, plus it says new this year, land Bank, we never voted to put it into the Land Bank, but it's there in print.

Mr. Sager responded, I can reach out to the school, but you will probably have to have a Special Meeting to get these taken care of sometime before the 30th to avoid the penalties.

Trustee Lymon stated that she thinks it's worth a conversation with the school and should be tabled and if a special meeting is needed to just call it.

A motion was made by Trustee Lymon with a second by Trustee Rue to Table this resolution. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Solomon-Yea

Deputy Mayor Weyer-Nay

Trustee Rue-Yea

Trustee Lymon-Yea

Trustee Nikolados-Yea

Resolution authorizing payment to the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$31,575.33 from app#A.1235

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

Trustee Weyer stated that they are expensive, but didn't the County do our foreclosure and get money already from it and pay us back or do they not deduct this from what they have to pay us?

Mr. Sager responded that it is always separate. You pay for the one and then they remit you a check for the other.

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

Resolution authorizing the Village to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the County of Sullivan for the Annual Tax Foreclosure proceedings

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

Mr. Sager stated that they County wants to know who is interested in utilizing their services, this resolution is not entering us into an IMA, but they want to know if we are interested in utilizing them for the tax foreclosure cycle and from that they would prepare an IMA that would come back to the Board for review and approval.

Mr. Baum stated that you cannot approve the resolution the way it is currently written, the resolution should read:

Resolution of the Village Board of Trustees authorizing the Intent to enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the County of Sullivan for the Annual Tax Foreclosure proceedings

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

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Rue to go into Executive Session at 6:16pm to discuss the following:

*Possible Sale of Property
Personnel*

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

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Weyer to come out of Executive Session at 6:32pm. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Solomon-Yea
Deputy Mayor Weyer-Yea
Trustee Rue-Yea
Trustee Lymon-Absent
Trustee Nikolados-Yea

Resolution Authorizing Appraisals

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Nikolados authorizing Commercial Appraisals not to exceed \$3,500.00. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Solomon-Yea
Deputy Mayor Weyer-Yea
Trustee Rue-Yea
Trustee Lymon-Absent
Trustee Nikolados-Yea

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Weyer to close the meeting at 6:33pm. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Solomon-Yea
Deputy Mayor Weyer-Yea
Trustee Rue-Yea
Trustee Lymon-Absent
Trustee Nikolados-Yea

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk