

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Tuesday, December 18th, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Sommers

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Sommers-Present

Trustee Nikolados-Absent

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Sabatino-Present

Also Present: Michael Davidoff, Village Special Council

Motion to accept the agenda

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

1. Resolution waving penalties for in the amount of \$378.00 for Sherif Ebrahim, SBL#111.-7-3 for a utility bill
2. Resolution waiving the penalty and interest on the Village of Monticello Utility Bill mailed December 2018 due January 31, 2019
3. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$86,135.64
4. Resolution rescinding the resolution of December 4, 2018 which authorized the Village Clerk Full Access to ADP Payroll Systems & Software Applications
5. Resolution appointing John Terry as an Assistant Code Enforcement Officer in the Building Department at a salary of \$17.00 an hour

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

Approval of minutes from the December 4th, 2018 meeting

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

Mayor/Manager Report

Mayor Sommers stated that he is well aware of all of the issues with the water bills that were

recently mailed out. He stated that there was a problem with the software and some people were double-billed, others were not billed at all. This billing is for 5-months, he made the executive decision to extend the due date and they will also be extending the penalty period. This hopefully will help the residents so that our water bills and tax bills do not come out at the same time. He stated that the Village should have done a test run on one section of the Village to see how everything worked before the new meters were installed in the entire Village. He apologized for the uproar that it has caused and stated that the Village will be looking at all of the bills of those that desire and make the necessary adjustments. The Mayor then turned the floor over to the Supervisor of the Water Department, Mr. Brodowsky.

Richard (Chuck) Brodowsky, the Working Supervisor over the Water Department stated that the Mayor is correct, there was a problem with the software and all of the data did not transfer over like it was supposed to. They are working diligently to fix the issue, but as of right now, that is the problem. He admonished anyone who thinks that they were billed incorrectly or overbilled, please contact him at the water department and they will look at each case individually and go from there.

The following Village residents spoke out about their water bill:

- TC Hutchins
- Valerie Morrison
- Sonya Powell
- Evette Tate

Trustee Rue stated that she spoke with Jaime, the Account Clerk in the Water Department and what Chuck is saying is correct, there was a problem with the software. She stated that she also spoke with the State and it is important that the Village pass a resolution due to the extensive billing period and due date of these new water bills because the Village will be missing the opportunity to collect penalties on these bills that are normally due in December, so something needs to be on record justifying this.

Resolution waiving the penalty and interest on the Village of Monticello Utility Bill mailed December 2018 due January 31, 2019

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

Presentation-FUSCO Engineering

There was a presentation from Alfred Fusco of FUSCO Engineering. They are offering to come in and assist with the Building Department in regards to the Rental and Fire Inspections.

Discussion-January 2019 Village Board Meeting Schedule

Mayor Sommers stated that due to the fact the first regular Village Board meeting will fall on the 1st of January, the Board needs to reschedule that meeting until the following week.

A motion was made setting the first meeting of the Village Board to Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 at 6:30pm and the regularly scheduled meeting will convene on the 15th of January. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution authorizing payment to Monticello Home & Garden in the amount of \$1,535.04 for the purchase of Calcium Pellets from app#.A.5142.469. Current account balance is \$2,500.00

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

Resolution authorizing the Advertising of Sealed Bids for the Removal of a Structure at 103 Jefferson Street

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

Trustee Rue asked why are we voting this and what is it about? She stated that she spoke with Jacob Billig and they were interested in purchasing this property and that the Village should maybe speak with Mr. Billig before we move forward with this resolution. Why should we incur the cost if we do not have to?

Michael Davidoff, the Village Special Council, stated that he has had several talks with Mr. Billig and the deal fell through. The owners of the property passed away and now the children own it and want a lot more money than what the property is worth and more than what Mr. Billigs’ clients are willing to offer. This resolution is only to put it back out to bid, just as before, we are not obligated to accept the bids, so the only cost that we will incur is the newspaper ad and Glenn’s fees, which I think is worth it. No matter what, these buildings must come down, they have already been declared unsafe and have asbestos, so it will not hurt us to go back out to bid and if they come in too high like before, then we can reject them again.

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

Resolution to Adopt a Sexual Harassment Policy and Model for Training

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Peak Power Systems(Sole Source Provider) in the amount of \$4,877.50 for the Generator Service Maintenance Contract for the Sewer Department from app#G.8120.233. Current account balance is \$50,000.00

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Transaxle in the amount of \$1,263.79 from app#CL.8160.421 for Truck#7 for the Highway Department. Current account balance is \$13,539.26

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

Resolution authorizing a six (6) month billing period for Sewer and Sanitation for the owners of 125 Forestburgh Road aka SBL#114.-11-8, Alfredo Salamanca

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

Trustee Rue asked shouldn’t this property be annexed into the Village, I thought we passed a

local law stating that.

Mr. Davidoff responded that this property only has sewer and sanitation. They have a well and cannot connect to the Village and there is only one other property like this also on this road, so because we cannot read the meter quarterly because there isn't one, we can bill them for sewer and sanitation and they asked if can be twice a year, and that's how this resolution came about.

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

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Barton & Loguidice, DPC for professional Engineering Services relating to the roof replacement project at the Ted Stroebele Community Center

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Sommers-yea

Trustee Nikolados-absent

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Massey-nay

Trustee Sabatino-yea

Resolution waving penalties for in the amount of \$378.00 for Sherif Ebrahim, SBL#111.-7-3 for a utility bill

Withdrawn

Resolution authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$86,135.64

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

Resolution rescinding the resolution of December 4, 2018 which authorized the Village Clerk Full Access to ADP Payroll Systems & Software Applications

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Sabatino.

Trustee Rue commented that this is bizarre. Why is this back on the agenda if the Board already voted it. This is a recommendation from the State as it was stated in the last meeting and the Clerk has always been the backup person. She does the Personnel and needs access to the payroll to do that. We have never had any problems with the Clerk having access to payroll and I do not why there is a problem now. I am not voting for this. Mr. Lasher is just the Village Treasurer and he has no power or authority over the Board, the Board has the final say and we have already voted. I don't understand why this is back on here.

The Village Clerk asked Mayor Sommers for a chance to speak and she was granted.

Mrs. McKinney stated that she does all of the Personnel, Worker's Compensation, Civil Service and new employee entry into the payroll system and without access or limited access as Mr. Lasher desires, none of these functions can be done. If the Board chooses to move forward

with this resolution, I am willing to give up my keys and all of the Personnel functions will become the responsibility of the Treasurer effective January 1, 2019 and he can barely do his job in Treasury now, plus with all of the other added responsibilities that come along with those functions. Mr. Lasher continues to lie and spread accusations about me that are not true and it is being allowed by the Board. He continues to try to cover up what he is not doing by blaming everyone else for his mistakes, that's why he is no longer at the Town, because he did such a *great* job out there. This is wrong and the Board is allowing it to go on.

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Sabatino to Table this resolution until all of the Board members are present. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Sommers-yea

Trustee Nikolados-absent

Trustee Rue-abstain

Trustee Massey-yea

Trustee Sabatino-yea

Resolution appointing John Terry as an Assistant Code Enforcement Officer in the Building Department at a salary of \$17.00 an hour

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Sommers-yea

Trustee Nikolados-absent

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Massey-nay

Trustee Sabatino-yea

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue to into Executive Session at 7:59pm to discuss the following:

Personnel

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

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino to come out of Executive Session at 8:40. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino establishing the position of Working Supervisor in the Village of Monticello Water Department and setting the salary at \$75,000.00. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino establishing the position of Working Supervisor in the Village of Monticello Sewer Department and setting the salary at \$75,000.00. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino to close the meeting at 8:42pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janine Gandy-McKinney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk