

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Tuesday, August 7th, 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 Rue-Present

Trustee Nikolados-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 Massey with a second by Trustee Sabatino to accept the agenda with the following add-ons and omissions:

Add-Ons:

1. Resolution authorizing the Village of Monticello accept the proposal of Luzon Environmental Services for the removal of Underground Storage Tank#A05 as required by DEC Consent Order
2. Resolution authorizing the Village of Monticello to accept the DEC Order on Consent for the Underground Tanks (NYSDEC Case#R3-20180604-109)
3. Resolution of the Village of Monticello Board of Trustees for 426 Broadway–Empire State Development Corporation Restore NY Grant
4. Resolution authorizing the Village of Monticello to transfer property to the Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation as listed
5. Resolution authorizing the Justice Court to apply for the 2018/2019 JCAP Grant and to go out to bid for renovations to the Justice Court as listed

Omissions:

1. Agenda item #11- Resolution authorizing payment for Hospital Hill Insertion Valve Installation as part of the Water System Improvements Contract 2 Hospital Hill Tank Replacement Project

2. Agenda item #15- Resolution authorizing the Water Storage Improvements Project Expenses Payment. Amount Above the Limit of Payment Requisition 6

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

Approval of Minutes from the July 10th, 12th, 27th, & 31st, 2018 meetings

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

Mayor Sommers-yea
Trustee Nikolados-abstain
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-yea
Trustee Sabatino-yea

Mayor/Manager Report

Mayor Sommers reported that he met with the Seniors regarding the Senior Games. They discussed how the Village will be able to assist them with setting up the games and the Village's continued support of the Seniors within Sullivan County.

There will be Sprinkler Park on Saturday, August 25th, 2018 being hosted by the County Planning Department and the Village. He stated that he is excited about this community even and hopes that it's something that can happen weekly throughout the rest of this Summer and going forward in the years to come. He asked to Village Clerk to write a letter to the Monticello Joint Fire District asking if they can have a fire truck present for the kids to explore.

He stated that lastly he's been approached about the speed limit on Cottage Street. Residents are asking if speed bumps can be added to slow the driver's down, there are a lot of children on this street along with other Village streets, but this one in particular is an issue. Mayor Sommers asked for the support of the Board in changing the speed limit on Cottage Street.

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

Village Special Council, Michael Davidoff, stated that this has to be one via local law and that the Board should look at all of the streets that they would like to make the speed limit change to and adopt them all at once.

Highway Superintendent, Shawn McMichael stated that the Village also needs to reach out to the NYS DOT and have a study done, that would determine the appropriate speed for Cottage street and any other Village Street. The same problem is on Fulton Street with the speeding and parking.

Trustee Massey stated that she remembers the Board passing a resolution regarding Fulton Street for the parking and that needs to be enforced because that street also has a lot of

children and gets a lot of foot traffic and it's dangerous especially at the corner.

Mayor Sommers agreed with Trustee Massey regarding Fulton Street and asked the Clerk to locate the resolution that was passed so that it could be enforced.

Resolution authorizing the Village of Monticello accept the proposal of Luzon Environmental Services for the removal of Underground Storage Tank#A05 as required by DEC Consent Order

Mr. Davidoff stated that we met with the DEC on yesterday and a few weeks ago, the Board passed a resolution regarding the moving of one of the Underground Fuel Storage Tanks, now they have come back and are requiring that the other tank also be removed, the cost will be \$5,600.00 and the removal of this additional tank will clear us with the DEC and we will not receive any additional fines and the tanks will be located above ground.

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 Village of Monticello to accept the DEC Order on Consent for the Underground Tanks (NYSDEC Case#R3-20180604-109)

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

Resolution of the Village of Monticello Board of Trustees for 426 Broadway–Empire State Development Corporation Restore NY Grant

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

Mayor Sommers stated that they spoke with ESDC and they are willing to re-open this. He stated that this resolution is showing the State that we are still interested in going forward with the project. We also want the numbers corrected because of the errors that were made by those prior.

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

Resolution authorizing the Justice Court to apply for the 2018/2019 JCAP Grant and to go out to bid for renovations to the Justice Court as listed

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

Ken Schmidt-Diversified Corporate Services

Mr. Schmidt gave a presentation to the Board and Public regarding a Solar Energy Savings program.

Cornell Co-Op-Wanda Cruz-Safe Streets

Wanda Cruz from Cornell Co-Operative was present and spoke regarding the progress of the Safe Streets Committee. She stated that she has been working with Trustee Nikolados and the Highway Superintendent regarding a Cross-Walk project that will involve the school children.

She would like to reach out to the school district and have the children help with painting the cross-walks around the school's being that we have a population of children that walk especially around the high and middle schools, with the Village's support, she will reach out to the schools.

Discussion-Energy Savings Group

Representatives were present from Energy Savings Group; they are still waiting for a decision from the Board in regards to moving forward with their proposal. They stated that they are available to answer any questions and address any concerns that the Board members and new members may have.

Mayor Sommers advised the new Board members to set aside time to discuss their concerns with them so that the Board can come to a final decision.

Discussion-CFA North Street Commons Plaza

Freida Eischenberg, Director from the SC Planning Division was present and stated that the project is moving forward and they are in need of the Village's support to keep pushing ahead. There will be a financial contribution needed from the Village, but they are not at that point right now. The Sprinkler Park taking place on the 25th of this month is part of this project and if all goes well, they will be able to take the next steps in making this area a community "park" for the residents of Monticello, a daycare will be going in the old VFW Building, the Read it Again Bookstore is currently in one of the lots directly across the street from the Government Center, we have the Senior housing development, we are also looking to possibly bring back the basketball courts, so there will be a lot of community based activity going on in that area.

Closing of the Grow the Gateway Public Hearing

Mrs. Eischenberg also spoke regarding this project. She stated that a joint public hearing was held in late May regarding the Gateway Project, where a few of the main entry exits into the Village and by the new Casino were selected to make more appealing and attractive to draw attention to the Village. An entire presentation was done which laid out a plan and guidelines that were set and followed. Also there was a lot of public input due to open presentations being held at the new Library on Broadway. The Town of Thompson adopted their resolution a few nights after that, the Village never closed their hearing and adopted the resolution which is what is being done tonight.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados to close the Public Hearing at 7:50pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Rue to adopt the Plan and Specified Guideline of the Grow the Gateway Project as presented. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution authorizing payment to Schmidt's Wholesale in the amount of \$4,993.00 from

app#CD.8397.233 for the Water Meter Project

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

Resolution authorizing the purchase of 6 cases of Ammunition from Atlantic Tactical in the amount of \$2,174.70 from app#A.3120.431 from the NRA Grant

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Campbell Freightliner of Orange County LLC for the emergency repairs to Highway Truck#5 in the amount of \$1,786.20 from app#A.1640.421. Current account balance is \$5,253.72

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

Resolution approving the eligible project expenses and authorizing the Village Mayor to execute the request for the release of funds #5, and authorizing the Village Treasurer to issue payment Upon receipt of funds for the Meter Replacement Project in the Village paid through the CDBG program

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 payment to Kerber Electric in the amount of \$2,773.74 for various invoices as attached from app#F.8320.421. Current account balance is \$5,158.91

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 Village of Monticello to transfer property to the Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation as listed

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados to discuss this.

There was a discussion of the Board and Mrs. Eischenberg regarding the transfer of the properties in foreclosure.

Mr. Davidoff advised the Board to let the current properties that are listed on the foreclosure remain there and go through that process and see what the outcome is. If the properties do not sell, then the Board can make a decision from there of what they would like to do, but for now, we need to continue with the current foreclosure process.

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

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue to go into an Executive Session for Personnel at 8:25pm to discuss the following:

Personnel

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

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Rue to come out of Executive Session at 8:55pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Motions

Mileage for Code Enforcement Officer

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue to pay the Code Enforcement Officer for mileage to and from work related calls only at the IRS rate. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Extra Pay for the Life Guard

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Nikolados to pay the Village Life Guard for one (1) extra hour per day, for a total of five (5) extra hours per week. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Payout for Account Clerk Jaime Noeller

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Nikolados to pay Account Clerk, Jaime Noeller, \$100.00 to solve a Union Grievance. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Mayor Sommers stated that the Village Clerk's issue is being discussed by the Board and will be handled at the next meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Nikolados to close the meeting at 8:55pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk