

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019

6:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Mayor Sommers

Pledge to the Flag

Moment of Silence

Moment of Silence for the slain Police Officer in Houston Texas, Sandeep Dhaliwal and also those soldiers that died on this day in the WWII crash in Connecticut.

Mayor Sommers stated that he gave the Chief a memo stating that the Village flag be raised at half mass upon the notification of any officer dying or loses his life in the line of duty.

Roll Call

Mayor Sommers-Present

Trustee Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Massey-Absent

Trustee Sabatino-Present

Also Present: Michael Davidoff, Village Special Council
Gary Lasher, Village Treasurer

Motion to accept the agenda

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

1. Resolution authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$11,795.00 for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2019 and for \$457,082.75 for fiscal year ending July 31, 2020
2. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a new Stihl Cutquick Saw from Montague Tool & Supply in the amount of \$1,034.56 from app#A.5110.228. Current account balance is \$7,500.00

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

Mayor Sommers-yea

Trustee Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Massey-absent

Trustee Sabatino-yea

Approval of minutes from the September 18th, 2019 Village Board meeting

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

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

Mayor/Manager Report

The County has received a possible grant to develop and Industrial Park at the old Apollo Mall sight. It will be a shovel ready industrial park, which I think will be good for the Village along with a grant for Daycare, which I feel that both work hand in hand. If we can get people out to work and provide a safe place for their children, it's a win-win. I would also like to take a moment and thank the County for now providing transportation for residents throughout the County. This is also a great thing because not only will our residents have a place to work at or at least be able to get to training facilities, they will have proper daycare and transportation to get there, so if all goes forward, we are definitely headed in the right direction.

Presentation-Stephanie Brown Deputy Assistant County Manager-Painting of Sidewalks Surrounding the Government Center

The Village received a Complete Streets grant a while back and was working with Wanda Cruz from Cornell Cooperative Extension, this is part of that initiative and one of my jobs at the County as the Wellness Coordinator. We would like to make a walking path of footsteps around the Government Center for its employees and visitors. We have been working to get walking paths cleared and reconstructed throughout different places around the County and at our facilities. We are also looking to do this at our Liberty Complex and have already had trails and paths re-established up there to encourage health and wellness. We are working diligently to make the employees and visitors of these facilities aware that being active throughout the work day and day period is important, getting that heart rate up is important to keep the body healthy. We will be using street paint that is reflective and non-slip to ensure the safety and wellness of those utilizing the path.

The following resolution was presented to the Board:

On Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019, a presentation was made to the Village of Monticello Board by the Assistant Deputy County Manager and Corporate Compliance Officer, Stephanie Brown, in regards to a Walking path being painted around the Sullivan County Government Center located at 100 North Street in the Village to encourage physical activity for employees and visitors, and

Whereas, annexed hereto is a copy of the e-mail containing such request as well as the material that will be utilized,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello

does hereby approve the walking path around the Government Center, which will be painted by the Sullivan County DPW and the County will be responsible for supplying the paint.

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

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

Resolution authorizing budget transfers for Fiscal year ending July 31, 2020

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

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

Resolution setting a Public Hearing date for Wednesday, October 16th, 2019 at 6:00pm for Local Law #7 of 2019 to repeal section 105-4(B)(4) of the Village Code which provides for an exemption from requiring a building permit for, "Installation of fences which are not part of an enclosure surrounding a swimming pool" so that chapter 142 Fences, of the Village of Monticello Code applies to all fences

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

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

Resolution declaring the Village Board as Lead Agency for the Zoning Code Revision

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-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-absent
Trustee Sabatino-yea

Resolution authorizing payment to the NYS DEC for the annual SPDES Permit No.0-022454 in the amount of \$8,000.00 from app#G.8130.457-Treatment/Disposal Permit Fees. Current account balance is \$4,396.48 after expense

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

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

Resolution requesting FRB (Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments) to conduct a comprehensive review and authorizes the annexed application for review to be completed and sent and requests the Mayor to submit a letter of support of said request

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

Trustee Rue asked why is this resolution is back before the Board if the NYS Comptroller's Office is here? I read the paperwork that was submitted and it says that cities are eligible, not municipalities, we are a municipality, not a city. So, I don't know why this is here before us again.

Mayor Sommers responded that is not correct, municipalities are also eligible, we spoke with the Comptroller's Office and they made us aware that we are certainly eligible to receive funds.

Gary Lasher, the Village Treasurer also responded that the Mayor is correct, we are certainly eligible and according to the Comptroller's Office, we are the poster child for something like this. Plus there is no expenses involved.

Michael Davidoff, the Village Attorney stated that we will not lose anything, if we meet the criteria and are eligible, they can help us, even if it's just in strategies or avenues to get us in a better position, but they certainly assist with municipalities. We will lose absolutely nothing by doing this either way.

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

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Ray S. Pantel for the emergency traffic light repairs on Liberty Street in the Village of Monticello in the amount of \$3,692.50 from app#A.1620.202-Traffic Light/Signs, current account balance after expense is \$307.50

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

Mayor Sommers commented that he did make some calls and that Pantel is the only company

that does this type of work in his area and he did submit a new detailed invoice of the work and equipment which I was satisfied with.

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

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

Resolution authorizing the Justice Court to apply for the 19/20 JCAP Grant

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-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-absent
Trustee Sabatino-yea

Resolution authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$11,795.00 for the fiscal year ending July 31, 2019 and for \$457,082.75 for fiscal year ending July 31, 2020

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

Trustee Rue commented that she is abstaining from this resolution because she just saw this today and did not have time to review it. The Clerk sent everything to us on Monday and this was not part of it. So being that I just got this today, I am not voting for it. Everything needs to be given to the Clerk so that she can present it to the Board and this was not part of what she scanned in and presented to us.

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

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

Resolution authorizing the purchase of a new Stihl Cutquick Saw from Montague Tool & Supply in the amount of \$1,034.56 from app#A.5110.228 for the Highway Department. Current account balance is \$7,500.00

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

Trustee Rue commented that she will vote for this because she spoke with ray herself and this is something that is needed for his department. Ray told me that he had presented all of the quotes and they are attached, so I feel comfortable voting for this because I got the information

directly from Ray.

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

Mayor Sommers-yea

Trustee Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Massey-absent

Trustee Sabatino-yea

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Nikolados to into Executive Session at 6:19pm to discuss the following:

Personnel & Litigation

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

Mayor Sommers-yea

Trustee Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Massey-absent

Trustee Sabatino-yea

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados to come out of Executive Session at 6:48pm. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Sommers-yea

Trustee Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Massey-absent

Trustee Sabatino-yea

PBA Demand for Arbitration Resolution authorizing DDE Law Offices, LLP to commence Special Proceedings pursuant to Article 75

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-yea

Trustee Rue-abstain

Trustee Massey-absent

Trustee Sabatino-yea

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Nikolados to close the meeting at 6:50pm. 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