

Minutes Board of Trustees Meeting

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

6:00 p.m.

**Call Meeting to Order**

Mayor/Manager Gary Sommers called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

Present: Gary Sommers- Mayor

George Nikolados-Deputy Mayor

Carmen Rue- Trustee

Charlie Sabatino- Trustee

Also Present: Stacey Walker – Deputy Clerk

Michael Davidoff- Village Attorney

Gary Lasher- Village Treasurer

Chief Mir- Chief of Police

Absent: Janine Gandy McKinney- Village Clerk

Rochelle Massey- Trustee

**Motion to accept the agenda**

Motion made by Trustee Sabatino seconded by Trustee Deputy Mayor Nikolados upon roll Call all in favor.

**Approval of Minutes from the April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 & May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 meetings**

Motion made by Trustee Rue seconded by Deputy Mayor Nikolados upon roll call all In favor Trustee Rue asked to correct some wording for planning & zoning appointments.

**Mayor/Manager Report**

Mayor Sommers submitted a report from the Building Inspector on how much fee's he collected since the \$50.00 fee was added since the last meeting, he said so far \$1,500 has been collected. Mayor Sommer's said that Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the Village of Monticello Firehouse at 12:30 pm is the Training Session on Vacant, Abandoned and Deteriorated Properties and he would like for everyone to try to attend, also Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 8:30 a.m. is our Annual Litter Pluck which starts at the Ted Stroebele Building. Mayor Sommers went on to say that the bags, gloves and the picker-upper stick will be available for the event.

Mayor Sommers talked about how disappointed he is about things being said on Facebook and it scares him not in the since that he is afraid to go home at night but that the people are using religion, nationality, sexual orientation, health problems, Blue Collar vs White Collar workers as issues that they having. The Mayor stated that he has a problem with this and it has been going on for way too long, he is very disappointed, very up-set and he is scared to know that people are out there with this mind set, he hopes somewhere along it gets back to them. The Mayor went on to say just calling the Village the Village De Monti Ghetto is hard and to see that there are people alive that talk like this (he stated he will stand by that statement), he went on to say that there is something wrong with people who make statements like that and if someone has a valid complaint there are valid avenues to come and make the complaints but they will not do that.

**Discussion-Alex & Alla Sientsky- Forestburgh Rd Sewer Hook-Up**

The Mayor and the Village Attorney Michael both agreed that the property is not adjacent to the Village and that it is located outside of the Village and there are no other properties outside of the Village that just get only sewer hook-up. Michael continued to say that he suggest that this request not be done because if you start this issue with one property then other's will want the same procedure and we should not be giving away our sewer as a Village, he went on to say that we as a Village have Police protection, Fire protection, we have water and we have Sewer, we want to encourage people to come and live in the Village to get these benefits.

**Discussion-Police Department Communication Tower Quotes/Bids**

Chief Mir explained to the Board how he felt about having the work done in house to save money on this Tower because there is not enough money in the budget to pay the asking price from 3 estimates, he went on to say that his budget for this is only \$25,119 and the lowest estimate starts at \$49,562. Mayor Sommers said that he highly recommend to go to bid with this but it is up to the Board to decide if working on this project in house is okay or to go out to bid. Trustees asked if people got hurt would they be covered and Michael Davidoff stated that volunteers are covered under the insurance.

**A motion was made Deputy Mayor Nikolados seconded by Trustee Rue upon roll call all in favor authorizing a Resolution to except the proposal from American Communication Inc. Dated April 29, 2019 in the amount of \$25,119.60.**

**Resolution authorizing Budget Transfers & Amendments for fiscal year ending July 2019**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Nikolados seconded by Trustee Sabatino upon roll call all in favor.

**Resolution adding a \$250.00 fee for garbage cans left outside of residences. All cans must have owner's names on them for billing reasons and adding this fee to Chapter A-290 of the Village Code**

Motion made by Trustee Rue seconded by Trustee Sabatino upon roll call all in favor.

**Resolution awarding the annual Highway Bids to the lowest bidders**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Nikolados seconded by Trustee Rue upon roll call all in favor.

**Resolution authorizing payment to Computer Doctors in the amount of \$1,597.00 from app#A.1680.401 and A.3620.401 for service calls**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Nikolados seconded by Trustee Rue upon roll call all in favor.

**Resolution authorizing payment to USDA/Rural Development in the amount of \$4,410.00 from app#F.9710.700**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Nikolados seconded by Trustee Rue upon roll call all in favor.

**Resolution authorizing payment to Capital Appraisal Group in the amount of \$1,200.00 for the appraisal of 12 Liberty Street**

Motion made by Trustee Rue seconded by Deputy Mayor Nikolados upon roll call all in favor.

\*Trustee Rue suggested that the Village Attorney Michael Davidoff call to see if the space that use to be occupied by the Library on Broadway is available and Michael said he would call.

**Resolution authorizing a newspaper advertisement for outside property clean-up companies to be on a revolving list to assist the Highway & Building Department at the current Village rates**

Motion made by Trustee Rue seconded by Trustee Sabatino upon roll all in favor.

**Resolution authorizing a \$250.00 fee for violators of the Tobacco-Free, E-Cigarette, & Vaping Zones as designated by the Village and adding this fee to Chapter A-290 of the Village Code**

Motion made by Trustee Rue seconded by Trustee Sabatino upon roll all in favor.

**Resolution Authorizing Payment to Fusco Engineering in the amount of \$1,750.00 from app.#aA3620.102**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Nikolados seconded by Trustee Sabatino upon roll call all in favor except Trustee Rue Abstain.

**Resolution Authorizing Payment to the County of Sullivan Division of Public Work's for the Cost of Salt & Sand in the amount of \$66,094.85 from app. #a.5142.468**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Nikolados seconded by Trustee Rue upon roll call all in favor.

**Resolution Authorizing Bil Payments in the amount of \$131,699.85**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Nikolados seconded by Trustee Sabatino upon roll call all in favor.

**Resolution Authorizing Hiring Barton & Loguidice for the Contract for Ichud Colony Route 42 Pump Station**

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Nikolados seconded by Trustee Sabatino upon roll call all in favor.

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**Public Comment**

**Executive Session Water Bill Adjustments**

Motion made by Trustee Sabatino seconded by Deputy Mayor Nikolados upon roll call al in favor to go into Executive Session at 6:50 pm.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Trustee Sabatino seconded by Deputy Mayor Nikolados upon roll call all in favor to come out of Executive and to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting at 7:20 pm.



Stacey Walker Deputy Clerk