

Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, June 28th, 2019

8:30 a.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by Mayor Sommers

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Sommers-Present
Trustee Massey-Absent

Trustee Nikolados-Present
Trustee Sabatino-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Also Present: Michael Davidoff, Village Special Council

Motion to accept the agenda

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

Continuation of Public Hearing for the 2019/2020 Village Budget

A motion was made to re-open the Public Hearing at 8:31am by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Sabatino. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Trustee Rue commented that none of the suggested changes that was made by the Board has been done, the budget in front of her still shows the Mayor with a raise, the Attorney lines are still combine and not separated between the Attorney and Deputy, the Contingency Lines are still listed and the salary of the Highway Superintendent is still listed when it shouldn't be because we still have to pay out the former Superintendent until December, so how can we afford to pay another guy \$80,000.00.

Mayor Sommers commented that he is not getting a raise and it should've been removed; he also stated that it is a requirement to have contingency lines for each fund as a precautionary measure, but if the Board doesn't want it fine. Regarding the Highway & Sanitation Department, if the Board does not want to have a Highway Superintendent to run those departments, fine, we will see how that works out for everyone. As the way the budget stands right now, the taxes will be \$20.00 less from last year, we are coming in under the 2% tax cap. There is going to be a lot of cuts and we have to figure out ways to make things work, all raises have been removed for all department heads and officials, there will only be the agreed upon raises for the Union workers, Police Department & Dispatchers contracts as negotiated. We doing to do the best with what we have, but everyone please remember, no one wanted to raise taxes and taxes have not been raised in this Village in almost 10 years and the expenses

keep growing. I don't know how this is going to work, but this is what the people want so this is what it is.

Treasurer, Gary Lasher, re-iterated about the \$20.00 less than last year regarding the taxes. He also stated that he will put the grant monies back into the Budget because it's revolving and doesn't effect it either way because it will go right back out. The numbers are the numbers and I have made every possible adjustment and cut everywhere that I can. Cuts will most likely happen and people will be moved around to save jobs, but this is what has to be done under a budget like this. I have done all that I can, it's up to the Board now.

Trustee Rue commented that she asked that the Board be given 3 different scenarios with the budget and they never received anything, so how can they vote consciously, anything that the Board asked was not done and even this budget in front of us is still wrong.

The floor was opened to the Public and the following people spoke:

Gordon Jenkins
Debra Mack
Mattie Anderson
Mary Alli
Alice Patton
Ella Snowden

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino to close the Public Hearing at 9:50am. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution of Adoption of the 2019/2020 Village Budget

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino to adopt the 2019/2020 budget under the 2% cap with the necessary changes and corrections as noted by the Board. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Sommers-yea
Trustee Nikolados-nay
Trustee Rue-yes, with the less than 2% tax cap
Trustee Massey-absent
Trustee Sabatino-yea

July 3rd, 2019 Village Board Meeting

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados to move the July 3rd, 2019 meeting to the following week, Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 6:00pm in observance of the July 4th Holiday. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

271 East Broadway Public Hearing

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino to move the July 3rd, 2019 Public Hearing for 271 East Broadway to the following week, Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 6:00pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Rue to close the meeting at 9:55am. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janine Gandy-McKinney".

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk