

VILLAGE WORK SESSION

MARCH 19 2019

6:00 p.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Sommers called meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Gary Sommers
Deputy Mayor George Nikolados
Rochelle Massey- Village Trustee
Carmen Rue- Village Trustee

ALSO PRESENT: Stacey Walker- Village Deputy Clerk
Gary Lasher- Village Treasurer
Michael Davidoff- Special Council Village Attorney

ABSENT: Janine Gandy McKinney- Village Clerk
Charlie Sabatino- Village Trustee

Stacey Walker the Account Clerk/Deputy Clerk explained how the bill pay process worked. She told the Board that the Department Heads will put in a Request for Bills to be paid and the Treasurer will confirm that there is enough money in the line to pay the bill(s) then the Purchase Order Request is processed and sent back to the Department that submitted the request and when the invoice comes in the Purchase Order is paid.

A Blanket PO is made in advance before a bill is produced because a purchase should not be made unless it is pre-approved. Only Emergency purchases are pre-approved and they should be called in immediately to be processed.

Also, any invoices over \$1,000 dollars should be approved by the Board before payment(s) are made, the only purchase orders over \$1,000 or less that are paid are pre-pays. Pre-pays are bills that has a Resolution(s) that were approved by the Board. Pre-pays are bills such as NYSEG, Town of Thompson, Verizon, Baum Law, Drew Davidoff & Edwards, Magna 5, Pitney Bowes and Fuel.

Gary Lasher the Village Treasurer stated his opinion about the Bill processing as well basically he explained the same process as Stacey did. Mr. Lasher let the Board know that he reviews the Purchase Order, Stacey types the request and pays the ones that need payments which is then put in stacks for signatures from the Board. The PO's sometimes sit for months and it's hard to

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get everyone to sign on time, that is the problem we are having, if we don't pay the bills we will get cutoff from the vendor and lately we have been receiving numerous calls for payments.

Mayor Sommers asked the Board to pass the Fee Schedule with the Fee's for the Building Department only and the rest can be straighten out later with the Board and Mr. Baum, they agreed to the request.

Trustee Rue stated her opinion about the Village not having enough money to pay all the bills and Gary Lasher stated that there is enough money to pay all the bills that go out. Mr. Lasher said that when the Board signs the bill pay at the end of each meeting that is enough for him to pay the bills, Trustee Rue said that there is not enough money to pay bills and Gary let her know bills don't go out without money being available to pay there is money to pay the bills.

The Board and the Treasurer came to the point that if one of the Board members has an issue about a certain bill take it out the pile and don't sign, ask questions so that the problem can be taken care of. Mayor Sommers said that he understands where Stacey and Gary are coming from and he wants the Board to ask questions about bills in question but waiting for 5 signatures is timely. Mr. Sommers went on to say that in the past only 3 signatures were needed. Mr. Sommers stated that the signatures is not the only problem but the Account Clerk's from certain departments are not handing in paperwork on time with outdated invoices from months and months ago and the Board is working on that right now to correct the problem(s).

Trustee Rue stated that as long as the 3 signatures are on the PO's then the checks can be processed. As far as filing them away the Controllers would like to have 5 signatures on the paperwork, this is what Gary Lasher was saying in the beginning if you don't want to approve the bill don't sign but as long as he has a majority of the signatures which is 3 then he is okay with that.

Trustee Rue stated that she signs but then there is more PO's that were not there before. Mr. Lasher told her that this is what he and Stacey are saying, the PO's are done daily that is why we said that the Purchase Orders should be reviewed and signed on a daily basis. Trustee Massey stated that she would make a better effort to sign on time and Deputy Mayor Nikolados said the same.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to close the Work Session by Deputy Mayor Nikolados seconded by Trustee Rue upon roll call all in favor to close the Work Session at 6:28 p.m.


Stacey Walker Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO

TUESDAY MARCH 19TH 2019

6:30 p.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Sommers called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mayor Gary Sommers asked for a moment of silence for what happened in New Zealand last week.

ROLL CALL

Present: Gary Sommers- Mayor/Acting Manager
George Nikolados- Deputy Mayor
Carmen Rue- Village Trustee
Rochele Massey- Village Trustee

Also Present: Stacey Walker- Village Deputy Clerk
Michael Davidoff- Special Council Village Attorney
Gary Lasher- Village Treasurer

Absent: Janine Gandy McKinney- Village Clerk
Charlie Sabatino- Village Trustee

MOTION TO ACCEPT AGENDA WITH THE ADD-ONS:

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Nikolados seconded by Trustee Rue upon roll call all in favor to accept the Agenda with add-ons.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 5TH 2019 MEETING

Motion made Deputy Mayor Nikolados seconded by Trustee Rue upon roll call all in favor to accept the Minutes from March 5th 2019 meeting.

MAYOR/MANGER REPORT

Mayor Sommers stated that he does not have a report at this time.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE SEWER AGREEMENT WITH ICHUD PASSED ON JULY 14TH 2015

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

Michael Davidoff stated that ICHUD is going to be responsible for Route 42 pump station which includes all works performed and fees. Michael stated that Barton & Loguidice will supervise any work that is done.

PRESENTATION –LATINO ALLIANCE ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Allen Weyer the representative for the Latino Alliance festival stated that the Festival is always ran on Sunday July 21 of each year with a rain date of July 28. The activities would be in the Ted Stroebele parking lot by the Stroebele Building, there would be a band, music, food and beverages under a canvas. The time is usually from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and the Stroebele is used in case someone needs to change into a costume or for extra chairs and tables. Mr. Weyer went on to say that the festival is done in the Village of Monticello and he would like for it to stay that way because Monticello is the cross-roads and that he would like to keep the festival in the Village.

Trustee Rue stated that it is a good festival and it is very well attended, she likes the music and the food. Mr. Weyer said that all nationalities of foods would be available. Mayor Sommers asked for a vote to support this request.

Motion made by Trustee Rue seconded by Deputy Mayor Nikolados upon roll call all in favor for the Festival to held at the Ted Stroebele location.

Mayor Sommers said that he knows that they needed a portable stage because theirs was broken and he asked Mr. Weyer to call and remind him to look into helping him find decking for the stage, Mr. Weyer said okay.

PRESENTATION-TERRY GRAFMULLER-THE ARC SULLIVAN ORANGE COUNTIES NEW YORK

Mr. Grafmuller presented back-up (see attachments) on his pre-posed project, he is asking for the Board to consider his project and his request to make his place bigger so that he can sell peanut based snacks. Mr. Grafmuller said that he used to have 200 spaces now he only has 10. Mr. Grafmuller thought the building, which is located at 162 East Broadway Monticello NY, was zoned for business manufacturing but it's not. Mr. Grafmuller said that a 60,000 space now is housing Clinic Services, Day Hab Services, Employment Services, Nursing Department, Facilities Maintenance Department and a Warehouse.

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Mr. Grafmuller said his proposed operation is to add 6,000 more square ft. in the workshop/warehouse area with the intention to increase sales for the number of disabled workers can grow. He stated that he does not want to change the whole building he just needs to change the zoning of that site.

Michael Davidoff asked Mr. Grafmuller to send a letter to the Village explaining exactly what he is doing because what is requesting to do will change a local law when he has a zoning change but if he puts it in writing he can see if there is another way of going about what he needs, Mr. Grafmuller said okay.

JILL WEYER PRESENTATION

Jill Weyer of Sullivan County presented attached flyers to the Board about the Town of Thompson, Rock Hill and the Village of Monticello for the Chambers. The logos presented are showing possible ways to develop the best way to get attention to our areas to bring more people to our communities but it will not take over the Village Logo.

Mayor Sommers said that the Board will look over the information and will address the matter at the next Board Meeting.

DISCUSSION-THE SENIORS REQUEST TO HAVE VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS ON THURSDAYS WITH THEM AT THEIR FACILITY

Mayor Sommers asked the Board about this request. Trustee Rue said that she talked to them about this and the Seniors don't want to have a meeting every Thursday but just on special days when they have concerns.

Michael Davidoff stated that Village Board Meetings should not be held any other place, only at the Village Hall. Michael said that there is nothing wrong with meeting with the Seniors at their place of business to listen to what their complaints are but not to conduct the regular business of the Village.

Trustee Rue said that she explained to them that 3 Board Members cannot just show-up at their building because it would be a Quorum, they just only want to express their concerns, Michael said that there is nothing wrong with listening to their concerns. Mayor Sommers said that he would get with them to see what would be a good day to set-up with them to have this meeting.

DISCUSSION-WATER BILL ADJUSTMENTS

Mayor Sommers stated that there are certain accounts in the Village that have drip-lines that have to stay on so that the lines won't freeze during the winter.

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There are other accounts that the Village has worked with due to certain conditions at their homes they are called past expected water adjustments. Mayor Sommers asked the Board members to take the time to look at the other requested adjustments so that they can don't have to put these request off again.

Mayor Sommers stated that he talked with the Village Clerk, Janine McKinney, and they came up with a solution to put the request for adjustments in another book so that the Board can review all the adjustments before the meetings.

Trustee Rue said that she thought the Board had said the people only had until March 8th to pay if not there would be a fine. Mayor Somers said that was something different and Trustee Rue said that she knows but others are still saying they have problems, the Mayor said this is why each case should be reviewed.

Trustee Massey said that she does not understand why people are putting in for adjustments for dirty water, if that is the case she has dirty water and should get an adjustment she went on to say the whole Village has dirty water and the whole Village should get adjustments for dirty water and she doesn't feel that they should be honoring that request. Also, she does not feel honoring dripping water fees either.

Mayor Sommers said that this is why the Board should review these issues he does agree with some of them and this is why the Board has to get together to address these problems. Trustee Massey said that what was honored in the pass should not be something that is on-going now, it is not right. The Mayor said that the Board will get with Chuck to talk about this. Gary Lasher said that he got a called from Monticello Housing Authority about a bill they received for \$83,000, they were double billed. Mr. Lasher, the Village Treasurer, said that the new system doubled some of the customer bills.

Michael Davidoff suggested that problems with the meters that have been approved by the Board and the Department Head and this should be considered to be taken care of and leave the other issues for next time. Trustee Rue said that she thought they had already approved these request and Gary Lasher said that they had not been voted on by the Board for approval yet that's why they haven't been fixed.

Gary Lasher stated that June is the last bill date before outstanding bills are re-levied to the Village Taxes so this issue should be resolved soon. Mayor Sommers asked for a Motion to correct clerical errors and the Meters problems.

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Motion made by Trustee Rue seconded by Deputy Mayor Nikolados upon roll call all in favor to address the issue with the Utility Adjustment Request, except for Monticello Housing Authority.

Mayor Sommers stated that at the next Board meeting at 6:00 pm there will be a Work-Session to discuss Water Billing, the Mayor asked Deputy Clerk Stacey Walker to let the Department Head, Chuck Bradowsky, know about the Work Session she said okay.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS AND ADMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR
ENDING JULY 31ST, 2019**

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

RESOLUTION EXCEPTING THE DEED FROM THE COUNTY FOR SBL: 118.-5-3.1 PARK AVENUE

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

Michael Davidoff mentioned that this request was made before but he forgot to add this one on with the others.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO RAY S. PATEL INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,775.00
FORM APPR.#A.1620.102 FOR THE REPAIR OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL FOR THE HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE AFTER REPAIR \$2,225.00**

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

Trustee Massey asked where is the Traffic Light Located and they said they would find out and let her know.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RETURN OF ESCROW MONIES FOR A WITHDRAWN
PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION TO BELCON CONSTRUCTION FORM APP.#T.0032.419
CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE IS \$1,000**

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO TENCO INDUSTRIES INC IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,041.46 FROM APP#A.1640.421 FPR THE PURCHASE OF AN UPPER PUSH ARM CABLE FOR
THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRUCK #7 CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE IS \$3,627.23**

SOLE SOURCE PROVIDER

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO LARSON FISHER ASSOCIATES INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FROM APP#A.8692,402 FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

Motion made by Trustee Rue Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nikolados upon roll call all in favor except for Trustee Massey Nay

Deputy Mayor Nikolas stated that a grant for \$4,000 from the Renaissance is paying the most of this only \$1,000 is needed from the Village. Trustee Rue said the same thing that the grant money should be already granted to the Village. Trustee Massey asked if she wanted to change her Building and it was located in a Historic District would the State allow her to change her building. Jill Weyer from the county told her yes she could change the Building.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO THE HOLLAND COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,462.39 FOR ALUMINUM SULFATE FROM APP.#F.8330.458 FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT CURRENT AMOUNT BALANCE IS \$249.33 AFTER THE PURCHASE

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO VEGA A. LALIRE PHD INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 FOR CANDIDATE PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMS FROM APP. #A.3120.421 FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CURRENT BALANCE IS \$4,595.08

Motion made by Trustee Rue Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nikolados upon roll call all in favor except for Trustee Massey Nay

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ENTER INTO A PROPERTY TAX AGREEMENT WITH THE SULLIVAN COUNTY LAND BANK CORPORATION CONCERNING TAX PARCELS SBL: 112.-1-3 (39-42 HIGH STREET) AND WAVING TAXES PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON SAID PARCEL

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$733,432.73

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO FUSCO ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,350.00 FROM APP.#A.3620.102 FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT

Motion made by Trustee Massey Seconded by Deputy Mayor Nikolados upon roll call all in favor except for Trustee Rue abstain

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO FEE'S
SCHEDULE CHAPTER A290 OF THE VILLAGE CODE AS PROPOSAL IN SHCHEDULE "A"**

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gordon Jenkins made a comment about the Village not giving favors for former employees that appear on the list for adjustments to their water bills, he said there are 5 former employees that appear on the list and he doesn't think that it is fair to keep giving them credit on their bills, he stated that maybe his name should be put on the list.

Mayor Sommers said that there were reasons maybe 20 years ago for this being done but he feels it should be ended. Mr. Jenkins said that even if they think these people are their friends it has to end.

Michael Davidoff the Village Attorney said that Mr. Jenkins is 100% correct and the Chuck the superintendent of the Water Department is the one who brought it to attention that these credits has to stop and he said that the Village Board has to make the decision.

Gordon Jenkins went on to say that the Land Bank is taking money out of the Tax pockets of the Village and he feels that the Village should start letting the County pay the Village some monies because they keep taking from the Village, he said it looks like the County is trying to take over the Village.

Michael Davidoff said that he and Mayor Sommers and the treasurer Gary Lasher had a meeting with the representatives of the Legislative, the County Manager and the County Attorney office, they were advised of 2 of the properties that had nice assessments that were taken off of the tax rolls, they understood where the Village was coming from and they would take it in to consideration, it was a heated meeting. Michael went on the say that a lot of things were discussed.

Trustee Rue said that she spoke to some of the Legislators and they said that the Jail by Law and by the State will have to come down. Trustee Rue went on the say that they said that they are going to build a new building with a new Court House and the Courts are going to move there. She said she asked them if they could also build a Court House for us, it will be tax exempt. Mayor Sommers said that he asked why do they need 528 and other buildings, just tear down the building they are building, use the vacant space to build the new building and put all the Courts in one area. The Mayor went on the mention that a million dollars has been taken off of are tax rolls and the County is doing absolutely nothing to help us and he is getting frustrated with no one helping the Village.

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Gordon said that the County is doing whatever they want and that the Village has to do something and the Village has to watch the Village because the County is spending up the Village's money and it has to stop, someone has to control them they are out of control.

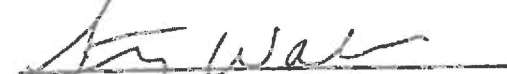
Deputy Mayor Nikolados said that the County don't share with us but they always dump everyone in the Village which cost us more money for Police Force, the County keeps putting the people from Social Services in our Hotels which are full, they keep taking stuff off of our tax rolls and it's not right. Trustee Rue said that the people that are talking are low class garbage people and she blocks what they are saying about the Village.

Sony Patel, a business owner in the Village, said that he feels the Village does need more tax money and he was trying to bring a 400 million dollar project to the Village but he was denied by the ZBA. He was requesting the Village to help him, he is scaling the project down and he would like if the Village Board could help.

Michael Davidoff stated that the Village Board as a whole can't help him but any member of the Board that wants to help can individually show up at the next Planning Board meeting to voice their opinion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Rue seconded by Deputy Mayor Nikolados upon roll call all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm.


Stacey Walker Deputy Clerk