

Board of Trustees Re-Organization Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, April 7th, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Mayor George Nikolados.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Sabatino-Present

Trustee Banks-Present via his residence

Also Present:

Michael Davidoff, Special Counsel

Richard S. Baum, Deputy Special Counsel

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

Jay Sherb, DPW Superintendent

Gary Lasher, Village Treasurer

Chuck Brodowsky, Water Department

BJ Gettel, Building Department

Rich Manley, Building Department

Executive Order Compliance:

Mayor Nikolados acknowledged that we are compliant with all Covid-19 Health Pandemic regulations and Executive orders issued by the Governor of NYS in respect to conducting this Village Board Meeting via in person and Video Conferencing with the Zoom App.

Public Hearing-Proposed Local Law #4 of 2021 entitled "Zoning Change for the area located at Fraser Avenue headed towards Rock Ridge Avenue and the Northern portion of Starr Avenue from R1 to RM"

Notice was read into the record:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello on Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 at 6:00pm to discuss the following proposed Local Law #4 of 2021, entitled, "Zoning Change for the area located at Fraser Avenue headed towards Rock Ridge Avenue and the Northern portion of Starr Avenue from R1 to RM". In person attendance will be permitted in accordance with the CDC & NYS DOH Practices limiting seating to a 50% capacity, enforcement of Social Distancing and Face Coverings. For those who would like to view the meeting by video and/or teleconference the Zoom app is available and the following information will be needed to access the Public Hearings:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83184594594?pwd=ZXZDeVJHejdyVkRnaVN3Wk5yMkxMQT09>

Meeting ID: 831 8459 4594

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the economical significance of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws will be reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws are available for review at **Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701**. Written comments for this proposed change will be accepted by the Village Clerk until 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 at the following email: clerk@villageofmonticello.com. Any comments received after that time regarding this proposed change will not be acknowledged.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello, dated Friday, March 26th, 2021.

Janine Gandy-McKinney
Village Clerk, Village of Monticello

Mayor Nikolados made everyone aware that this Public Hearing will remain open for two more meetings until everyone has had a chance to speak whether in person or via Zoom.

Deputy Special Counsel, Richard S. Baum, was present and explained that this proposal is only to change the Zone and nothing else. A request came to the Village Board and then was referred to the Planning Board for their thoughts on the request. The Planning Board reviewed the request and made the suggestion which is before you of only having the Northern portion of Starr Avenue to be changed from R1 to RM and not the entire street, which was part of the original request. Being that the Village Board is the only authorized body to change a zone, the request is back before you all along with the Planning Boards recommendation for you all to make the final decision.

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Massey to open the Public Hearing at 6:07pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Mayor Nikolados opened the floor to the Public and the following people spoke:

Jessica Raiten-concerned regarding the proximity of her property and the proposed change

Joel Kohn- represented the applicant requesting the zone change

TC Hutchins-against, losing all one family zones in the Village

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Monica Farquhar-against, water issues, traffic congestion, proposed parcel too small

Jodi Farquhar-against, crowding, traffic congestion

Roger Mattison-against, traffic, brown water

Cathleen Crandell-against, sewer & water issues

Mr. Hutt-against, traffic congestion, sewer & water capacity issues, diesel fumes due to more commercial vehicles, noisy, loss of neighborhood, crowding

Trustee Massey-against, losing R1 (one family) zones, size of lot, concerns with proposed project

Trustee Rue-for, need the taxes, will bring in money for the Village for water & sewer also

Hildy Rosenberg-can the Village manage this additional capacity in water and sewer being that there are many other projects at the Planning Board for multi-unit complexes

Bridgette Stafford-against, water issues that were never addressed

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue to leave the Public Hearing open until the next meeting on April 21st, 2021. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Public Hearing-Proposed Local Law #5 of 2021 to amend Chapter 252 entitled, "Vehicle and Traffic of the Village of Monticello"

Notice was read into the record:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello on Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 at 6:00pm to discuss the following proposed Local Law #5 of 2021, entitled, "Vehicle and Traffic of the Village of Monticello" to amend Chapter 252. In person attendance will be permitted in accordance with the CDC & NYS DOH Practices limiting seating to a 50% capacity, enforcement of Social Distancing and Face Coverings. For those who would like to view the meeting by video and/or teleconference the Zoom app is available and the following information will be needed to access the Public Hearings:

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The Code Enforcement Officer, BJ Gettel, was present along with the Highway Superintendent was present and stated that during the winter months, there were several issues with plows going to and down Nelshore Drive sue to residents parking on the street. Mrs. Gettel made the Board aware that it is illegal to park on the street during a snow storm and not is it only a hazard for the plow trucks, it's also a hazard for and ambulance and or a firetruck. Mr. Sherb is asking that the Board allow his department to issue tickets to illegally parked vehicles during the winter season only to ensure the safety of all residents.

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue to open the Public Hearing at 7:04pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Mayor Nikolados opened the floor to the Public and the following people spoke:

Trustee Rue stated that she is against this amendment is taking away the authority of the Police and she cannot support it. The Police are the only ones authorized to give tickets and have vehicles towed and that authority should not be given anyone else.

Mr. Davidoff, Village Special Counsel, responded to Trustee Rue and stated that it is not taking away the authority of the Police, it will just add the Highway Superintendent and it will be limited to the winter months only.

Mr. Sherb agreed with Mr. Davidoff and stated that he is more so concerned because it's a safety issue and they do not want to hit anyone's vehicles and also for medical or fire emergencies.

Trustee Rue stated that we need input from the Police Chief and he is not here right now, so the Public Hearing needs to be left open until we can get his input.

Mayor Nikolados stated that he agrees that the Police Chief should have input on this and he has no issue leaving this Public Hearing open also, so that the Chief can have a chance to speak.

No one from the Public spoke.

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue to leave the Public Hearing open until the next meeting on April 21st, 2021. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Approval of minutes from the March 30th, 2021 Special Meeting minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Mayor/Manager Report:

Mayor Nikolados stated that all of the current appointments will continue to be hold-overs.

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Appointments w/Board Approval-Two (2) Year Appointment

Village Clerk	Term Expiration
Janine Gandy-McKinney (Hold-Over)	April 2020

Treasurer	Term Expiration
Gary Lasher (Hold-Over)	April 2020

Mayor's Appointments w/Board Approval-One (1) Year Appointment

Village Special Council	Term Expiration
Drew, Davidoff & Edwards (Hold-Over)	April 2020

Deputy Special Council	Term Expiration
Richard S. Baum, Esq. (Hold-Over)	April 2020

Manager's Appointment-One (1) Year Term: (All Hold-Overs)

Deputy Clerk-Stacey Walker	Term Expiration
Deputy Treasurer-Vacant	April 2020
Village Engineer-Glenn Smith	May 2020
Village Auditors-Cooper Arias LLP	April 2020
Official Newspaper-Sullivan County Democrat	April 2020
Police Surgeons- Dr. Garfinkel	April 2020
Health Officer-Dr. Garfinkel	April 2020
Police Chaplains-Rabbi Chanowitz, & Pastor Ramirez	April 2020
Official Banks- JP Morgan Chase Bank, Catskill Hudson Bank of Sullivan County, Wayne Bank, Jeff Bank & TD Bank	April 2020

Manager's Appointments w/Board Approval-Five (5) Year Appointment

Planning Board Members	Term Expiration
Jeffrey Sternberg (Hold-Over)	April 2015

Manager's Appointments w/o Board Approval-Five (5) Year Appointment

Monticello Housing Authority	Term Expiration
Myrtle McKinney-Allen (Hold-Over)	May 2018
T'shara D'Das (Hold-Over)	May 2018
Julian Dawson (Hold-Over)	May 2018

Manager's Appointment-Five (5) Year Term:

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Howard Pearlman (Hold-Over)

Term Expiration

May 2018

Building Department Report

March	2021	2020	Difference
Permits Issued	15	35	-57%
Income	\$6,197.00	\$2,900.00	114%
Valuation of Construction	\$495,500.00	\$250,000.00	98%
Certificate of Occupancy or Compliance	2	2	0%
Open Permits Unpaid	103	107	-4%
Complaints Module	202	35	477%
Violations Pd	\$6,076.74	\$4,132.32	47%
Municipal Search	17	13	31%
Municipal Search Pd	\$1,800.00	\$1,600.00	13%
Total Income Complaints Unpaid	\$7,876.74	\$5,732.32	37%
Open complaints	395	142	178%
Closed Complaints	98	47	109%
Fire Safety Inspections			
Completed	37	17	118%
Income Unpaid	\$12,467.98	\$17,785.00	-30%
	\$8,116.17		
Income			
Total Income	\$26,541.72	\$26,417.32	0%
Unpaid			
Total Unpaid	\$65,016.17	\$47,372.08	37%

Resolution authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$46,003.72

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

Resolution setting the date, time and place of the regular Village Board Meetings for the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6:00pm in person at Village Hall adhering to the CDC & the NYS

Board of Health Guidelines and via the Zoom App

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

Resolution regarding the Procurement of all Goods and Services by the Departments of the Village of Monticello

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

Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to allow employees to attend Seminars and Conferences which will benefit or further the interest of the Village not to exceed \$1,500.00

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

Resolution authorizing payment in advance of audit claims for Public Utilities, Fuel, Postage, ADP for Payroll related services, Town of Thompson bills, the Sullivan County Treasurer for Tipping Fee's only, and the Medicare Reimbursements Checks not to exceed \$30,000.00

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

Resolution directing the Annual Audit of the Village Justice Court Records by the Village Independent Auditors by a bid process

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

Resolution adopting Investment Policy for the Village of Monticello

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

Resolution designating the TD Bank as the depository for the Justice Court and authorizing the Village Justice and acting Village Justice to have sole authorization of the accounts therein

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

Resolution designating the JP Morgan Chase Bank, OCatskill Hudson Bank of Sullivan County, Wayne Bank, Jeff Bank & TD Bank as the depositories for the Village and authorizing the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Treasurer, Deputy Village Treasurer and Village Manager have sole authorization of the accounts therein

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

Resolution authorizing the bidding process for the Village's Highway, Sanitation, Sewer & Water Departments annual bid items for fiscal year ending July 2022; bid opening date to be set for Thursday, May 13th, 2021 at 2:00pm for the Highway & Sanitation Department and Thursday, May 27th, 2021 at 2:00pm for the Water & Sewer Department

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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 Computer Doctors in the amount of \$1,617.00 from app#A.1670.403(Shared Services) for computer maintenance and repair for the Police Department

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 the Village's Annual Spring Litter Pluck for Saturday & Sunday, April 24th & 25th, 2021 from 9am-2pm

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Smith & Loveless, Inc. (Sole Source Provider) in the amount of \$7,418.78 for the purchase of a Volute & Pump Stand for the Rte. 42 Pump Station from app#G.8120.233(Sanitary Sewers-Equipment Purchase). Current account balance is \$43,227.09 before the purchase

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

Resolution authorizing the Execution of a Bond and Bond Notice in the newspaper not to exceed \$371,000.00 for Sanitation Department Trucks

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Massey with a question.

Trustee Massey asked what the interest rates are.

Mayor Nikolados responded that he believes they lower than what we were paying before or the same. He stated that he's not sure of the exact number, but he is sure that it did not go up, believes they are around 1.9% or maybe even lower.

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Campbell Freightliner of Orange County LLC in the amount of \$2,537.08 for the Emergency Repair of Truck #9 for the Highway Department from app#A.1640.421(Central Garage-Repair/ Maintenance). Current account balance is \$7,136.85 before the purchase

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

Resolution authorizing the doors to Village Hall to remain locked due to the current rise in COVID cases in the County; residents & contractors will be seen by appointment & invitation only; all Village meetings will continue via Zoom and in accordance with the CDC and NYS Board of Health Guidelines

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

Resolution authorizing the purchase of signs from Glenco Supply Inc. in the amount of \$1,092.26 from app#A.1620.202(Buildings & Grounds-Traffic Lights/Signs). Current account balance after purchase is \$2,521.99

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

Resolution authorizing payment for the Sanitation Department Garbage Truck purchase out of the General Fund in the amount of \$192,281.00 and for the monies to be returned once financing has been put in place

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

Resolution setting a Public Hearing date for Local Law #6 of 2021 to amend chapter 220 section 220-5(E) entitled, "Noise" on Wednesday, April 21st, 2021 at 6:00pm

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

Resolution authorizing the Village of Monticello to apply for the DASNY Grant through Sullivan Renaissance

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

Executive Session (if necessary)

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino to go into Executive Session at 7:53pm for the following:

Personnel & Possible Litigation

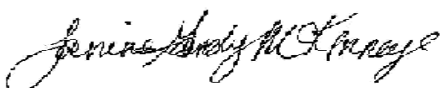
Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue to come out of Executive Session at 8:25pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Massey to close the meeting at 8:25pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk