

JANUARY 7, 2008 – 6 P.M.

STATE OF THE VILLAGE SPEECH – RAY NARGIZIAN, VILLAGE MANAGER

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO, N.Y.
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2008

MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Barnicle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Roll Call

Upon call of the roll, the following were present:

James Barnicle, Mayor
Gordon Jenkins, Trustee
Victor, Marinello, Jr., Trustee
Scott Schoonmaker, Trustee
Brian VanDermark, Trustee

Also Present: Ray Nargizian, Village Manager
John Barbarite, Deputy Village Manager
E. Danielle Jose, Village Attorney
Tim Havas, Deputy Village Attorney
Brenda Galligan, Treasurer
Douglas Solomon, Chief of Police
Clarence Decker, Water Superintendent
Bill Bertholf, Sewer Superintendent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES BOARD MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 17, 2007

A motion was made by Trustee Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the minutes of the meeting of December 17, 2007 as presented.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE TO THE BUSINESS OF THE QUARTER

Trustee Marinello presented Dr. Mark Hudes representing Footcare Associates with a Certificate for being named the Business of the Quarter.

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PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO FOUAD KERENDIAN

Mayor Barnicle on behalf of the Village Board presented Fouad Kerendian owner of Cohen's Bakery was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for his innovative idea of offering a free loaf of bread to anyone who brought in an election sign after the November election was over.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO ROBERT NELSON AND THOMAS PRICE FOR THEIR SKILL LEVEL AND DEDICATION IN THE RENOVATION OF THE TEMPORARY COURTROOM IN THE TED STROEBELE RECREATION BUILDING

Mayor Barnicle on behalf of the Village Board presented Village Highway employees Robert Nelson and Thomas Price Certificates of Appreciation for the profession skilled job that they both did in renovating the temporary quarters for the Village Justice Court room.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A Village resident Chris representing many residents that walk and don't drive complained that the sidewalks on Pleasant Street, High Street and Prince Street have not had the snow removed from the sidewalks forcing pedestrians to walk in the street and risking being hit by a vehicle, noting that the first major storm was six weeks ago and they are still unwalkable. He felt that although Broadway sidewalks are clear of snow the other streets have not been taken care of and doubted whether summons had been written. He felt that property owners need to be held accountable and the Village must enforce the law.

The Deputy Village Manager explained that there are only seven employees in the Highway Department and the Village does not have a piece of machinery that can maneuver on narrow sidewalks and later this evening there is a resolution to purchase a snow blower for that purpose. He indicated that his department is concentrating on Broadway and Pleasant Street to avoid "stop gap cleanup", and they expect to fan out on the other streets this

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week especially on High and Prince Streets. He noted that if the Village does clean up the sidewalks after the property owners have been given violations, they are charged a minimum of \$200.00 for each cleanup and if the fee is not paid the charges are relieved onto the property owner's next Village tax bill.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIR OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHT AT THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH STREET AND LIBERTY STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,800

WHEREAS, there was a traffic signal at the intersection of North Street and Liberty Street that was non-synchronized; and,

WHEREAS, there was a risk of a serious traffic accident and the Village of Monticello could be liable if the situation was not remedied immediately and this is deemed an emergency situation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby approve the emergency repair of the traffic signal light at the intersection of North Street and Liberty Street in the amount of \$6,800.

A motion was made by Trustee Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF BLADES AND CHAINS BY THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,400.30

WHEREAS, the Highway Department needs blades and chains for snow removal; and,

WHEREAS, the proposals are under County bid from Otsego Iron & Metal and were appropriated in the 2007/08 FY budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the Highway Department to purchase blades and chains in the amount of \$3,400.30.

A motion was made by Trustee Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF A SNOWBLOWER ATTACHMENT WITH WHEEL WEIGHTS AND CHAINS FOR USE IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,700

Discussion - Trustee Jenkins felt that the Village has the same equipment in the Water Department and questioned why an additional piece of equipment must be purchased. He indicated that another department head did not want to lend the Highway Department this equipment and felt that equipment should be able to be borrowed from within the Village's own departments instead of spending an additional \$1,700. He felt the Water Department's equipment could have been used to clear the sidewalks of snow without harming it. Trustee Jenkins felt that a department head should not take it personally that he does not want to lend out his equipment and he must be made to understand that this equipment is not his personal equipment, it belongs to the Village and it should be shared.

Mayor Barnicle noted that he was present during the discussion with the Water Department Superintendent and that they have an eleven year old tractor that is equipped with a snow plow. That tractor takes care of eleven building in the springtime and well fields at the end of Park Avenue that is larger than a football field that they mow during the warmer months, as well as plowing at the water plant. The Highway Department has a brand new John Deere lawnmower that is sitting in the garage all winter and could be equipped with the snow blower attachment and the wheel weights and be useful in cleaning the sidewalks. He felt it is a prudent investment in a brand new piece of equipment sitting idle all winter in the Highway garage and for the additional \$1,700 could be used year round.

The Deputy Village Manager explained that since the snow that has already fallen is packed solid a snow blower would not be able to remove it, but it will be useful for future snow storms to clean snow on Broadway and Pleasant Street where the sidewalks are narrower. He felt the snow blower attachment is a "stop gap" measure until a more substantial piece of equipment could be purchased at a cost of \$20,000.

Mayor Barnicle felt that by spending the \$1,700 the Village could clean the sidewalks of snow and also preserve the water

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department's equipment through the summer months.

Trustee Schoonmaker felt that the price is nominal. He also suggested the snow blower be used in the next storm to make paths to the curb so people don't have to walk in the street to find an opening onto the sidewalk.

WHEREAS, the Highway Department has been aggressively enforcing removal of snow and ice from sidewalks; and,

WHEREAS, when a property owner fails to remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of property and a violation is issued the Highway Department is directed to remedy the condition and the property owner is charged for this service; and,

WHEREAS, presently the Highway Department does not have the proper equipment to perform this service; and,

WHEREAS, the Water Department has a snow blower attachment it will not fit the Highway Department tractor and the Water Department is reluctant to lend both the tractor and blower to the Highway Department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the purchase of a snow blower attachment with wheel weights and chains for use by the Highway Department in the amount of \$1,700.

A motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Marinello, approved on a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Jenkins, nay; Trustee Schoonmaker, aye; Trustee Marinello, aye; Trustee VanDermark, aye; to adopt the above resolution.

REAPPOINTMENT BY MAYOR BARNICLE OF LUIS VELASCO TO THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM

Mayor Barnicle reappointed Luis Velasco to the Design Review Board for a three year term to expire December 2010 with the Village Board's unanimous approval.

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**APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF SAM WOHL TO THE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF CHARLES SABATINO TO EXPIRE
DECEMBER 2008**

Mayor Barnicle appointed Sam Wohl to the Design Review Board to fill the unexpired term to expire December 2008.

RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR FY 2007/08

WHEREAS, the Village of Monticello has adopted its annual budget for the 2007/08 fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, the Village will incur expenditures that exceed the adopted line items amount authorized by the Village Board of Trustees, and;

WHEREAS, there are revenues that exceeded budgetary amounts and/or expenditures line items that may be reduced.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following line items are increased/decreased as adopted, and the Village Treasurer is directed to make the following modifications to the annual budget: [see attached]

A motion was made Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

**RESOLUTION CHANGING THE MEETING DATES FOR THE SECOND MEETING IN
JANUARY, AND BOTH MEETINGS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH**

WHEREAS, the second meetings in January and February are legal holidays, and therefore the dates of these meetings must be rescheduled; and,

WHEREAS, delaying each meeting one week for the Board to meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of each of the months of February and March since March has five (5) Mondays in it.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby change the meeting dates in January to the fourth Monday in January, January 28th, the two

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meeting in February to Monday, February 11th and February 25th, and the two meetings in March to Monday, March 10th and March 24th.

A motion was made Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee VanDermark, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO SIGN A 2008 CONTRACT RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH PARTNERS IN SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Village of Monticello must meet the compliance requirements of the U.S Department of Transportation as defined in 49 CFR Part 40 and Part 382 and the Village's individual policy; and,

WHEREAS, Partner's in Safety, Inc. can provide these services to the Village at a nominal cost.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the Village Manager to sign a 2008 renewal agreement with Partners In Safety.

A motion was made Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

ORDERING BILLS PAID

A motion was made by Trustee Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote that the bills audited by the Auditing Committee of the Board of Trustees and appearing on the Abstracts of the bills herewith submitted are ordered paid.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:07 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Marinello, Trustee VanDermark, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adjourn the regular Village Board meeting.

EDITH SCHOP, Village Clerk

