

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO, N.Y.  
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 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  
E. Danielle Jose, Village Attorney  
Tim Havas, Deputy Village Attorney  
Douglas Solomon, Chief of Police  
Sue Flora, Code Enforcement Officer  
Clarence Decker, Water Superintendent  
Bill Bertholf, Sewer Superintendent

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Barnicle asked for a moment of silence in memory of long time Planning Board Chairman Arthur Sugarman and Trustee VanDermark's father-in-law.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS OF FEBRUARY 25, 2008 AND THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 27, 2008**

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 February 25, 2008 and the Special Board meeting of February 27, 2008 as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS**

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**Former Highway Superintendent Alan "Moose" Reynolds**

Mayor Barnicle announced the former (just retired) Highway Superintendent "Moose" Reynolds is in the hospital with some heart problems, but is expected to make a quick, full recovery.

**Emergency Water Generator**

Mayor Barnicle reported that the Emergency Water Generator has delivered and ready to use if such an emergency arises.

**Removal of Trees on Broadway**

Mayor Barnicle explained that the all the trees on Broadway have been cut off, however the truck and roots remain. Once the contract is awarded a woman from Fallsburgh will help transfer the trees and root system and replant them. The trees are still alive and will be saved.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Alan "Moose" Reynolds retired as of Feb 28, 2007. On behalf of the Board of Trustees and me we graciously acknowledge 38 years of dedicated service to the Village and wish him joy and happiness in his retirement years. On March 28, 2008, friends of "Moose" are gathering at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill to celebrate his departure. Please call Bonnie at the Highway dept. if you would like to attend.

Stanly Calhoun by board resolution is the new acting Supervisor of the DPW and Sanitation. We wish Stanly success and are confident he can handle the new challenges.

The American Red Cross of greater New York is looking for volunteers to be part of their Volunteer Recruitment Strategic Initiative. If a major natural or man-made disaster strikes our area, the American Red Cross in Greater New York will need 10,000 trained volunteers to staff up to 100 shelters and provide aid and comfort to thousands of New Yorkers who may be forced to leave their homes. These disaster Reserve Volunteers will be called only during major local disasters. If interested please contact the American Red Cross.

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On Wed. Feb 25, 2008 our water and sewer Dept. heads met with Barton and Loguidice to discuss applying for Grants through the USDA, to upgrade our infrastructure.

On Thursday Feb. 26 2008 I met with Rob Camoin and Carmen R. Lorentz Of Camoin Associates. We spoke about the Small Cities Grant of 2005 and the possibility of starting a Local Development Corporation (LDC).

Doug Solomon, Police Chief has informed the Village that Aileen Gunther has secured a \$10,000.00 Grant for our police dept. to be used for the purchase of equipment. Thank you Aileen for your continued support of the Village of Monticello. Thank you Doug Solomon for your continued relentless pursuit of innovated ways to maintain and keep our police dept. one step ahead of the lawbreakers.

For several years our court house has been condemned because of black mold. The Village has been fortunate being able to use the County court house to conduct Judicial Business. This use of the county court house did come with a price. That price was paid by our Justice Court staff. Week after week, month after month, Florence Nelson, Denise Vankeuren, Dahlia Gonzalez and Shanta Farmer, carried court records from their office at the Ted Strobele community center to the Sullivan County Court house. The lugging of necessary court records was above and beyond the call of duty, for this the Village would like to acknowledge and thank the just mentioned court staff for their cooperation and dedication.

Village officials met with Sullivan Renaissance to discuss obtaining a grant to remove unsightly structures in the Village. The old Court house has been submitted as a possible choice.

On March 5, 2008 Carline Hayes attended a meeting at the Government center regarding the Transportation Enhancement Program. Through this grant we could apply for sidewalk assistance, Caroline with the assistance of Grant writer Joe Czjaka (Trika) are looking into going forward with this application.

On Fri. March 6 Village officials met with Karl Gustafson and Renee Wing, Community Developers for the Office for Small

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Cities, to discuss available Grants and to close-out the 2005 grant.

This is a Progress Report on the Counties initiative to collect delinquent Village taxes. Since this cooperative agreement has been signed between the Village and County, the Village has received \$210,000 in delinquent taxes. We have also signed installment agreements with 28 property owners. Down payment on these 28 properties amounts to \$60,000.00. With installment commitments we will receive another \$335,000.00. So far to date the Village has received cash and commitments totaling \$605,000.00. This does not include 10 properties the County will foreclose on for the Village and County and 6 properties the county will foreclose on for just the Village. Again I must thank the County for entering onto this agreement and a special thanks to Nancy Buck who has devoted countless hours implementing it. Also thank to Ira Cohn for his guidance and support and Edith Schop for managing the funds.

A week from tomorrow is Election Day. Please exercise your right to vote by voting on March 18<sup>th</sup> 2008.

**DISCUSSION WITH VILLAGE JUSTICE JOSEPHINE FINN**

Village Justice Josephine Finn announced that the Justice Court received \$29,979.47 from the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP Grant). This will be used surveillance and alarm system valued at \$8,500, for the construction of the courtroom \$11,600, for the court operations (gavel) \$60.00, enhancement of the jury box \$4,000 and walk through detector and a cash register.

Mayor Barnicle noted Judge Finn's work of the Dream Tank that the County donated \$60,000.

Judge Finn explained that when she became Judge it was very distressing to her that the only option was incarcerating people as there were no preventative measures. The Dream Tank (Dynamic Realization Through Enrichment Actualization and Motivation) is a preventative program. The youth are asked what they like to do and most were interested in music so she found a producer who lives in Sullivan County and he set up a studio. The participant are free to chose something that interests them like

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music, art or dance, but they have to take etiquette and they have to learn to pro-active instead of reactive and they must be attending school and getting good grades.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Pothole Concerns**

George Ussher was concerned about the severe potholes and if anything is being done to fill them.

The Mayor responded that at this time of year only "cold patch" can be used which fills the holes only temporarily. He noted that the blacktop plant will open in the middle of April and at that time the potholes will be filled with hot asphalt which is a permanent solution.

Dr. Richard Stein asked that the Village consider putting up some caution signs on Broadway to make people aware of the pothole hazards as he had some damage done to his vehicle today by hitting one of these potholes.

**Barbarite Statement-Former Village Manager**

John Barbarite made the following statement:

There have been stories in the newspaper and on the radio stating Mayor Barnicle and Trustees Victor Marinello and Brian VanDermark fired me for making a racial slur. Mayor Barnicle is quoted as saying, "We hope those who are offended will be comforted by our swift action to do the right thing."

I believe the community cannot be comforted by this swift action which failed to give me notice of the charges and the right to confront the individual who made the charge and the right to be otherwise heard.

Last week I took and passed a lie detector test given by former State Police Senior Investigator and former Town Judge Donald Trotta, which supports my denial of making the racial slur as stated by County Housing Inspector Vincent Meyer. I would like to hand it to you. I took the test because the Village of Monticello, through their attorney, Danielle Jose, released a

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transcript of testimony by Vincent Meyer to support the firing of me. I was not present, nor was my attorney, to question Mr. Meyer. Throughout the Village's investigation, I was never formally presented with the charges against me nor was I ever given the opportunity to confront the witness or otherwise defend myself. I was never questioned, either under oath or otherwise. No one chose to give me an opportunity to rebut these scurrilous charges. My basic and fundamental due process rights were trampled.

My firing was strictly a political maneuver by Mayor Barnicle, Village Manager Nargizian and the Village Attorney to enhance Mayor Barnicle's re-election chances. As I stated to the Village Board in Executive Session on January 11, 2008, "This timing [attempt to fire me] coinciding with the Village election gives credibility to the rumors of Ray [Nargizian] supporting Barnicle for re-election and members of Barnicle's campaign committee's demands that he get rid of me."

I now ask Mayor Barnicle, Manager Nargizian, Village Attorney Danielle Jose and Vincent Meyer to subject themselves to testimony under oath by my attorney, David L. Gove of Greenwald Law Offices or, in the alternative, take a lie detector test.

Village Attorney Jose, in her so-called investigation, never once asked me if I ever did not make the racial slur, nor did she subpoena or put me under oath to testify. She asked Sue Flora, Building Inspector, if I ever made a racial slur. I have been advised that Sue Flora told her she never heard me make a racial slur in the twelve months we worked together. Danielle Jose did not subpoena Sue Flora to testify. Mayor Barnicle, Manager

Nargizian and all of the members of the Village Board in Executive Session were told by Sue Flora on January 14, 2008 that she never heard me make a racial slur. Mr. Meyer, in his testimony, specifically stated that Ms. Flora was at the scene and apparently she never heard these words.

Yet Mayor Barnicle, along with Trustees Marinello and VanDermark, all seeking re-election, fired me based upon the uncollaborated testimony of Vincent Meyer and without deposing either myself or Ms. Flora.

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Vincent Meyer is employed by Sullivan County as a Housing Inspector. It is his job to inspect buildings to ensure they are safe for the residents receiving rental assistance. Buildings and apartments he certified safe were subsequently shut down by Building Inspector Flora and me for being unsafe and unfit to live in.

During these proceedings, Trustee Gordon Jenkins and Trustee Scott Schoonmaker refused to vote to fire me, recognizing the political game of the others.

What was the motive of the people who voted to fire me? I believe Mayor Barnicle acceded to the demands of his campaign advisors. Ray Nargizian did it in retaliation for being treated like everyone else in the Village when it came to the code violations at his building. Danielle Jose assisted the Mayor and the Manager by this slipshod investigation so as to be reappointed as Village Attorney if the Mayor wins re-election. As a former Assistant District Attorney, she should have known better.

It should be pointed out that on at least two occasions subsequent to the allegations that were pending before the Village Board; I had lunch with Mr. Meyer. Would you have lunch with a person who made racial comments which insulted your mother? I certainly would not have, nor do I think that anyone else would. I can prove that these meetings took place. The charges that have been lodged against me are clearly bogus and most importantly, clearly transparent.

For political reasons, retaliation and financial gain, these individuals seek to divide our community along racial lines and in the process attempt to destroy my reputation. They tried to make this election about me rather than about them. Only Trustee Gordon Jenkins and Trustee Schoonmaker acted honorably.

I have lived in Monticello with my family, quite proudly, for approximately the past thirty-five years. What Mr. Barnicle and his aides have done is to destroy a reputation that I proudly had. Quite possibly, they should look up the words "due process" in the dictionary.

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Dino Rossi indicated that he is proud of the Village Board actions towards Mr. Barbarite. He noted that he is a businessman and has invested in the Village of Monticello. Mr. Barbarite sent a letter to Albany saying the building he owns on St. John Street that was destroyed by fire last year is a total loss and Mr. Rossi felt that only 50% was destroyed. He explained that he converted the building (after the fire) from 9 apartments to 4 apartments and it still did not satisfy Mr. Barbarite and he felt that no one agreed that a sprinkler system was required for a 4 family, two story building. He hired Sullivan County Sprinkler and they felt he did not need that system as every apartment has an entrance and exit.

Trustee Jenkins felt that tomorrow he will meet with the Village Manager, the Mayor and the Village Attorney at Village Hall and he will call the State, as an impartial department, to inspect that building.

Mr. Ricci indicated that he has no problem with their decision.

Ray Lustig, the owner of "The Bird House" building, 27 North Street which is a residential rooming house that was shut down by Mr. Barbarite felt that when Mr. Barbarite complains about due process and about not having a fair day in trial with the facts of the case, sixteen tenants of his at that location were thrown out of their residences in one day when Mr. Barbarite walked into that building and said, "everyone out". He explained that he did not have an opportunity to know why they were thrown; he did not have an opportunity to remedy any of the problems that were in his building and at all times before the full escapade started he pleaded that anything they want done, they can take care of, let's do this in a civilized matter as he has tenants that have lived in that building for 23 years and many a mentally challenged. He felt when due process is violated terrible things happen in America. He indicated that he will do everything in his power to remedy the situation, to render a safe building for his tenants.

Trustee Jenkins indicated that since the Village has such a big problem with code enforcement in this Village he will call the State with this landlord for them to determine what the problems are.

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The Mayor indicated that Trustee Jenkins can follow through with his suggestion, but the Village has a very qualified department head and building inspector, and suggested that she go back in again to these houses for a reinspection.

Trustee Jenkins felt there is intimidation in that department.

Betty Friedland felt that the Board and landlords are "beating a dead horse" and if these people had a concern they should have gone to the Village Manager and not air all this dirt in public. She felt the Village should have better things to do than trash this matter over and over again. She felt these matters have to be removed out of the Village's jurisdiction and let impartial people to review the problems. She did not think landlords should have been called to voice their complaints at this meeting and felt it is nothing short of a "leach mob".

Trustee Schoonmaker questioned how many violations that Mr. Lustig's building had prior to Mr. Barbarite doing an inspection.

Mr. Lustig responded that he had none.

Trustee Schoonmaker explained that Judge Sackett ordered the building closed.

Susan Taylor indicated that the Judge only said that the Village has the right to shut down the building in a broad spectrum with the understanding that the official shutting it down is going after it for just cause, because there is something so eminently dangerous that it could fall down in a minute. She felt that every building that houses low income people has some violations. She felt this building was closed not because they were unsafe, but because they don't want those types of people and people living in the Village.

Orville Tracy felt there is no process to evict someone and people should work together to resolve problems.

Shaul V , a Village property owner, and agreed with Dino Ricci. He indicated that he tried to do whatever he was told but over and over again he shut down one of his buildings and tried to shut down his building that had a chicken restaurant in

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it. He indicated that he submitted plans twice to him and to Ms. Flora and the plans have disappeared.

Trustee Jenkins again said that he will have the State inspect this building also.

Alan Weir, who works for the County's Social Services department explained that there is no doubt in his mind that many of these buildings are substandard, and sometime the problem is the landlord and sometime the problem is the tenant. He felt that there is a shortage of affordable descent in this County with many of the landlords cutting the buildings up into small apartment with rodents running throughout. He felt the County needs affordable housing since many people are being placed in motels in Orange County.

Mayor Barnicle noted that the old Victoria Hotel which is at the corner of Pleasant Street and Broadway was shut down because of bedbugs and other violations and now it has been rehabilitated and will become 14 rooms for a rental of \$350.00 to veterans. The owner spent a lot of money rehabilitating the rooms after Mr. Barbarite shut the place up.

David Shapiro questioned where the wood is from the trees that were cut down on Broadway?

The Highway Superintendent responded that for insurance reasons the wood has been put away and whoever wants to have it will have to sign a waiver saying that the Village is not libel and residents will be allowed one truckload.

Shawn Miller felt it is time for a change and bring back businesses to Broadway.

Ada Markisik owner of 92 High Street speaking for her community explained that she started purchasing abandoned houses about 3 years ago because it was cheaper and they have been rehabilitated. On many occasions our building permits were revoked and we weren't able to get new permits because, "we are cleaning up the town" and this has hurt many people and most of all it has hurt the Village by scaring so many investors because they have decided not to purchase any property here. She felt some of the buildings that were closed were for justifiable reasons, but there are other landlords who are investing their

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own money (not grants or loans), selling their own homes in the city and putting the money in this Village making very beautiful apartments, high quality living which the landlords did not get a pardon for that. We had to hire attorneys, meet with many Village officials and nothing has been resolved for a year. She felt the job at 92 High Street was stopped because an electrician was hired who wasn't from Monticello and one of the Planning Board members did not get that job, got very pissed off and called the Building department to complain.

Sue Anthony felt that some of these landlords that are complaining should live in their buildings for the next months and then comeback and make your complaints

Bess Davis pointed out those two buildings on Cross Street between Park and York Avenues that are under construction. One property owner took an old building and tried to rebuild it but did not follow the Village regulations and the first floor floods when it rains, there is no driveway in front of the house and then they moved boulders from this property to her neighbor's property and would not remove them even though the Village's Code Enforcement Inspector was called.

The other building the owner removed all the sod and now it is muddy with a unregistered vehicle in the middle of the lawn, and in trying to take down the front stoop he could only take down half of it, but he has a permit and now has a year to fix it. She felt that Mr. Barbarite knows what he is doing, but you are not condemning his boss, Mr. Nargizian.

Caroline Massy a member of the Human Rights Commission felt that at this meeting she has heard the word racism, those types of people, crack houses, every building that houses low income people have violations and it is obvious that there are serious issues going on in the Village. She questioned whether the Village has process to address whatever happened with Mr. Barbarite, and felt in the future there should be a policy to prevent it again or putting in preventive methods so this doesn't happen again. She felt that she herself could be having a conversation with a coworker that is taken out of context or misinterpreted and she would be in trouble too. She felt these issues are dividing the community and there is an election

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coming up. She noted that commissioner's spoke to both Mr. Barbarite and Mr. Nargizian about racial slurs by both of them and they were assured that everything is alright.

Trustee Schoonmaker felt that these buildings are a safety issue and the Village has an obligation to protect the people who live in these houses, as well as the emergency service people who enter them and Mr. Barbarite was only doing his job.

The Mayor felt it is time to bury the hatchet, get harmonist, and get things done that need to get done.

Betty Friedland felt that the Village employees need sensitivity training to remedy some of these problems.

**Evergreen Drive Storm Water Drainage Problem**

Mattie Anderson was concerned about the storm water drainage problems at Evergreen Drive and questioned will it be remedied.

The Mayor responded that the pipe has been opened and the problem appears to be resolved.

**Issuance of Additional Taxi Medallions**

A resident encouraged the Village Board to consider the issuance of additional Taxi Medallions to bring quality service to the residents.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF YEOMAN'S PUMP VOLUTE FOR THE RACETRACK PUMP STATION FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,376 + 100.00 SHIPPING CHARGE**

**WHEREAS**, the Monticello Sewer Department has a to purchase a Yeoman's Pump Volute for use at the Race Track Pump Station by the Wasterwater Treatment Plant; and,

**WHEREAS**, this item is necessary to properly operate the Race Tract Pump Station located at the Monticello Race Track Pump Station; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent has received two written proposals from vendors as required by the Village's Procurement Policy; and,

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**WHEREAS**, there funds have been appropriated in the current FY budget; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby approve the purchase of a Yeoman's Pump Volute that is needed for the Yeoman's Pump at the Racetrack Pump Station for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$2,376 + 100.00 for shipping.

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

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO ADOPTION OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2008 ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO FOR THE SALE OF PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY NOT REDEEMED FOR DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TAXES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW ARTICLE 11 TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2008 AT 7 P.M.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has determined that it is necessary for the Village of Monticello to establish the policy and procedure in the village of Monticello for the sale of parcels of real property not redeemed for delinquent real property taxes, in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law Article 11; and

**WHEREAS**, to that end, the Village wishes to amend the Village Code by establishing a law which articulates said policies and procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello wishes to set a time and place for a public hearing with respect to proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2008 establishing the policy and procedure in the Village of Monticello for the sale of parcels of real property not redeemed for delinquent real property taxes, in accordance with New York State Real Property Tax Law Article 11; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello with respect to the aforesaid proposed Local Law at 7:00 p.m. on

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April 7, at Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street,  
Monticello, New York 12701; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

A motion was made by 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 Marinello, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, 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.

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO  
AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS TO  
CLEAN THE TED STROEBELE RECREATION CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Monticello is in need of cleaning services at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Building; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Village must solicit and advertise for these services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Clerk must be authorized to advertise for proposals.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for proposals for cleaning services at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center.

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

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR VARIOUS SUPPLIES AND CHEMICALS FOR THE HIGHWAY, WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008/09**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Monticello advertises for bids for various supplies and chemicals for the Highway, Water and Sewer Departments; and,

**WHEREAS**, these supplies and chemicals are purchased each fiscal year for these departments.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for Highway, Water and Sewer supplies and chemicals for the 2008/09 fiscal year.

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

**RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO AUTHORIZING APPROVING THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE TO REPAIR TRANSFER PUMP AND INJECTION PUMP LABOR TO REAR END OF REFUSE PACKER TRUCK # 12 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,663.00**

**WHEREAS**, the Village's Refuse Packer Body needs repair on transfer pump and injection pump with labor and repair to the rear end on Truck #12; and,

**WHEREAS**, this is in an emergency repair and it is imperative that this truck be repaired immediately so garbage collection can continue with no interruption of service.

**NOW, THEREBE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the emergency purchase to repair transfer pump and injection pump, labor and repair to rear end of Truck #12.

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

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**RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS  
LOCAL LAW NO. 3 OF 2008 WITH REGARD TO AMENDING CHAPTER 229 OF  
THE VILLAGE CODE WITH RESPECT TO TAXI MEDALLIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees have been requested to amend Chapter 229 of the Village Code with respect to increasing the number Taxi Medallions issued; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees wants to listen to the views of the public as to the viability of increasing the number of taxi medallions issued yearly.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby schedule a public hearing to review and discuss Local Law No. 3 of 2008 with regard to amending Chapter 229 of the Village Code with respect to taxi medallions to be held on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 7 p.m.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:22 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter involving a particular person.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:45 p.m., a motion was made Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to move out of Executive Session and adjourn the Regular Village Board meeting.

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EDITH SCHOP, Secretary