

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO, N.Y.
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2009

MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Roll Call

Upon call of the roll, the following were present:

Gordon Jenkins, Mayor
Theodore Hutchins, Trustee
Victor, Marinello, Jr., Trustee
Carmen Rue, Trustee
Scott Schoonmaker, Trustee

Also Present: Jacob Billig, Village Attorney

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE VILLAGE MANAGER RESUMES

Trustee Hutchins explained that before the Board moves into Executive Session to interview candidates for the Village Manager's position he made the following remarks:

"He has heard rumors of the street that Gary Sommers will become the new Village Manager on April 6th. These statements have been attributed by members of the Board and if this is the case I would ask that the Board members who decided in secret, obviously, make a motion and appoint him now. It is certainly unfair to the applicants who have submitted their resumes to further waste their time and have them part of this charade if a decision has already been made. I also would like it on record that Trustee Rue is inviting prospective candidates to this meeting tonight which is premature and without any authority and she did this on her own and other Board members did not participate in an illegal meeting. It was also unprofessional to have candidates meet in a public setting at such an early stage in selection process for all to see which individuals did not make the cut and be rejected. As for this selection process to give

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do and deliberate consideration for those who submitted resumes we should discuss the resumes tonight and narrow the list to those who the Board would like to interview and set up appointment for those interviews. I can not understand how we can conduct serious interviews of several candidates for this position in one night. We need to talk at length to each candidate. I think we owe ourselves, the candidates and the public an explanation of the procedures we will follow in the selection of a Village Manager. Like I said before my suggestion is in Executive Session we have a discussion on the merits of the candidates from the resumes they submitted, than give the candidates invitation to those we who we selected to interview and then have an interview with the candidates and create a short list. The candidates selected from the short list be invited to meet with the Treasurer to discuss the Village finances and otherwise take a look at the Village and speak to the department heads and then the Village run a background check of their references of these particular candidates. Additional interviews with the candidates on the short list giving us their impression of current conditions and how if they are hired how they will benefit the Village."

Trustee Rue stated: "The Village Clerk sent a press release that says the purpose of the Executive Session is to interview candidates. Because it said interview and nobody took the initiative to call anybody so she did it herself and I also sent an email to each trustee and she has the same rights as any other elected trustee so she felt she start something and called several candidates." She indicated that she called local people and felt she did her job.

The Village Clerk responded that the Village Manager gave her the wording for the agenda of the March 23rd meeting. She indicated that she got no direction from the Board other than what was in minutes with no one saying that it would be for interviews or reviewing resumes so that is where it came from.

Mayor Jenkins indicated that he was under the impression that this evening would be to review resumes not interview prospective candidates.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:20 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Rue, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to move into Executive Session to interview prospective candidates that are present this evening.

RECOVERING THE SPECIAL VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Roll Call

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A motion was made by Trustee Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Hutchins, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to recess this Special Board meeting until a later date to continue to interview candidates for the Village Manager's position.

EDITH SCHOP, Village Clerk