

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO, N.Y.  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2009

**MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:05 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: Ray Nargizian, Village Manager  
Douglas Solomon, Chief of Police  
Jim Sternberg, Highway Superintendent

**RECOGNITION OF LOCAL RESIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH HISPANIC  
AWARENESS MONTH-LUIS ALVAREZ; GLORYVET OLIVO AND PEDRO TORRES**

Trustee Rue explained that each year the Governor does a proclamation for Hispanic Awareness regarding what people do for community service.

The Board presented certificates from the Governor, Assemblywoman Gunther, Senator Bonacic and Board of Trustees of Village of Monticello to these three people.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:10 p.m., a motion was made by Mayor Jenkins, seconded by Trustee Hutchins, approved on a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Rue, nay; Trustee Marinello, aye; Trustee Hutchins, aye; Trustee Schoonmaker, nay, Mayor Jenkins, aye to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter regarding a particular person. Motion carried 3 ayes - 2 nays.

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**RECONVENING THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

At 7:45 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Hutchins, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to move out of Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Village Board meeting.

**MAYOR' REPORT**

**Dismissal of the Village Attorney - Jacob Billig**

The Mayor explained that the Village Attorney is not a tonight's meeting nor has he been here often and comes and goes as he pleases. He did not feel the Attorney is serving the residents of the Village nor the Board as he has been called to do. The Mayor discharged Jacob Billig as the current Village Attorney and noted that his intention was to appoint Ira Cohen, who also serves as the County Treasurer. He felt that the Board would approve his choice and he would bring some logic and civility to this Board. He felt the Village Board is out of control, but they would respect Mr. Cohen's opinion, nor does he have his own agenda.

Trustee Rue was concerned that the Board does not have a legal representation with many grants pending where an attorney is needed.

Trustee Marinello indicated that he has no problem with Mr. Cohen who is very capable and a talented attorney, however he is not going to make a decision in a second on a whim. He was concerned that there may be some conflicts of interest and this decision should be made sensibly and think about doing it before it is done.

Mayor Jenkins noted that at the last Reorganizational meeting in April 2009 he appointed Mr. Billig as Village Attorney; however Trustees Rue, Marinello and Schoonmaker refused to vote for his reappointment so he became a "holdover". He felt that when he makes a decision those other Board members will oppose it.

Trustee Schoonmaker was concerned that Ira Cohen would be a part time Village Attorney and before that decision is made the Board

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members need to talk to him and negotiate his terms of employment to make sure it is in the best interest of the Village.

Trustee Hutchins asked that Mr. Cohen be hired as the interim Village Attorney so the Village is protected and if need be the Board could have a Special meeting and confirm that appointment.

Trustee Schoonmaker suggested that the Deputy Village Attorney Robert Gaiman fill in as the Acting Village Attorney until the position is permanently filled.

The Board unanimously agreed that Mr. Gaiman should serve as the Acting Village Attorney.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting of September 8, 2009 and the Regular Village Board meeting of September 14, 2009 as presented.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

**"Stop the Violence" March**

Mayor Jenkins thanked Jeanette Williams and Chief Solomon for organizing the "Stop the Violence" March last Saturday.

**Formation of Committees**

Mayor Jenkins created the following three (3) three committees which will be comprised of Village residents who have volunteered to serve at no compensation.

- Energy Committee
- Community Out Reach Committee
- Drug & Alcohol Committee
- Housing Committee

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**Monthly Meet The Mayor Meetings**

The Mayor announced that he will be holding monthly informal meetings at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Building for anyone to speak to him regarding any issue.

**Rezoning Issues**

Mayor Jenkins was very concerned that there are big projects about to begin in the Village and the zoning throughout the Village needs to be addressed. He noted that the Board hasn't made any decisions about rezoning the Village.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

Good evening, my name is Ray Nargizian, welcome to the Oct 5, 2009 meeting of the board of Trustees.

I am pleased to announce the black topping had been completed at the Richardson Ave, bridge. Many thanks to Bill Masters and our Highway Dept. for their professionalism and speed at which this project was completed.

I am also pleased to announce the hiring of Jim Steinberg as working Supervisor for the Highway Dept. Jim brings to the table years of experience as Superintendent of Highways of the Town of Forestburgh.

Thursday Sept. 17 the senior games ended with an Award Luncheon. Congratulations to those who were tops in their game. Further pursuing discussions on a municipal complex the Village Manager met with Rob Brooks from Small Cities and George Popp of USDA.

The Village Manager has interviewed applicants for 2 part-time Village code enforcer's job openings. According to civil service regulations we informed 9 potential employees of the job opening. Six responded. We have chosen 2 applicants they are Walter Fedun Jr. and Jim Carnel. Both Gentlemen have an impressive background in code enforcement.

On Friday Sept 25, 2009 The Village manager attended a fireside chat with Author and lectured Edward McMahon. There was an insightful discussion on practical approaches to preserve

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community character and improve the design of new development. I have met with 6 engineering firms to discuss the Monticello sidewalk project.

On Tuesday Sept. 29 the Villager manager met with Michael Cucchiara, director, of the National development Council. Roz Sharoff attended as a senior advocate. We discussed the potential new senior center and a youth center.

In conjunction with the YMCA the Monticello Halloween parade will start on Lakewood Ave. and end at the Community Center. Starting Time is at 5:00 PM on Oct 31<sup>st</sup>

### **Cost of Richardson Avenue Project**

Trustee Hutchins questioned the final cost of the Richardson Avenue Project?

Bonnie Carnell responded that the final cost was \$33,000 without the credit for the piping.

Trustee Hutchins welcomed the new Highway Superintendent.

### **Code Enforcement Applicants**

Trustee Hutchins questioned how many applicants applied for the part time Code Enforcement Officer's position?

The Village Manager replied that letters were sent out to 9 potential candidates from the Civil Service List.

Trustee Hutchins was concerned that the first person named on the list did not receive a canvas letter.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Roz Sharoff questioned how the Village Attorney is appointed?

Trustee Rue indicated that she spoke to an attorney who explained that Mr. Billig was a "holdover" and therefore he wasn't approved by the majority of the Board the position is opened so the Mayor can appoint someone with Board approval.

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The Mayor felt that the Board goes against everything he wants, and the real fight is against how much the Mayor can do, however the Board is really hurting the residents. He felt that the Board is at a stalemate and no business is being conducted because of this.

Chris questioned why there was no conflict when they had a Treasurer that worked for both the Village and Town of Thompson. He felt the Mr. Cohen could do both jobs.

Trustee Marinello indicated that this has nothing to do with the Mayor; it is fiscal responsibility and not a personal vendetta.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2009  
AMENDING SECTION 252-26 ENTITLED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES  
ESTABLISHED**

Mayor Jenkins opened the public hearing at 8:17 p.m.

Roz Sharoff explained that she asked for these designated handicapped parking spaces because of lack of enough handicap parking spaces in the front of the building on Thursdays when the senior hold their weekly meetings.

The Chief explained that there are presently 7 parking spaces in the front of that building and two of them are already marked "handicapped" but they were not designated by local law and that needs to be done and the other five space will be left as general parking except on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Trustee Marinello requested that the police enforce the law when someone that doesn't have a handicapped emblem.

Mayor Jenkins closed the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2009 AMENDING SECTION  
252-26 ENTITLED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES ESTABLISHED**

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby adopt Local Law No. 4 of 2009 amending Section 252-26 entitled Handicapped Parking Spaces Established.

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A LOW LIFT PUMP FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT**

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for bids for a Low Lift Pump for the Water Department.

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) CHEVY 3500 SERIES AT A COST OF \$37,455.40 BY THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Trustee Hutchins felt that one truck had already be authorized to be bought at the last Board meeting and the Village should put off buying the second truck and possibly use the money for the rezoning review agreement.

Trustee Marinello noted that this second truck was included in the FY 2009/10 budget and is necessary now and should be approved at this time.

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the purchase of one (1) Chevy 3500 Series at a cost of \$37,455.40 State Bid price.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, approved on a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Rue, aye; Trustee Marinello, aye; Trustee Hutchins, nay; Trustee Schoonmaker, aye to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried 3 ayes - 1 nay.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A REBUILT DUMP BODY HYDRAULIC CYLINDER FOR TR#6 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,090.00 AMERICAN HOSE & HYDRAULICS**

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the purchase of a rebuilt dump

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body hydraulic cylinder for TR #6 in the amount of \$1,090.00 from American Hose & Hydraulics.

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 18 SNOW TIRES FOR POLICE VEHICLES - 2 TIRES FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT AND 4 TIRES FOR THE TAHOE (24 IN TOTAL) IN AMOUNT OF \$2,044.00 UNDER STATE BID PRICE**

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the purchase of 18 tires for Police vehicles, 2 tires for the Sewer Department and 4 tires for the Tahoe (24 in total) in the amount of \$2,044.00 under State Bid Prices.

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF SUBMERSIBLE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,090.00 FOR THE REPAIR OF THE SLEEPY HOLLOW PUMP STATION FROM R & R PUMP & CONTROL SERVICES, LLC**

**Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the emergency purchase of Submersible Pressure Transducer for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$1,090.00 for the repair of the Sleepy Hollow Pump Station from R & R Pump & Control Services, LLC.

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

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET TRANSFERS FOR FY 2009/10**

Trustee Hutchins questioned the line transfers from the Grants Personnel line to the Village Manager's personal secretary and questioned is a new position has been created since there is already \$4,000 designated which is earmarked for Stacey Walker. He questioned the salary for the Village Manager's personal secretary?

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The Village Manager responded that she receives \$34,000

Trustee Hutchins indicated that the manager terminated his last secretary and she wasn't making that amount of money. He questioned whether the Village is afraid to select a person from the Civil Service list and giving everyone an opportunity of getting a job in the Village. He questioned why the Board isn't in accordance with going along with the Civil Service Law. Trustee Hutchins asked that the two appropriation lines that have to do with the Village Manager's personal secretary be tabled.

Trustee Rue felt that it should not be tabled because there is no position opened and the Manager is the Grant Department and he has a secretary that is doing a great job and when I recommended that Bonnie Carnel get a \$2,000 stipend to come in on Saturday's to organize the recycling, everyone voted against it.

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Monticello has adopted its annual budget for the 2009/10 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 by Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, approved on a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Rue, nay; Trustee Marinello, aye; Trustee Hutchins, aye; Trustee Schoonmaker, aye; to adopt the above resolution but to table the two appropriation lines regarding the Manager's Secretary (8692.101A and 3620.101A) Motion 3 ayes - 1 nay.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF SUBMERSIBLE PRESSURE TRANSDUCER, DIGITAL CONTROLLER AND MISCELLANOUS CONTROL RELAYS AND WIRING FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,080.00 FOR THE REPAIR OF THE THOMPSONVILLE PUMP STATION FROM R & R PUMP & CONTROL SERVICES, LLC**

**Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the emergency purchase of Submersible Pressure Transducer, Digital Controller and Miscellaneous Control Relays and Wiring for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$2,080.00 for the repair of the Thompsonville Pump Station from R & R Pump & Control Services, LLC.

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH DYKSTRA ASSOCIATES, PC FOR ZONING REVIEW AND ADMENDMENT CONSULTING PROPOSAL**

Bob Tessier from Dykstra Associates, PC, and a professional planner explained that he has been attending the Village's planning board meetings. Shortly, he will be submitting his pre-initial assessment of issues and opportunities in the Village at no cost to the Village. He explained in attending Planning Board meetings and with individual interviews he found that there were two themes which coming up was to have a comprehensive look at the Village's zoning laws and also the issue of zoning enforcement. In light of these concerns his firm has submitted a proposal to address these two issues.

Trustee Schoonmaker felt that this matter should be researched further before any final decision is made.

Trustee Marinello felt that the Board should get other proposals.

Trustee Hutchins felt that this matter wouldn't be finalized before the first of the New Year. He also noted that both Trustee Schoonmaker and Trustee Marinello have been on the Board

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for over 6 years and nothing has been done. He felt that now there is an opportunity to move ahead and if the Village doesn't hire the second code enforcement officer or not buy an additional vehicle and use those funds to rezone the Village which the Village is badly in need of, and be fiscally responsible.

Mayor Jenkins apologized to the Dykstra Associates and felt that because he suggested that they be hired the other three Board members are automatically against it.

Trustee Schoonmaker noted that Ira Cohen said that one of his fortes that he is looking forward to is possibly working with the Code Enforcement of this Village. He asked that the matter be tabled until the Board can hear from Mr. Cohen.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to table the matter.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH DYKSTRA ASSOCIATES, PC FOR ZONING ENFORCEMENT CONSULTING PROPOSAL**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to table the matter.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ALLOW OPTIONAL USE OF E-MAIL NOTIFICATIONS**

Trustee Hutchins explained that he is not at liberty to sit at a computer and he prefers a phone call.

Trustee Marinello explained that the email is just an option.

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby amend Section 2 of the Rules of Procedure of the Village of Monticello Board of Trustees to allow optional use of e-mail notifications.

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A motion was made by Trustee Rue, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, approved on a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Rue, aye; Trustee Marinello, aye; Trustee Hutchins, nay; Trustee Schoonmaker, aye to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried 3 ayes - 1 nay.

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND SECTION 5 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ALLOW THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (THE VILLAGE MANAGER) THE PRIVILEGE OF PLACING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA FOR CODNSIDERATION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Trustee Hutchins explained that any Trustee can put an item for discussion on the agenda, so if the Village Manager needs a matter included in the agenda he can at least respectfully contact the Mayor or have the Clerk contact the Mayor for it to be included on the agenda. He felt that Mayor loses his powers when the Manager has the ability to include an item on the agenda. He questioned if the Manager has had a problem putting anything on the agenda so far?

The Manager responded that there has been no problem in a couple of years.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, approved on a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Rue, aye; Trustee Marinello, aye; Trustee Hutchins, nay; Trustee Schoonmaker, aye to adopt the above resolution. Motion carried 3 ayes - 1 nay.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO GET AN APPRAISAL OF VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY - SBL 106-3-15 LIBERTY STREET IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$\_\_\_\_\_**

The Manager explained that he will look in the yellow pages for a qualified appraiser and negotiate the best deal for the Village.

Trustee Schoonmaker recommended asked that the Manager send a Letters of Interest to all the appraisers in the Village to solicit their price.

The Board agreed with Trustee Schoonmaker's suggestion.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$2,000 BY THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR REPLACEMENT OF VARIOUS STREET SIGNAGE WITH POSTS FROM ECONO SIGNS**

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 by the Highway Department for the replacement of various street signage with posts from Econo Signs.

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

**ORDERING BILLS PAID**

Trustee Hutchins questioned if the issue of how the bills are being paid?

Trustee Schoonmaker indicated that he got all the information regarding the Home Depot bill and because the Village did not pay the bill Home Depot denied them credit, however a settlement was made and the matter is settled. He felt the bills for electricity could be lower by shutting off lights and the landfill tipping could be much lower if the Village was vigilant in have the residents recycle.

Trustee Rue felt that in the future any settlement should first be reviewed by the Village Attorney. Trustee Rue explained that the Home Depot bill is for six years and there was an agreement to accept \$4,000 because there was not paper trail as to who ordered the merchandize or how signed for it, so the check has already been paid.

Trustee Hutchins noted that at the last meeting the Board was concerned about how the bills and vouchers are submitted is unacceptable. He indicated that he will not approve any bills to be paid until a system is put in place because he is accountable for the taxpayer's money. He felt that the Manager as the Chief Fiscal Officer must come up with a better system to ensure that the bills are being properly audited.

The Village Manager indicated that he is CEO of the Village and the Treasurer is the Chief Financial Officer. He felt what Trustee Hutchins is asking is total impractical and total

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impossible to run any business. He felt that it is the department heads responsibility to lookout for what they spend. If a supervisor must show a purchase order and then it has to be shown to the Board before a purchase can be made the Village could not operate.

Trustee Hutchins indicated that he has spoken to Trustee Marinello and the Board was going to put in place a system that once a week, unless it was an emergency, would come to auditors and then the auditors would approve it and then the item could be purchased.

Trustee Rue agreed with Trustee Hutchins as why a bill has been paid and then the Board is going to vote. She also felt the system should be changed.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue. Trustee Hutchins would not second the motion so no action was taken.

#### **DISCUSSION REGARDING ADDITIONAL TAXICAB MEDALLIONS**

Trustee Rue made a motion to table the matter as no attorney is present. There was no second to that motion.

Mayor indicated that the Board needs to make a decision regarding the taxicab medallions matter and this has been discussed when an attorney is present and yet no decision was made at that time either.

#### **DISCUSSION REGARDING QUESTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES**

The Board agreed that any property in litigation would not be discussed.

- 32 St. John Street
- 21 Spring Street
- Dunbar Towers
- Transmission Tower - Hillcrest Avenue
- Crystal Street Building Permit
- 258 E. Broadway (Nelshore Drive)

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Trustee Hutchins noted that a neighboring County had a tragedy in their home with three little girls being killed in a fire. He felt the Board continues on not fulfilling the Village Code of some of these illegal buildings and if it happens here he wants to be able to say he tried. He explained that the Code Enforcement Officer Sue Flora is trying to do her job, but she is being told to be that they don't have to follow her rules because the Village Manager is taking care of it. There is an issue with Mr. Lustig's third floor apartment as to being a fire hazard and something needs to be done. He questioned the status of 32 St. John Street?

### **32 St. John Street**

The Code Enforcement Officer responded that a building permit was issued for the exterior work only and he will be proceeding with going to the planning board.

### **Dunbar Towers**

Regarding Dunbar Towers a "Stop Work" Order was issued and the property owner did contact her and they are trying to get the funds to reissue another building permit.

### **Transmission Tower**

The Transmission Tower is in court and the Deputy Village Attorney is handling that matter.

### **258 E. Broadway (Corner of Nelshore Drive and East Broadway**

The property owner was issued a violation and will appear in Court on October 15<sup>th</sup>; however he did submit plans with a building permit application which was rejected so they will be resubmitting plans and ultimately will have to go before the Planning Board.

Trustee Hutchins indicated that several months ago the Board had asked that she and the Village Engineer Glenn Smith to inspect the building and possibly declare it unsafe, noting there are kids running in and out of the house, there are broken windows as well as there is sewage backing up in the yard and a smell that the residents are complaining about.

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Sue Flora explained that certain repairs have made and the plans must be resubmitted and then they would have to get approval from the Planning Board as the building has been vacant for more than a year.

Trustee Rue noted that the owner of 258 E. Broadway submitted a building permit application and paid the fee.

Mayor Jenkins explained that since he has been on this Board as a Trustee and Mayor no one has been able to make a decision to take that building down which is one of the biggest eyesores in the Village. He noted that the Town of Thompson has building demolished regularly with no problem, and he doesn't understand why it is such a hard thing for the Village to remove an eyesore and it should be demolished not fixed.

Trustee Hutchins asked if the building could be secured to keep anyone from entering it.

Sue Flora responded that she will inform the police of the problem.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### **39 North Street**

Property owner Ray Lustig explained that he has not been told that he has a violation on that building.

Sue Flora explained that she issued a vacate order for that third floor apartment and subsequently has been in contact with the State and further decisions will be forthcoming.

##### **Attendance by the Board at Meetings**

David Gill explained that he came last Tuesday to a meeting that never materialized and this has happened several times with the same Board members not showing up, don't call in, etc and he felt it is an insult to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, the Village Manager, the Clerk and their constituents that the public comes here for a meeting and no one is notified that they will not be able to attend. He indicated that he for one as a voter, when they are up for reelection, he will remember that.

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Trustee Marinello responded that he has a legitimate reason for not attending Tuesday's meeting. About a month ago certain members of the Board did not attend and neither was the Village Clerk when a Special meeting was called. Before he blames one particular group of Trustees he needs to know all the facts.

### **Code Enforcement Officer**

Shawn Miller asked if the new assistant Code Enforcement Officers are being hired as support for the current Code Enforcement Officer or are you hiring them to replace her. The Building Inspector is also his fiancé who does a wonderful job that is very stressful and becomes more stressful when she comes home not knowing if she is going to be employed tomorrow.

Trustee Schoonmaker responded that the Village Board has recognized for the last six years that Sue Flora has been way overworked and is way over her head and therefore this Board finally took action to hire two part time employees in support of her. He did not feel there was anyone who has intentions of getting rid of Sue Flora nor any employee that works for the Village unless they are not doing their job they are supposed to be doing.

Mayor Jenkins indicated that Sue Flora is the supervisor for those two part time employees and have to answer to her.

Trustee Rue responded that those two part time Code Enforcement Officer will help her and when she is either sick or on vacation they will fill in for her so that department doesn't operate.

### **Call For Resignation**

Michael Baum indicated that he voted for Trustee Rue because he had confidence that she could do the job, but he feels she doesn't know exactly what she is doing as Trustee and if very inconsistent, abusive, contradictive and slanderous and asking on behalf of many people that she step down as Trustee immediately.

Trustee Rue responded that she will not step down and has been elected by people not only by him. She felt she does her job for seven thousand people and she will fight for what is right for the Village.

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Rochelle Massey felt Board members should not be telling the Code Enforcement Officer what to do or not do as it is her job and responsibility for the safety of the Village.

Roz Sharoff asked that the Board let the Mayor do what he is supposed to do as Mayor as he has certain privileges and the Village Manager has to be allowed to do his job. She felt that it is time for cohesiveness in this Village not dissention. She felt the slogan should be "move forward".

Dr. Hudes felt that Board should act like business people and the least that could do is meet at work sessions to iron out the issues and make their decisions before they come to a Board meetings and not bickering at Board meetings about paying bills, etc.

Tommy Mack felt that it takes the entire Village Board to get this Village running again, in other words the Village is sliding backwards. He indicated that the taxpayers want to see the Board working together. He was concerned that he is coming to meetings, however there are no meetings and he asked that the Board find away to hold each of the Board members accountable for the taxpayers and perhaps if a Board member fails to attend a Board meeting they don't get pay.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THAT A BOARD MEMBER NOT GET PAID FOR BEING ABSENT AT A VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**Resolved,** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize that if a Board member does not get paid if a meeting is unattended.

A motion was made by Mayor Jenkins, seconded by Trustee, Hutchins, approved on a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Rue, did not vote as she felt it was legal as the Village doesn't have an attorney at this time), Trustee Marinello, aye; Trustee Hutchins, aye; Trustee Schoonmaker, aye; Mayor Jenkins, aye to adopt the above resolutions.

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**Fire Prevention Night**

Alan Kesten representing the fire department noted that last Thursday the Monticello Joint Fire District held an information night for parents to learn more about fire prevention and flyers were handed out to all children in the Monticello School District and it was also noted that children would be welcome and entertained while the parents were attending this seminar. He indicated that only one parent attended this event.

**Taxi Medallion Comments**

Alan Kesten explained that he made a business decision and started another company strictly for Medicaid transportation which are vehicles that are licensed as liveries, operate outside the Village of Monticello, and don't do any cash business at all. He felt the problem is now solved and nobody waits for taxicabs any longer.

Rochelle Massey noted that Dennis Diuguid was in her store last week and her customers called Yellow Cab and were told it would take 45 minutes for them to get a cab.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:35 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to move into Executive Session.

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EDITH SCHOP, Village Clerk