

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO, N.Y.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2009

MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:03 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
Robert Gaiman, Deputy Village Attorney
Douglas Solomon, Chief of Police
Phil Klemen, Sewer Superintendent
Barton & Loguidice, P.C.
Tommy Ting, For Monticello Entertainment Village

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2009
AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2009 WITH CORRECTIONS**

MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor stated that he said that on November 3, 2009 he would have weekly meetings at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Building, it would be informal meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. sharp. This would be considered a time for anyone to ask questions to the Mayor which they may be afraid to ask at regular meetings also the Mayor stated that he had information on statements put on Face Book (a web page of the internet) and would like to possible face his accusers of the things that were posted on the website. By having these meetings it gives anyone the chance to ask questions to the Mayor and he will answer them honestly and fairly. The meetings are welcomed to anyone at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. The Mayor asked that the "B" committee that he is

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establishing in the Village can stay after the meeting to make dates for the committee. The Mayor also stated that the Halloween Parade was a beautiful parade with a great turn out. Victor was there, Carmen was there, Ray (the Village Manager) was there and also the YMCA attended. The Mayor thanked everyone for attending. Carmen Rue also thank the Fire Department and Jennifer Friedland for their support, Carmen also complimented on how nice the floats were. Carmen stated that there were a lot of people that came out but if it didn't rain, more people would have come but most of the kids were at the High School, she also thanked everyone for participating.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Good Evening my name is Ray Nargizian, welcome to the November 2, 2009 meeting of the Monticello Board of Trustees.

Two properties owned by the Village were offered at the County Real Estate auction. The Village netted \$5,100 back taxes were \$1,700. Village gained above receiving full payment of taxes was \$3,400.

Edith Schop has resigned as Village Clerk and Stacey Walker has assumed the Clerk's duties.

Once again the Monticello Highway Department is sponsoring a fundraiser, please bring non perishable food items to the Village of Monticello Highway Department by November 23, 2009; the Village will then donate all non perishable food items to the Federation of the Homeless, they will distribute all donations to families in need.

Allen Mendels has resigned as Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Allen for his many years of devotion to the Village of Monticello.

Building Department review for the Month of October, 2009.

Inspections,43..Violations, 19..Violations corrected, 17..Grant Inspections, 12.. Zoning Review, 15.. Permits issued, 15.. CO/Violation Searches,60.. Amount Collected from searches, \$4,800.. Permits, \$1,068

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Special thanks to Kenny Heins of the Farmers Market for donating the corn stalks and pumpkins which helped decorate the Village Hall.

The Halloween Parade began on Lakewood Avenue at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The winner of the best float contest was spooky friends, runner up was Monticello youth football and second runner up was the Recovery Center. After the Parade the YMCA continued the festivities at Monticello High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED BY THE USDA TO COMPLETE FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign any and all documents required by the USDA to complete funding applications.

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

DISCUSSION BY BARTON AND LOGUDICE ON ENGINEER'S REPORT

Glenn Gadally talked about coming before the Mayor and the Village Board to update 3 different projects:

1. Sidewalk Project
2. Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade
3. Water Department Project

Mr. Gadally started out briefly saying that the Board may recall that the Village took the proactive steps in seeking some funds about a 1½ to 2 years ago now thru the State Transportation Enhancement Program sidewalks to run from the school complex on RT 42 on the East side of the street all the way to Broadway and that they had assistance from the County for approval on 80% funding from the State and 20% would be from locals with the total amount of \$330,000 after they receive a notice that their office worked with with DOT and were able to turn the project into a stimulus project, infact it was the first stimulus funds in Sullivan County that was 100% funded. The State will pay the entire \$330,000 at this point in time, in the beginning of the

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design of the project, working with the schedule is to have it designed over the winter, go out to bid, have the sidewalks go in. A number of trustees have been at the plant to see the conditions of the plant (sewer department) has outlived its useful life and runs 24/7 with the electric it cost almost \$250,000 a year to run the plant. What the company has designed for Phil to see is a energy efficient modern plant, a \$5 million cost, Glen stated that months ago when he was here a \$5 million dollar grant commitment from the Federal Government with a low interest loan and stated that "we still have that commitment", after they made that commitment they have more money and should look at any and all problems related to the wastewater plant, the distribution pipe and fix everything at once to get it done.

Glen stated that Rich would take over the discussion to talk a little about where they are with the process and said that we are still doing very well with the Federal Government on the terms of the Stimulus Money. Scott Schoonmaker asked when they did the study on the place did they look at the possibility of harnessing that Methane Gas down there to power that plant? Glen replied that he would leave that that question to Rich.

Rich said no they did not but what they did was look at a way to treat and dispose of the sludge that is generated there at the plant at a very low cost. Rich said that right now there was sludge going to the landfill in exchange for the plant treating the leache that came from the landfill as a trade off but with the landfill closing the Village would be faced with having to truck the sludge away. Disposing of the sludge will probably run around \$100 a ton, but what their plan calls for is actually a Green Technology called Repeds or basically the sludge would go under the speed and over time will break down 90% of the sludge. Phil Klemen the superintendent of the Sewer Department asked how long the construction process will take and the reply was between 12-16 months to complete. Phil complimented that this would be good for the village.

Rich said that the Water Treatment Plant is in generally good condition, but they do have a plan for the water system which is a new chlorination system with additional capacity. Much of the work would be in the water piping that leak, they will be replaced, because the main thing is to keep that water moving so it won't cause build up problems in the pipes. Rich stated that the pipes are over a 100 years old. They discussed replacing

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valves, hydrants, and putting in a new booster station for chlorine also, painting and maintenance on the other systems. Glen stated that they would file paper work to the USDA on behalf of the Village for grant low interest loan (s) for this project.

DISCUSSION BY KATHY KREITHER TO IMPROVE DEHOYAS PARK AND DILLION PARK WAS TABLED TO BE RESCHEDULED

DISCUSSION BY TOMMY TING ON UPDATES ABOUT THE MONTICELLO ENTERTAINMENT VILLAGE

The plans and information from Tommy Ting was sent to the ZBA for zone changes for B1 and B2. Sue Flora requested that a zoning officer is needed to be appointed and Ray Nargizian suggested that Jim Carnell be appointed, Trustee Theodore Hutchins questioned if any additional money is required and Carmen Rue and Scott Schoonmaker replied no.

A motion was made by Trustee Scott Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Carmen Rue, approved on a roll Victor Marinello, aye, Theodore Hutchins, aye, Mayor Jenkins, aye

Approved on a roll call to make Jim Carnell of the Village of Monticello Building Department Zoning Officer.

DISCUSSION TO IMPROVING THE APPEARANCE OUTSIDE OF VILLAGE HALL

The Mayor asked if there is any grant money to help improve the appearance of the Village Hall Building and Glen replied no money is available in grants for municipal buildings and the Mayor replied that 1.3 million was proposed by Barton and Loguidice to fix the Village Hall and wanted to know if there were at least other grant monies were available to help Barton and Loguidice to fix the building. Scott asked the Village Manager Ray Nargizian if he was looking into finding monies to help the Village and Ray replied that he is still seeking help.

DISCUSSION ON TAXI MEDALLIONS

A Work Shop meeting was voted on to be on Tuesday November 10 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Zoning and Taxi Medallions

PUBLIC COMMENT

A concerned citizen asked a question about Mr. Tings project and Tommy Ting answered the question saying that his project is about entertainment that will consist of a Rock Club, Classical Music, Folk Rock Music related to entertainment and the second club will be a Chess Club, House of Blues, and the Rock Club that will be opened weekdays as well as weekends. Mr. Ting also mentioned that he will have local people hired to do most of the work when it comes available to start on the project.

Barbara Burton made a statement saying that she questioned the board that are under the direction of the Mayor about Agenda items, A. how can they allow to her understanding litigations by the Mayor against the Board and the Manger B. A Trustee who's requested for investigations is verbally agreed to but tabled, C. The County's Budget is not yet formulated and passed in conjunction with the State and Federal financing D. Why is everyone in a hurry? E. She sees another cart before horse procedure and waste of public lost of faith in government also would like to add event though we may and probably will loose money there is a to gain if all concerned in this room at least will attend the Budget Hearing of the County on December 15 at 7:00 p.m., in the County Board she hopes and prays that what she says will break through a wall of misunderstanding, Thank you.

A gentlemen named Shawn stated that he would like to see the new building if its financed, on Broadway before it would go to Rock Hill.

Chris Edling asked if the board looked into any companies or other companies to come here to the village for Rezoning?

Scott Schoonmaker said that they asked Barton and Logudice to give us an estimate on doing the same thing (s) but doesn't know it they responded.

The Manager Ray Nargizian said he was looking into someone and Theodore Hutchins asked Ray if he could look into it, and the manager relied that he would do the necessary process and then he would present his findings with the board and Theodore stated that the board should be involved on the process as it is being

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and the Village Manger asked the Deputy Village Attorney Rob Gainman of his input on who makes the discussion on how a process is first done and Mr. Gainman stated the Village Manger runs the villages daily activities. The Mayor stated that the board runs the village and the board is the boss of everyone.

Scott Schoomaker wanted to know from the Village Manger if he could have a potential candidate by December 1st for the rezoning of the Village. Ray said he believes by December 1st he can. Scott stated that he would have reports about more medallions by the next board meeting when he gets the information needed to make decisions. Theodore Hutchins said he hopes the information doesn't take too long because things have been prolonged.

Tommy Mack had questions about were there any meetings or is the board going to court or if any lawsuits, or executive meetings called to see if it will cost the tax payers more money because of what's going on. He wasn't at the meeting earlier so he wanted to know if the Deputy Village Attorney was appointed to the full responsibilities of the Village Attorney and was decision made by the board on how much money will be paid and he Mr. Mack also asked if Ms. Walker is getting paid more money or Edith's salary since she is not doing her own job and also stated that since she is not doing her own job who will be replacing her or will be replacing her job. Mr. Mack also wanted to know if the Village Manager will get a committee that will be tied up in the investigation that is going on?

Carmen Rue stated that Stacey is in the Union and as per the contract she is getting paid extra for doing the extra job. Theodore said that Stacey will get paid for her position and wanted to clear the fact that Mr. Mack wanted to know if someone will fill in part time to help Stacey. Theodore suggested that after public comment the board go into executive session about the litigation that they had. Carmen suggested that people should go to the Web to search the Village Codes and that will help answer questions.

The Mayor made a comment about appointing someone soon to be the Clerk and Carmen stated that the Mayor can appoint a Clerk but the board will set the salary, the Mayor stated that this is the reason why he is going to court to have the decision made on what each person (s) title is and what decision is made by each board member including the Mayor.

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Rochelle Massey wanted to know why it is taking so long to get grants because 2 families need roofs. The Manger said that it's not open to the public, it's private and Ms. Massey stated that she just wanted to know what's taking so long. The Manager stated that the paperwork was wrong and is being corrected. The Mayor suggested that if anyone had questions about grants to call the Village Manager.

ORDERING BILLS PAID

A motion was made by Trustee Rue, seconded by Trustee Huthcins approved on a roll call 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.

Roll Call unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution

Theodore Hutchins made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel. Carmen Rue and Victor Marinello disagreed but Scott Schoomaker second the motion and Victor changed his answer to yes and Carmen said no.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

AT 8:15 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Hutchins, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, approved on a roll call to vote to move into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel issues

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 p.m.

STACEY WALKER, DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK