

Minutes

Board of Trustees

Village of Monticello

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013

7:00pm

**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Mayor Jenkins.

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

Mayor Jenkins-Present      Carmen Rue-Present      T.C. Hutchins-Present  
Larissa Bennett-Present      James Matthews-Present

Also Present:      Dennis Lynch-Village Attorney at 7:30pm  
James Snowden-Code Enforcement Officer

**Motion to Accept the Agenda**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with changes and a second by Trustee Hutchins.

Trustee Rue stated that the following changes need to be made to the agenda:

1. Under the Manager's Appointments, the village code states that the Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer both have to live in the Village and the current Deputy Treasurer lives in Liberty, that can only be changed with a local law because it was originally done by a local law and we would also have to have a Public Hearing.
2. Also the Village Auditors, Gitlin, he said that they are not going to be doing the audit anymore, so we need to talk to him and find out if he is sure and then maybe get proposals.
3. #10 on the agenda, the property on the corner of St. John Street and Broadway, needs to be tabled because we have not received any information on the contract or even seen the contract. I do not feel comfortable voting or discussing something that I have not had a chance to review. The last contract that was done by Mr. LiGreci had the Village responsible for everything and that's not right, plus the guy did not have to pay any taxes or anything. That was not right. I want to see the new contract before I vote for it.

Trustee Hutchins stated that it is the same contract as before.

Trustee Rue stated that the last contract had the Village responsible for everything and the owner did not even have to pay taxes. That is too much liability for the Village. If something was to happen, the Village would be in big trouble. If that is the same contract, then I am definitely not voting for it.

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor to accept the agenda with the noted changes.

**Approval of Minutes from the March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 & April 16<sup>th</sup>, & April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meetings**

A motion was made by Trustee Bennett with a second by Trustee Matthews to approve the minutes. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

**Manager Appointments:**

*ZBA Members 5-Year Terms-Re-Appointed-Term to Expire April 2018*

Howard Perlman

Ken Carpenter

June Bartol

Bonnie Hoffman

*1-Year Terms*

Deputy Village Clerk, Stacey Walker	April	2014
Deputy Village Treasurer, Carrie LaJoie	On Hold	
John Fuller, Village Engineer	April	2014
Gitlin, Knack, & Pavloff, Village Auditors	On Hold	
Sullivan County Democrat, Official Newspaper	April	2014
Drs. Lauterstein & Garfinkel, Police Surgeons	April	2014
Dr. Garfinkel, Health Officer	April	2014
Rabbi Chanowitz, & Pastor Ramiro, Police Chaplains	April	2014
Chase Bank, Key Bank, Community Bank of Sullivan County, Bank of America, First		
National Bank of Jeffersonville & TD North Bank, Official Banks	April	2014
Board Auditors	Tabled	
Deputy Mayor- Larissa Bennett	April	2014

**Presentation-Mr. Teplesky-2013-2014 Monticello Central School Budget**

The Monticello Central School District Superintendent, Mr. Teplesky and the School Business Administrator presented the budget for the 2013-2014 school years and encouraged everyone to come out and vote on May 21, 2013.

**Approval of bill's to be paid in the amount of \$2,629,058.70**

A motion was made by Trustee Bennett and second by Trustee Matthews. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Trustee Rue-nay

Trustee Bennett-yea

Trustee Matthews-yea

Trustee Hutchins-nay with a comment

Trustee Hutchins stated that in looking at the numbers, he does not feel comfortable paying out over 2 million dollars after hearing Mr. Gitlin and the report from his firm. I looked at the budget report from the previous meeting and compared it to the one that was presented for this meeting and none of the numbers have changed. There is something wrong with that, especially if there were bills paid in the last meeting. Trustee Bennett you mean to tell me that you feel comfortable paying out over 2 million dollars in bills and we don't know if the numbers are correct?

Trustee Bennett stated that she came in and spoke with the Treasurer and got an explanation of what the bills were and why they were so high. The treasurer explained that the 2 million dollars is for the ban that was taken out previously by the Village and we have to pay it yearly this time of year. Did you take time and talk or try to meet with the Treasurer? She explained everything to me and yes, I feel comfortable paying the bills.

Mayor Jenkins-yea

Motion passed.

Recess:

Mayor Jenkins recessed the meeting at 7:22pm for 5 minutes.

Meeting was reconvened at 7:27pm by Mayor Jenkins.

**Resolution Adopting the Budget Transfers, Fiscal Year Ending July 2013**

Tabled

**Resolution authorizing the Acting Manager to sign a contract with the owner of the property on the corner of St. John Street & Broadway for Village use of the vacant lot**

Tabled

**Resolution setting the Annual Spring Litter Pluck for the Village of Monticello residents for Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 from 9am-3pm-meeting place, the Ted Stroeble Center on Jefferson Street**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Matthews. Upon the call of the roll,

all were in favor.

**Resolution authorizing the order and payment to the NYS DEC in the amount of \$500.00 from app#1640.425 for the Department of Public Works for a 2011 Fine for the Villages Underground Storage Tanks-Current account balance-\$1,559.91**

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a comment and a second by Trustee Matthews.

Trustee Hutchins asked the Village Attorney, what is this for?

Mr. Lynch responded that this is an old fine that the Village never paid from 2011 for our underground tanks. It was apparently an over-sight, and the DEC would like it to get paid.

Mayor Jenkins stated that he had the account clerk search the records along with the Clerk and there was no record of payment found.

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

**Resolution authorizing the Spring Cleanup for May 18<sup>th</sup> through May 25<sup>th</sup> 2013 as specified in the information presented to the Board**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

**Resolution authorizing payment to R & R Pump & Control Services for the emergency repair of the Failed Motor Starters at Shaker Heights in the amount of \$1,034.94 from app#G.8120.233-Current account balance-\$3,111.24**

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Matthews. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

**Resolution authorizing payment to Gitlin & Associates for the 2011 Audit in the amount of \$25,000.00 from app#A.1320.407-Current account balance-\$25,000.00**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a comment and a second by Trustee Bennett.

Trustee Rue commented that these monies were already budgeted for, so she feels comfortable paying this. It should be noted that this payment is for the 2011 audit that was just completed and presented to the Board.

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

**Resolution authorizing payment to John Fuller, Village Engineer, in the amount of \$2,000.00 for work done on Village Hall Renovations from app#A.1440.414-Current account balance-\$16,000.00**

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Rue. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

**Resolution amending the resolution passed on April 16, 2013 authorizing payment to Kaman Industrial Technologies in the amount of \$1,569.70 to \$1,577.70 for the replacement chain on the Flocculator for the Water Department from app#F.8320.459-Current account balance-\$7,890.35**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a comment and a second by Trustee Bennett.

Trustee Rue commented that she went to the Water Department and saw the current Flocculator and it is in bad shape. It is in desperate need of repair.

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Trustee Hutchins stated that he would like to take a moment to congratulate Trustee Bennett on her Deputy Mayor appointment.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Trustee Bennett with a second by Trustee Matthews to go into Executive Session at 8:06pm to discuss the following issues:

*Legal Update*  
*Personnel*

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Matthews with a second by Trustee Bennett to come out of Executive Session at 9:10pm.

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett to set a Public Hearing for the May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 meeting at 7:00pm to introduce a local law regarding the withholding of permits and such until all taxes are paid in full.

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Bennett to send a letter out to the top 25 delinquent highest tax payers in the Village stating that payment is due within 30 days or a direct action will be taken against them.

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Matthews directing the Mayor/Manager to settle and sign the delinquent water agreement proposed by the Concord Associates at \$50,000.00 up front and the balance to be paid in installments as previously set forth.

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Matthews directing the Village Attorney to refer the matter involving the Code Enforcement Officer and the Monticello Fire Department to the Department of Justice for investigation.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Bennett-yea

Trustee Matthews-yea

Trustee Hutchins-yea

Mayor Jenkins-yea

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Bennett with a second by Trustee Matthews to close the meeting at 9:13pm.

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:



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Janine Gandy, Village Clerk