

Minutes

Board of Trustees

Village of Monticello

August 20<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

Rochelle Massey-Present

Larissa Bennett-Present

James Matthews-Present

Also Present:

Dennis Lynch-Village Attorney

Alak Shah-Feerick, Lynch, MacCartney, PLLC

James Snowden-Code Enforcement Officer

Lt. Johnstone-PD

**Motion to Accept the Agenda**

A motion was made by Trustee Matthews with a second by Trustee Massey accepting the agenda with the following add-ons and changes:

1. Osborne Street Property
2. Setting a Special Meeting Date
3. Removing the last portion of resolution #11 regarding the break-down of penalties for September and October

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

**Approval of Minutes from the August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Joint & Village Board meetings**

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

**Public Hearing- Increasing the Sanitation fees by 12%, the Water rates by 8.73% and the Sewer rates by 7.74%**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett to open the Public Hearing at 7:06pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Trustee Rue explained that the increases in the water, sewer & sanitation fees are due to the upcoming projects in the various departments.

The floor was opened to the Public three (3) times and no one spoke.

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Matthews to close the Public Hearing at 7:08pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

**Adoption of Fee Increases**

A motion was made by Trustee Matthews with a second by Trustee Bennett to adopt the increase in fees for the water, sewer & sanitation. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

**Discussion: Recycling in the Village of Monticello**

Mayor Jenkins announced that the Village is going to start a recycling program in the Village and plans to set up fines and fees for violators. This is being done to try to balance out the tipping fees that the Village is paying because of the lack of recycling. The Village is going to be aggressive and plans to enforce these fines and once they are established they will be located in the Fee Schedule.

**Mayor/Manager Report**

Mayor Jenkins stated that he has spoken with the Village Attorney and he is sending a letter to the US Department of Justice in regards to the actions taken by Trustee Rue against several Village employees. He stated that something has to be done and that the employees should not have to put up with or be subject to Trustee Rue and her continued false statements & accusations that she puts on her website and in the local newspapers. Per Mayor Jenkins, everyone that works in the Village does a great job and is dedicated and does not deserve Trustee Rue's abuse.

**Approval of bills in the amount of \$2,698,811.19 Fiscal Year ending July 31, 2013 & \$17,388.88 Fiscal Year ending July 31, 2014**

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Matthews. Upon the call of the roll the vote went as follows:

- Trustee Rue-nay
- Trustee Bennett-abstain
- Trustee Matthews-yea
- Trustee Massey-yea
- Mayor Jenkins-yea

**Resolution authorizing payment to Maryland Biochemical Co. in the amount of \$3,306.50 for the Sewer Department from app#G.8130.458- account balance after purchase-\$16,693.50**

A motion was made by Trustee Bennett with a second by Trustee Massey. Upon the call of the roll the vote went as follows:

- Trustee Rue-nay
- Trustee Bennett-yea
- Trustee Matthews-yea
- Trustee Massey-yea
- Mayor Jenkins-yea

**Resolution setting the date for tax bills to be mailed on Friday, August 30, 2013 and extending the penalty free period until Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Interest and Penalties taking effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at 6%**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to Comnetix Inc. for the Police Department's Annual Live Scan Support system out of the 2012-2013 budget in the amount \$4,399.00 from app#A.3120.206-account balance \$5,863.60**

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Bennett. Upon the call of the roll the vote went as follows:

- Trustee Rue-nay
- Trustee Bennett-yea
- Trustee Matthews-yea
- Trustee Massey-yea
- Mayor Jenkins-yea

**Resolution setting a Special Meeting date for Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7pm and cancelling the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 due to the Labor Day Holiday**

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

**Resolution authorizing the sealing of the foundation with cement on Osborne Street due to safety concerns**

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

**Executive Session**

No Executive Session

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue and second by Trustee Bennett to close the meeting at 7:56pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janine Gandy".

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Janine Gandy, Village Clerk