

Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Village of Monticello

November 19th, 2013

7:00pm

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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:

Alak Shah-Village Attorney

James Snowden-Code Enforcement Officer

Motion to Accept the Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Bennett with a second by Trustee Rue to accept the agenda with the following add-ons:

1. Resolution authorizing Budget Transfers
2. Resolution authorizing the amended bond resolution from Hawkins & Delafield regarding the increase for the wastewater project.

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

Approval of Minutes from the October 9th, October 15th, November 6th, 2013 Village Board Meetings

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

Public Hearing-The Proposal of Local Law #17 of 2013- The Amendment of §280-5{14}entitled, "Boarding Houses"- this Local Law desires to Abolish the Creation of New Boarding Houses in the Village of Monticello

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett to put this Public Hearing on hold until the next meeting on December 3, 2013 at 7:30pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Presentation of Proposed Zoning Changes by James Snowden, Code Enforcement Officer

The Code Enforcement Officer, James Snowden, presented a zoning map to the Board with the proposed changes to the current zoning. There is currently a zoning committee in place which consists of the Village Planning & Zoning Board Members, Helen Buddrock, County Officials-Alan Sorensen & Ira Steingart, Sullivan County Department of Planning, Mr. Snowden & the some of the Village Board. They have met twice to date; one meeting included walking the entire Village to get a plan together that would be a benefit. Per Mr. Snowden, they would like to have a finalized plan together soon, with the passing of gambling in NYS and the influx of interest in the Village, which has already begun in the Planning Board.

Discussion- Barton & Loguidice- Waste Water Treatment Plant Bids

Anthony Eagan and Glen Gidaly were present from Barton & Loguidice. They discussed the current wastewater project and the current status of the bids coming in 6.5 million dollars more than the \$15 million dollar grant the Village received from the State in 2009. They also touched on the meeting that was held on Monday, November 18, 2013 at the Village with USDA-George Popp, B & L, EFC & the Village, in regards to the Villages current financial state. Anthony stated that Bond Council, Hawkins & Delafield, prepared an amended bond resolution to include the 6.5 million dollar increase that the Village can vote on tonight. According to Anthony, if the Village moved forward with passing the amended resolution, this would let EFC know that we are serious about the project and moving forward to get the money. The increase in the grant would cost tax payers less than \$1.00 per quarter on their utility bills.

Amended Bond Resolution

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Bennett to approve the Amended Bond Resolution for the \$21.6 million dollars for the Wastewater Sewer Plant Project. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Mayor/Manager Report

Mayor Jenkins spoke of the various projects that are taking place in the Village and the employment opportunities that will be available in the spring. He also spoke in regards to the current Wastewater Project and issues with the continued maintenance of the sewer department for pumps and various other items. Mayor Jenkins stated that we cannot keep putting band-aids on the items; they need to be fixed for once and for all. There are continued heating issues at the sewer plant due to the roof, there are continued issues in Village Hall, along with Administration, the Police Department and Highway Department.

The furnace broke down in the Police and Highway Departments due to a lack of maintenance. Past administrations drained the Village financially and did not address any of these issues, so now this administration is bearing the burden and cost. People are annexing into the Village which is always a plus because it increases our tax revenue. The Village is on the move and it is this administration that is making that happen and that's something that we should be proud of.

Mayor Jenkins also announced the resignation of Michael Greco, Recreation Attendant. Mayor Jenkins thanked Mr. Greco for his continued loyalty and dedication to his job and the Village, working long and countless hours keeping the Ted Stroeble Center open and available for the use of the Community.

Approval of bills in the amount of \$496,794.17

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

Resolution authorizing the December 3rd, 2013 Village Board meeting time at 7:30pm for the allowance of the Joint Meeting with the Town of Thompson at 6:45pm

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

Resolution authorizing Cooper Arias, LLP as Village Auditor in the amount of \$21,600.00 and appointing them as the Auditors for the Villages annual audit for fiscal year 2013

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 payment to General Code in the amount of \$1,195.00 for the Annual Maintenance of the Village Code from app#A.1410.403-Current account balance is \$1,500.00

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 payment to R & R Pump & Control Services for the emergency repair to the Thompsonville Pump Station in the amount of \$5,700.00 for the Water Department from app#G.8130.421- Current account balance is \$7,390.32

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

Resolution of the Board of Trustees allowing the Village of Monticello DPW to partner with the Town of Thompson Highway Department for the decorating of the corner of St. John Street & Broadway for the Santa Express on December 15th, 2013

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 a Blanket PO to the Sullivan County Department of Public Works for the purchase of Salt in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the 2013-2014 Winter Season for the Highway Department from app#A.5142.468- Current account balance is \$75,000.00

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

Resolution to go out to bid for the vacant lot on Cottage Street, starting bid amount to be no less than \$15,000.00

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

Resolution to go out to bid for the old "Lefty's" Building on Sturgis Road, starting bid amount to be no less than \$50,000.00

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 Village Clerk to write off uncollectable taxes in order to move forward with the Village Foreclosure beginning in December 2013

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

Resolution Adopting the Budget Transfers, Fiscal Year Ending July 2014

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 Mayor to sign the B & L Proposal for Engineering Services for the EPT Water Agreement

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

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Bennett with a second by Trustee Massey to close the meeting at 8:04pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy, Village Clerk