

Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Village of Monticello

December 3rd, 2013

7:30pm

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm 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

Moment of Silence

Passing of long-time Village Resident- Barbara Burton

Motion to Accept the Agenda

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

1. Resolution authorizing the Village of Monticello Employee Handbook
2. Resolution by Trustee Rue- To discuss the Village Manager's position

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

Approval of Minutes from the November 19th, 2013 Village Board Meeting

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

Mayor/Manager Report

Statement made by Mayor Jenkins in regards to the incident on November 16th, 2013:

In a highly unusual act, the Sullivan County District Attorney's Office released many hours of video tape of my recent incarceration while charges against me are pending. There is much that can be

said about the video and the associated events. This is not the time for a full discussion of all the issues raised. Legal proceedings are pending.

However, I do want to state the following:

- 1. I continue to believe that if any police officer observed me in a state of what he or she believed was inebriation, that officer had a responsibility to approach me or any person in a similar situation at the scene of the traffic accident and offer me a ride to wherever I was going. Assuming I was inebriated, such a response would have protected public safety. This never happened.*
- 2. Like those employed by other jurisdictions, our police officers must obey the Constitution and before questioning a detainee, accord his or her the right to confer with legal counsel.*

In this case, the video makes clear that I asked repeatedly for legal counsel and was not afforded that right. I was not promptly arraigned and was held in what I regard as an inhumane manner. I implore our police officers to ensure compliance with Miranda Rights and to treat all arrestees with basic respect.

- 3. Despite my evident frustration with what I believe was selective and targeted police conduct against me, and the violation of my rights, I agree with those who have condemned my choice of language.*

I do believe that some of the response I have received as Mayor, has been discriminatory and that our Village's accomplishments have been obscured by a focus on my activities or alleged activities. At the same time, I understand that letting anger get the better of me was a poor choice and apologize to those who are understandably offended with my choices of words and the manner in which I expressed my outrage and anger.

I also recognize that the selected segments of police video portray me as if I am possessed of a deep-seated racial animosity toward some of those involved in this incident. I am not and have spent my career working closely with people of all races and backgrounds. While I am and remain upset by how I was treated, I apologize for my profanity and my use of racial epithets. I understand that many cannot or do not discriminate between the use of such words by a person deeply upset and provoked as I was and the use of those words without provocation.

I spent more than three years serving out country before being honorably discharged from the Army and another 29 years as a corrections officer in our state. As noted, I have worked with many fine members of law enforcement and respect police officers who properly perform their duties and applaud their commitment to our community. I also agree that name-calling is not the most constructive way to resolve serious issues of intolerance and bigotry. I regret that my words may distract some from the

issues as we all need to address: insuring that all people are treated with dignity, especially those cuffed to walls and powerless to stand up for themselves. I remain committed to serving our community and to continue our progress both in respecting the right of others and helping all to actualize their potential.

Thank you.

Resolution amending the Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution passed October 23, 2012 and adding the standard work day for the previous Village Manager, John LiGreci, at 15.06 days per month in accordance to the reported and recorded information over a 3 month period

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

Resolution amending the Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution passed October 23, 2012 and adding the standard work day for Judge Josephine Finn at 17.63 days per month in accordance to the reported and recorded information over a 3 month period

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

Resolution authorizing the Standard Work Day & Reporting Resolution for the Village Clerk, Janine Gandy and Village Treasurer, Lili Li as participating in the Time Keeping System and working 8 hour days

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

Resolution authorizing the purchase of 4 Flanges from Kaman Industrial-Sole Source Provider- for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$1,100.00 from app#G.8130.421- Current account balance is \$7,341.40

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 purchase of Belts from National Filter Media for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$2,202.00 from app#G.8130.421-Current account balance is \$6,241.40

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 of Monticello Employee Handbook

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-yea
Trustee Matthews-yea
Trustee Massey-yea
Mayor Jenkins-yea

Resolution removing Mayor Jenkins as the Acting Village Manager

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

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

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 8:05pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy, Village Clerk