

Emergency Meeting Minutes

Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Village of Monticello

March 19th, 2014

9:00am

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am by Mayor Jenkins.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Jenkins-Present

Carmen Rue-Present

Rochelle Massey-Present

Larissa Bennett-Absent

James Matthews-Present

Moment of Silence

Mayor Jenkins announced that the Village Manager, Allan Thompson, had just received a phone call that his daughter had passed on his way coming upstairs for the meeting and asked for a moment of silence.

Moment of Silence for the passing of the Village Manager's daughter.

Motion to accept the agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Matthews to accept the agenda.

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

Trustee Rue commented no, this meeting is illegal and there is nothing saying what the meeting is being called for other than Personnel.

Trustee Bennett-absent

Trustee Matthews-yea

Trustee Massey-yea

Mayor Jenkins-yea

Executive Session

Personnel Matter

Mayor Jenkins announced that in light of the passing of Mr. Thompson's daughter, the Board is not going to go into Executive Session so that Mr. Thompson can leave and go be with his family and asked the Village Clerk to do a resolution for a Public Hearing regarding residency.

The Village Clerk stated the following:

Resolution of the Board of Trustees setting a Public Hearing in regards to the residency of the Village Manager, I believe it's the same local law that was passed for the Treasurer, but will clarify.

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Matthews setting the Public Hearing date for Monday, March 31st, 2014 at 9:00am. Upon the call of the roll the vote went as follows:

Trustee Rue commented no, and for the record this is illegal. According to the Village Home Rule Law, you need 14 days for the public hearing and the proposed local law must be in the hands of the Trustees 7 days before the public hearing so that we know what we are looking at. I do not have anything in my mailbox and I do not have anything from the Village Attorney about this so, No. This is illegal; it is nothing towards Mr. Thompson, but this is wrong.

Mayor Jenkins asked the Village Clerk what is the correct time frame for notice of a Public Hearing?

The Clerk responded that the Village Code supersedes Village Home Rule and states no less than 3 days or no more than 30 days can a Public Hearing be held after its publication in the paper. As far as the notification of the proposed local law to the Trustees, I believe it is between 7 to 10 days, but I do have a call into NYCOM to verify that information and am waiting on a response.

Mayor Jenkins stated then the Public Hearing date will be set pending the answer from NYCOM and the Clerk will let us know their response, upon the call of the role the vote went as follows:

Trustee Rue-no, this whole thing is illegal and I want it on record that it is illegal; Mr. Thompson is not even a resident of Sullivan County. This whole thing is violating section 45-14 of the Village Code, Officers and Employees, Local Law #2 that was passed in 2010, which says that all Village officers and employees must reside within the Village of Monticello and or Sullivan County. This is wrong, the new Board is going to come in and repeal everything anyway. Just wait and see.

Trustee Bennett-absent

Trustee Matthews-yea

Trustee Massey-yea

Mayor Jenkins-yea

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Matthews to close emergency meeting at 9:08am. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:

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

Janine Gandy, Village Clerk