

Minutes

Village of Monticello

Tuesday, May 19th, 2015

7:00pm

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by Acting Deputy Mayor Solomon.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Acting Deputy Mayor Solomon-Present

Trustee Bennett-Present

Trustee Rue-Absent

Trustee Weyer-Present

Also Present:

David Sager, Village Manager-Present

Michael Davidoff, Special Council

TJ Brawley, Code Enforcement

Phil Klemen, Water & Sewer Superintendent

Chief Mir, Police Department

Jim Steinberg, Highway Superintendent

Motion to Accept the Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Bennett to accept the agenda. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Approval of Minutes from the May 4th, 2015 meeting

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

Acting Deputy Mayor's Report

There was no report

Manager's Report

Good Evening Trustees & Members of the Public:

The Village Spring Clean-up looks to have been a huge success. There were 105 permits issued and 44.67 tons of debris taken to the county landfill. Thank you to all who assisted.

As you know, the Village of Monticello listed several surplus vehicles with Auctions International, an auction company that does on-site and internet auctions. Bidding closed on our listed items on Friday, May 15th and the village made \$9,385 on the sale of the items. Please note that we did have a reserve on two of the items, which did not meet their reserve. We will consider relisting at some point in the future. In addition, we did receive payment from

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the Town of Clarence for the purchase of the International Packer that we sold to them for \$62,000. We will be sending them title and arranging for pick-up in the coming days.

I have been working with Sullivan Renaissance regarding beautification efforts in the village. Several volunteers and volunteer groups have “adopted” various areas/parks including, Joe’s Park, Sharoff Park, Cooke Memorial, Rotary Clock area, the Broadway Information booth, areas on Jefferson Street, the Stroebele Center & Village Hall. The groups will be planting annuals, perennials and plants, as well as mulching and grooming. An intern has been hired and will be starting on June 1st. He will be working 20 hours/week with the Village and have a number of oversight duties. In addition, the Center for Workforce Development will be assisting the Village with at least one crew of 4-6 workers who will be responsible for litter plucking and helping to maintain DeHoyos and Dillon Parks.

Speaking of beautification, I would like to thank the Village DPW crew who was responsible for the cleanup of the roadside area of Village Hall adjacent to East Broadway. They did a heck of job raking, cleaning debris, leveling the soil, seeding and haying the area & I think it looks fantastic. As the primary volunteer for Village Hall, I only hope I can make the rest of 2 Pleasant Street look half as nice this summer season.

Advertising notices will soon be going out for Dillon Pool lifeguards. Last week, Water Superintendent, Phil Klemen, and I visually inspected the pool. We agreed that the water department would add another coat of paint to the pool, however, overall it looks to have weathered the winter quite well.

As you can see, much of the graffiti within the village has already been addressed. Thank you to Trustee Weyer, who personally addressed a couple of sites, and to our Code Enforcement Officer for immediately tackling the problem. I was pleased by the action taken by several property owners in response to notices of violation. In the coming weeks, we will address all of the remaining sites and work hard to consistently eliminate it from our community.

Plans are moving forward with the Jefferson Street Sidewalk Project and as the Board can see, there are invoices relating to engineering and design work that need to be paid in order for the project to progress. Speaking of Jefferson Street, the property owner of the former Kapito Tire Building has begun removing tires from the property as per my request. I have provided the owner with a punch list of items I want to see taken care of in the coming days and will make sure that they comply. In addition, Code Enforcement and I have been in Contact with the property owner diagonally across the street with the crumbling boarding house on it. They have filed for a new demolition permit with the village and have agreed to have the building demolished and all debris cleaned up by June 30th. If not completely remedied by that date, they have been informed that the village will then fine them and hire a company to immediately remedy at their expense.

Please note that canvas letters had previously been sent out for the Positions of Account Clerk and Police Officer. The due date for response to the canvas letters was Friday, May 15, 2015. Interviews for the positions are being scheduled by Village Clerk, Janine Gandy, and

Police Chief, Robert Mir and should begin later this week. Prior to the canvas letters being sent, the notice of intent to hire had to be posted in-house for 2 weeks as per civil service requirements. Any suggestion that there was an intent to delay the process for either position is simply untrue. Please remember, however, that the position of Police Officer will require a much more lengthy process due to the nature and importance of the position.

Finally, I would like to thank Village Treasurer, Lili Li, for all of her work and assistance in presenting the 2016 Tentative Budget. The Tentative Budget plans for a 1.66% tax increase and only uses \$225000 in fund balance to accomplish that, while continuing to maintain all current village services at existing levels. My thanks to the Board of Trustees for their patience and input as well, as we move toward budget adoption.

Department Head Reports

Presentation- Alan Weir-Latino Alliance of Sullivan County

Alan Weir was present and made the Public aware of the Latino Alliance of Sullivan County and their presence here in the County.

Presentation-Jeff Siegel-2015 Bagel Fest (10 minutes only)

Jeff Siegel, from the Monticello Business Association, was present to continue the discussion of Bagel Fest 2015 to be held in August on Broadway in the Village.

Appointing of Mayor

A motion was made by Trustee Bennett with a second by Trustee Weyer appointing Acting Deputy Mayor Solomon as Mayor of the Village of Monticello. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Trustee Solomon was sworn in by Village Justice, Josephine Finn.

Appointing of Trustee to fill vacancy on the Village Board

Mayor Solomon appointed Aleta Gomez to fill the vacant Village Trustee position.

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Appointing of Deputy Village Mayor

Mayor Solomon appointed Trustee Bennett to the position of Deputy Village Mayor

Presentation-Joanne Holbart-Ethelbert Crawford Public Library (10 minutes only)

Joanne Holbart was present and she presented the Board with a Story-walk along Broadway. It was determined that the Village will write a letter in support of this project for grant purposes.

Approval of bills in the amount of \$790,259.95

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

Resolution authorizing the transfer of funds for the Jefferson Street Gateway Project

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

Mayor Solomon-yea

Trustee Bennett-yea

Trustee Rue-absent

Trustee Weyer-yea

Trustee Gomez-abstain

Resolution authorizing payment to Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$38,194.32 from H.5020.300

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

Mayor Solomon-yea

Trustee Bennett-yea

Trustee Rue-absent

Trustee Weyer-yea

Trustee Gomez-abstain

Resolution authorizing the annual Highway Department Bids to the lowest bidder for various materials used throughout the year and authorizing Callanan Industries as a secondary supplier of asphalt

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

Resolution setting Budget Hearings for the 2016 Fiscal Year

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Gomez setting the 2015/2016 Budget Hearings for Tuesday, June 2nd, 2015 & Tuesday, June 16th, 2015 at 7pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present was in favor.

Resolution authorizing an installment purchase agreement for a 2015 Dodge Ram Police Vehicle for the Police Department in the amount of \$34,552.91 from State Bid. To be paid in three (3) annual installment payments of \$12,636.45 beginning July 1, 2016

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Mayor Solomon-yea

Trustee Bennett-yea

Trustee Rue-absent

Trustee Weyer-yea

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Resolution agreeing to the Correction of Errors Application from the County of Sullivan for SBL#130.-1-9.1 in the amount of \$3,214.91 for the 2012 & 2013 tax year and SBL#130.-1-9.2 in the amount of \$22,416.91 for 2012 & 2013 tax year

A motion was made by Trustee Gomez with a second by Trustee Weyer with a discussion.

Trustee Weyer asked do we have to vote for this.

The Village Attorney, Michael Davidoff, stated that this has already been done by the County. The Village is only agreeing to it for record, but all of the adjustments have already been done.

Upon the call of the roll, all present was in favor.

Resolution authorizing Form E for the USDA in the amount of \$765,649.80

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

Executive Session (if necessary)

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Bennett to go into Executive Session at 7:50pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present was in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Bennett to come out of Executive Session at 8:28pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present was in favor.

56-60 Broadway Inc. Water Repair Dispute

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Gomez granting permission to Drew, Davidoff & Edwards to instigate litigation against 56-60 Broadway Inc. for the refusal to pay a water service bill from February 2015 in the amount of \$2,050.76. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

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Water Bill Penalty Charges

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Gomez giving the Village Manager authority to reduce, waive or deny water service penalties unless otherwise determined in the best interest of the Village. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Gomez to close the meeting at 8:31pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present was in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy, Village Clerk