

Minutes
Board of Trustees
Village of Monticello
September 21, 2010
7:00pm

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by the Mayor

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Jenkins-Present Carmen Rue-Present T.C. Hutchins-Present
Victor Marinello-Present James Matthews-Present

Also Present: John Barbarite-Village Manager
 John LiGreci-Deputy Village Manager
 Amy Zamineck-Drake & Loeb
 James Steinberg-Highway Superintendent
 Helen Buddrut-Sullivan Renaissance
 Glenn Pontiere-Sullivan Renaissance

Motion to Accept Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello and second by Trustee Hutchins to discuss the Village Hall Renovations in an Attorney-Client Session. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Approval of Minutes from the August 31st & September 7th Meetings

A motion was made by Trustee Rue to Table the Minutes being that there was none available and second by Trustee Marinello. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Mayor's Report

Free Tennis Lessons

DeHoyos Park-Saturday, September 25th, 2010 & October 2nd, 16th and so forth, registration deadline is September 22nd.

YNN Interview-Housing situation in Village

A call was received from Cottage Street due to an illegal dwelling and unsafe conditions. The importance of registering apartments and landlords was stressed due to situations like this.

Manager's Report

Dedication of the monument honoring police officer Edward Dollard

Today the Village unveiled a monument honoring police officer Edward Dollard who was killed in the line of duty on September 5, 1923, 87 years ago. In attendance were members of the Monticello police force, members of the Dollard family and other invited dignitaries. Police Chief Douglas Solomon explained the circumstances surrounding the fatal shooting of Officer Dollard. Ofc. Dollard responding to a robbery in process was fatally shot at an automotive dealership located at what Oakley Avenue, now Lakewood Avenue, and Broadway. Three suspects were chased to the Tuxedo, NY. Two were arrested and sentenced to life in prison. The third suspect was never captured.

Rotary Clock

A new location has been found for the Rotary Clock, which will be at the intersection of Broadway, Bank Street, and St. John Street. This will be in a planter area in the area in front of the former Rhulen insurance building. The reconfiguration of the sidewalk in front of the post office made it impractical to reinstall the clock at that location.

Halloween Parade

A meeting was held with the YMCA and Business Association in preparation for this year's Halloween parade. Another meeting is scheduled later this week. Tentatively, the parade floats will line up in front of the Rutherford School and leave the parking lot making a left turn onto Atwell Lane and a left turn onto Wood Avenue following the roadway towards the Middle School. Events will be held in the parking lot in front of the High school. There will be a haunted house, which will lead into the gymnasium for events similar to last year's.

Village Hall Renovations

The Village Engineer, John Fuller, and I toured the Village Hall building and went over the details of the Barton and Loguidice Village Hall study. A proposal has been submitted by the engineer to do the necessary work so bids could be solicited and the work started. I will ask that we go into attorney client session to discuss the proposed engagement contract.

Code Enforcement

Code enforcement efforts continue. The Village because of refusal of a property owner to allow an inspection of his property obtained a search warrant. The property was inspected and numerous violations were recorded.

The Building Inspector and I, along with the Mayor, met with Mattie Anderson, director of the Monticello Housing Authority, and the two housing inspectors. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss what standards were followed by the Housing Authority when inspecting apartments. The discussion revealed the Housing Authority has a much lower standard than the Village is required to enforce under the Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code. Passage of the Rental Law will go a long way to reducing conflicts between the two inspection standards. The overall goal of code enforcement is to ensure safe, clean, and decent housing.

Broadway Project Landscaping & Sidewalks

The landscape design of the Broadway project is nearly completed. I thank the many members of the landscape committee for their involvement and assistance. As sidewalk work progresses on the north side of Broadway there have been several complaints from property owners as to design. Meetings have been held with the DOT to resolve some of these issues. Not every objection has been able to be resolved. The project design was pedestrian safety and in this regard handicapped accessibility required grade changes to meet ADA requirements. Every effort has been made to minimize inconvenience to store owners.

Revitalization of the Business District

A meeting was held at the TSRC (neighborhood facility) chaired by Richard Sush representing the Monticello Business Association. Notable attendees were the Sullivan County Commissioner of Planning, Sullivan County Renaissance many business owners of properties on Broadway. The property owners in attendance represented over 15 buildings located between the Village Hall and Jefferson Street. Mayor Jenkins, John LiGreci and I attended the meeting. Emphasis was placed on painting and cleaning up storefronts. Further discussions will be held as how to market Main Street. The next meeting is scheduled tomorrow morning at 8:30 at the Chamber of Commerce's offices.

Recreation Department

Michael Grecco has been volunteering and running Programs for the Village. He started a Youth Football League with 95% of the participants being Village Children. He has also started an Adult Flag Football League with 140 participants that will run from September to mid-November. There will be a Youth Basketball Clinic on October 30th that will be free for all players who wish to attend. There will also be an NBA Dribble, Dish & Shot, which is a

free contest, prizes will be give out, etc. He is lining up Volunteers for Arts & Crafts Classes, Cheerleading Classes & Competitions; he's been speaking with people about a Wrestling Team and so forth. Michael can be found between 7 & 8am up at DeHoyos Park checking the bathrooms and making sure that the Park is clean and also the TSC (neighborhood facility). He has taken a hands on approach in the absence of Pete Tweed.

Telecommunications System Review

Moved to the end of the meeting

Taxi Medallion Regulations

A resolution needs to be passed to change the fees. The Village Manager will present a revised fee schedule at a later date for Board approval.

Resolution for the Budget Transfers & Amendments: Fiscal Year Ending 7-31-2011

Post Approval of Budget Transfers & Amendments: Fiscal Year Ending 7-31-2010 from Sept. 7, 2010 Meeting

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins and second by Trustee Marinello. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution Authorizing the Payment of \$3,925.00 to Maryland Biochemical Company for Chemical for the Sewer Department

A motion was made by Trustee Matthews and second by Trustee Hutchins. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution Authorizing the Payment of \$1,477.75 to Alport & Sons, Inc. for a New Furnace for the Water Department

A motion was made by Trustee Rue and second by Trustee Marinello. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution Authorizing Forgatch Overhead Door to repair Garage Doors (Highway and Old Firehouse) for the amount of \$1,800.00

A motion was made by Trustee Rue and second by Trustee Hutchins. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution accepting Amothor as the successful bidder from the Village of Monticello Bid Opening on September 9, 2010 who met specs for the Combination Dump Body in the amount of \$43,490.00

A motion was made by Trustee Rue and second by Trustee Hutchins. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution accepting Arkel Motors as the successful bidder from the Village of Monticello Bid Opening on September 9, 2010 for the Vacuum Catch Basin and Single Broom Street Sweeper for the amount of \$213,342.00

A motion was made by Trustee Rue and second by Trustee Marinello. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Telecommunications System Review from Beddick Communications

Tabled by the Mayor

Attorney-Client Session (if requested by the Board)

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins and second by Trustee Marinello to go into Attorney Client Session. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Mayor Jenkins and second by Trustee Hutchins to come out of Attorney-Client Session. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution Approving the Proposal for the Village Hall Renovations from the Village Engineer-John Fuller in the amount of \$50,000.00

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins and second by Trustee Marinello. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello and second by Trustee Matthews to adjourn the meeting. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy, Village Clerk