

Minutes

Board of Trustees

Village of Monticello

January 19th, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Solomon.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Solomon-Present

Trustee Bennett-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Weyer-Present

Trustee Gomez-Present

Also Present:

David Sager, Village Manager

Michael Davidoff, Special Council

Approval of Minutes from the January 5th, 2016 meetings

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.

Mayor Report

Mayor Solomon apologized to the Board and Public for missing the last meeting

Manager Report

Based upon my meeting with Monticello Central School District Superintendent Tammy Mangus on January 8th, the Village and School District will be working toward the goal of having the Village of Monticello Sanitation Department handle all sanitation needs for the MCSD complexes located with the Village of Monticello beginning in July 2016, upon completion of their current hauler contract. This is a wonderful development that will not only be in line with current village code, but will also be a good source of revenue for the village.

In the coming days, I would like to discuss the need to purchase a new/additional solid waste packer for the Sanitation Department. I would like to see this as part of a more comprehensive plan to address the needs of multiple departments, while at the same time being as cost effective to the village as possible. While the village was able to successfully sell one of their vehicles at auction for fair market value, there are two recycling vehicles with extremely low hours and mileage that we have put out to auction twice and have not received appropriate interest because of their body and engine size. Whether trading these vehicles in or trying to

auction them, we are going to take a significant hit in overall anticipated value. After discussions with a vehicle wholesaler/retailer, our Highway/Sanitation Superintendent and the Village of Monticello Highway Department Mechanics, it was suggested that the best solution may be to have our mechanics shorten the chassis' in-house and add low profile dump bodies to both machines. The cost of doing so was approximately \$18K per vehicle. It was then brought to my attention that the Water Department is looking to replace its 1-ton dump body truck due to age and condition. The cost of such is in the \$50K range. I have discussed the possibility of retrofitting the recycling trucks not being used with dump bodies and transferring one of those trucks to the Water Department in lieu of a new 1-ton pick-up with dump body. The other truck would be transferred to the highway department for the replacement of one of their older 1-ton trucks. Finally, I would recommend taking the excess revenue from the initial truck sale last year and combining it with unappropriated fund balance in the Sanitation Fund, which is very healthy at this time to purchase the necessary packer. Packer trucks are custom ordered and can take several months to build. Combine the fact that summer will be here before we know it and the anticipation of adding the Monticello Central School District to our sanitation rounds effective July, we should consider committing to this purchase sooner rather than later. A new packer truck is estimated to cost around \$160K. Once I have firm numbers on all of the above, I will share with the Board and discuss further.

Sewer Superintendent Klemen also notified me that the honey-dipper tank on the vehicle they use at the Sewer Plant needs immediate replacement. The truck itself is in very good condition, however. The cost of tank replacement is estimated at approximately \$60K. With some of the cost-saving measures being pursued above, I would like the Board to consider the replacement of the tank at the same time you consider the packer purchase and truck mods/transfers. Again, firm numbers are necessary prior to confirmation, but I would like to have it on the horizon. The money for the tank could also be taken from unappropriated fund balance in the Sewer Fund, which is also very healthy at this time.

On Friday I met with various members of the Monticello Business Association and Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce. As a result of that meeting, Trustee Weyer and I are planning on hosting an event in late February. We are hopeful to have principals in the casino, as well as, Sullivan Renaissance speak. The goals are several: to re-invigorate the local business community; to stimulate the growth of a local chamber of commerce; to promote local businesses; to discuss current and necessary beautification efforts in the Village of Monticello; to discuss recent changes to B2 Zoning; to discuss village codes and enforcement as we move forward; to see how the Village of Monticello can assist in business growth and retention; and to gain perspective on how we can work synergistically with the casino to maximize job growth and prosperity in the Village of Monticello.

Department Head Reports

Approval of bill's in the amount of \$2,407,779.09

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

Resolution authorizing Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year ending July 2016

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 payment in the amount of \$819,606.00 from various appropriations as listed to the NYS Retirement System

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

Resolution awarding the Village's annual Sludge Cake Hauling Bid to the lowest bidder, Gotta Do Contacting for the 2015-2016 year

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

Resolution authorizing the USDA Form E in the amount of \$948,333.87

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

Resolution authorizing Bond Council for the Water Systems Improvement Project

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

Resolution amending Chapter A-290 of the Village Code, Fee Schedule, to add a \$10,000.00 Performance Bond Fee for all Demolition Permits

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Weyer to discuss.

Trustee Rue asked if it is necessary to have a Public Hearing because the Fee Schedule is part of the Village Code.

Michael Davidoff, the Village Special Council, responded that the Fee Schedule is set up so that it can be amended and or changed through resolution and there is no need to hold a Public Hearing because the fee's always change within municipal government.

Mayor Solomon asked what brought this up and how did we come to this amount.

Trustee Weyer also asked that if this amount is for all projects no matter what size or is that something we need to consider.

The Village Manager, David Sager, stated that he had a meeting with the Code Enforcer, Highway Superintendent, and Water & Sewer Superintendent and we all had concerns regarding damage being done to Village property, sidewalks, roadways, ect when demolitions are done. At this time, there is no way to cover the Village if damage is done and we all felt that this is a feasible solution, this way if there is damage to Village property during a demolition of a structure, the Village is not responsible for the repair and the owner or demo company is held liable through this Performance Bond.

Mayor Solomon stated that he is in favor of the Village being covered and thinks this is a good thing, but wants the Board to discuss it further and maybe have a scale depending on the size or what is being taken down.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett to Table this until the next meeting. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee RUE with a second by Trustee Bennett to go into Executive Session at 5:53pm to discuss the following:

Personnel

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

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Gomez to come out of Executive Session at 6:18pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Village Clerk Out-of-Title Duties

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett authorizing payment to the Village Clerk, Janine Gandy-McKinney, in the amount of \$200.00 per payroll cycle for 1 day (8 hours) of completing the Village's bi-weekly payroll until further notice. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Solomon-yea

Deputy Mayor Bennett-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Weyer-yea

Trustee Gomez-recused

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Weyer to close the meeting at 6:20pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk