

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Tuesday, April 17th, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Solomon at 6:32pm

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Solomon-Present
Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Rue-Present
Trustee Sommers-Present

Trustee Nikolados-Present

Also Present:

David Sager, Village Manager
Michael Davidoff, Special Council
Phil Klemen- Water & Sewer Superintendent
Melissa DeMarmels- Village Treasurer
Martha Daza-Recreation Dept
Shawn McMichael-Highway & Sanitation Superintendent
Chief Mir-Police Dept
Ronald Singer-Code Enforcement

Motion to accept the agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados with the following changes:

Trustee Rue asked if we could table agenda item #15 due to the proposals being outdated from 2016, they need to be updated, these proposals are from 2016 and they need to be actual quotes, not something printed from offline.

1. Tabling of agenda item#15
2. The omission of the April 3rd, 2018 minutes
3. Addition of the Grow the Gateway Joint Public Hearing with the Town of Thompson on May 1st, 2018

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

Approval of Minutes from the April 3rd, 2018 meeting

Omitted

Mayor Report

There was no report

Manager's Report

Mr. Sager stated that he is sad to announce that the Village Treasurer, Melissa DeMarmels will be leaving the Village. She will be sorely missed and will be a hard act to follow. Her knowledge and capabilities got the Village in shape when it was at a tough place, she was definitely an asset to the Village.

Mr. Sager stated that he just returned from a day training in Albany fir the Zombie properties, so I'm a little off pace here. I need to make Planning Board appointments here especially with Trustee Sommers no longer being on the Board and winning a Trustee seat, so I'd like to appoint Flo Donlon Nelson to replace Michael Levinson's position and Shannon Cilento to replace Gary Sommer's position. Also were all types of misunderstandings with the Monticello Housing Authority so I would like to re-state and re-appoint Darrin Raynor and Elaine Williams to fill two spots on that Board and there will be another one coming up soon. I would ask that the Board give me input on that potential appointment.

Trustee Rue asked do they all live in the Village.

Mr. Sager responded that they do not all have to live in the Village for the Housing Authority, but do for Planning and Zoning and these two candidates do.

The Village's annual Litter Pluck is this Saturday from 9-2 this weekend. We are asking that as many that are made willing, please come out and participate to help get the Village clean. We will provide bags and gloves out of the Ted Stroebele building.

Department Head Reports

Roy Richardson-B & L-Update on Village Projects

Mr. Richardson updated the new Board members on the status of the current Village Projects

Discussion-OGS Quick Quotes

As per Mr. McMichael, this is a bid process through the State which is much easier for everyone and is fair. All we have to do is input our information and they take it from there. There are companies already registered with the State and the information goes directly to them automatically and they bid it through the State and then we are notified of the lowest bidder. They bid all products, milling, reclaiming, paving, we can do any and everything through them. I just need the Boards approval to utilize them.

We still have the chips money from last year and did not lose it, and I am sticking with the same roads from last year for that monies, Morris, Thomas, South, Floral and York Street Extension. These roads have not been done in years and the reality is, they pay taxes just like everyone else. Last year we ran out of time due to the weather and we were on the tail-end. This year, we will be ahead of the game for last year, but again running behind with this years, hopefully

weather permitting, we can get it all done.

Discussion-Energy Performance Group Contract

Representatives was present from the company, they are awaiting the contract approval from the Village in regards to the street lights. A plan was submitted months ago that will save the Village over \$500,000.00 over time. The Village is responsible for paying \$30,000.00 initially.

Michael Davidoff stated that this has been before the Village for a while now and the Village needs to make a decision.

Trustee Rue stated that she still believes that the Village needs to look at other avenue' like NYSPA (New York State Power Authority) with the Town of Thompson and the County, it's not a good thing to just go with one company.

Mr. Sager stated that he spoke with the Town and they have not actually gone with NYSPA, they did speak with them and are looking into other companies, but they have not decided on a company and they have not partnered with anyone.

He stated that he knows that EPG has not had a chance to sit with Trustee Massey due to the death in her family and discuss their proposal to her, as they have with Trustee Sommers, so it recommended that Trustee Massey be given a chance to meet with them to give them that chance. She is not expected to vote without any knowledge of their program. Hopefully after she is informed, the Board will be more ready to move forward with this project.

Resolution authorizing the payment of bill's in the amount of \$487,032.37 for Fiscal Year ending July 31, 2018

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

- Mayor Solomon-yea
- Deputy Mayor Nikolados-yea
- Trustee Rue-yea
- Trustee Massey-abstain
- Trustee Sommers-yea

Resolution authorizing Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year Ending July 31, 2018

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

- Mayor Solomon-yea
- Deputy Mayor Nikolados-yea
- Trustee Rue-yea
- Trustee Massey-abstain
- Trustee Sommers-yea

Resolution authorizing payment to PN Alarms in the amount of \$12,395.00 from app#H.1110.203, the JCAP Grant for a Security Systems Upgrade for the Justice Court

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Sommers.

Trustee Massey stated that according to the resolution, this system has already been purchased. I went over to the TSC and spoke with Martha and she took me around the entire building showing me where the cameras are going to be installed. For all of those that are not aware, they are planning to install at least thirty-two (32) security camera's in that building, with most of them just on the first floor. It's crazy. Who allowed this to come before us like this? It's wrong, if his was Gordon Jenkins, James Snowden or TC, the DA would be here arresting them, there are no other quotes for this, there is only one quote present and it's only one quote. We got in trouble for doing this, and now because it's a different face, it's okay. No, DA, no uproar, nothing, if I hadn't said nothing, it was going to be voted without question.

Mr. Sager stated that he knew nothing about it and that this is his first time seeing this. The Clerk opens the bids and he has nothing to do with it.

The Village Clerk responded that she has nothing to do with the Justice Court and she does not open their bids, she gets everything last and it goes through the process starting from the Department heads through everyone else before she gets it.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados to Table this resolution and the next one until the proper information is present for review. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution authorizing payment to Kristt Kelly in the amount of \$5,654.80 from app#H.1110.203, the JCAP Grant for various office equipment in the Justice Court

Tabled

Resolution authorizing the eligible project expenses, authorizing the Village Mayor to Execute request for the release of funds #4 and authorizing the Village Treasurer to issue payment upon receipt of funds for the Meter Replacement Project within the Village of Monticello to be paid through the CDBG Program

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

Resolution authorizing payment to USDA Rural Development Invoice for the 1995 Water Bond Interest in the amount of \$4,725.00 from app#F.9710.700. Current account balance is \$4,725.00

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

Mayor Solomon-yea

Deputy Mayor Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Massey-abstain

Trustee Sommers-yea

Resolution authorizing the Annual Transfer to the USDA Water Short Lived Asset account per agreement with the USDA for the Water project in the amount of \$14,400.00

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

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Mayor Solomon-yea
Deputy Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-abstain
Trustee Sommers-yea

Resolution authorizing the Annual Transfer to the USDA Sewer Short Lived Asset account per agreement with the USDA for the WWTP project in the amount of \$77,000.00

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

Mayor Solomon-yea
Deputy Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-abstain
Trustee Sommers-yea

Resolution authorizing the Marshall & Sterling 4th Quarter Invoice for the Village's Insurance Policy in the amount of \$76,105.68 from the various funds as listed

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

Mayor Solomon-yea
Deputy Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-abstain
Trustee Sommers-yea

Resolution authorizing the Annual transfer from the Water, Sewer & Sanitation Funds to the General Fund in the amount of \$75,000.00 each to be charged to the following appropriations #'s F.9901.900, G.9901.900 & CL.9901.900

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

Mayor Solomon-yea
Deputy Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-abstain
Trustee Sommers-yea

Resolution authorizing the purchase of Salt form the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$70,000.00 from app#A.5142.468 for the 2017-2018

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

Mayor Solomon-yea
Deputy Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-abstain
Trustee Sommers-yea

Resolution authorizing the Highway Superintendent to hire 4 Seasonal DPW Workers for the summer from June 1st, 2018-August 31st, 2018 at a rate of \$12.75/hour

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a question and a second by Trustee Massey also with a question.

Trustee Rue asked is this the current minimum wage for the Village and will it be Village residents.

Mr. Sager responded yes to both questions.

Trustee Massey asked what type of work they will be doing.

Mr. McMichael, responded that they will be doing basic yard work, raking, push lawn mower, litter-plucking, weed-whacking, they cannot operate the motor equipment due to the requirements under Civil Service and the CBA.

Trustee Massey responded, the work that your guys don't want to do.

Mr. McMichael responded that his guys will be doing road work and repairs and so on, also pitching in with these duties when it's slow.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows, all were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the Standard Work Day for former Elected Village Official, Village Trustee, Jill Weyer at 3.88 days per month or 1.79 days per pay period

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a question and a second by Trustee Sommers.

Trustee Massey stated that she doesn't understand how Trustee Weyer is entitled to these hours. She is also a County worker, isn't this double-dipping?

The Village Clerk responded that she is entitled to these hours, just as anyone else is who wishes to claim them. I sat with the Treasurer and she checked everything for accuracy. The whole formula and everything is done through the State and also located on their website. We have done it in the past when others were in office and this is no different.

Trustee Massey asked how we know that she honestly put in these hours, how were they documented.

The Village Treasurer responded that any Trustee can claim their hours through this process and we hope that they are honest enough to do the right thing, the Clerk provided all of the backup in the packets, I sat with her and we went over all of this step by step and it was all calculated correctly. We broke it down to make it as simple as possible.

Trustee Rue stated that this has been done for other Trustee's in the past and she is entitled to this time.

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

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Mayor Solomon-yea
Deputy Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sommers-yea

Grow the Gateway Joint Public Hearing with Town of Thompson

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Rue to set the Public Hearing with the Town of Thompson for Tuesday, May 1st, 2018 at 7:00pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados to go into Executive Session at 7:25pm to discuss the following:

Personnel

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

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sommers to come out of Executive Session at 7:40pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Recess

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sommers to Recess this meeting until Tuesday, April 24th, 2018 at 5:30pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Tuesday, April 24th, 2018-

The Village Board Meeting was re-opened at 5:30pm by Mayor Solomon.

Upon the call of the roll, the following were present:

Mayor Solomon-Present Trustee Rue-Present Trustee Nikolados-Present
Trustee Massey-Present at 5:36pm Trustee Sommers-Present

Also Present: Michael Davidoff, Special Council

Traffic Light Resolution

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados accepting the amount offered by the defendant in the amount of \$225,000.00 for the East Broadway Traffic. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Solomon-yea
Deputy Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-absent
Trustee Sommers-yea

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Sommers with a second by Trustee Rue to go into Executive Session at 5:40pm to discuss the following:

Personnel

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

A motion was made by Trustee Sommers with a second by Trustee Nikolados to come out of Executive Session at 6:25pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Rue to close this meeting at 6:30pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk