

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Tuesday, January 8th, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Sommers

Pledge to the Flag

Moment of Silence

Human Rights Commissioner-Carl Silverstein

Roll Call

Mayor Sommers-Present

Trustee Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Sabatino-Present

Also Present: Michael Davidoff, Village Special Council

Motion to accept the agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Sabatino to accept the agenda with the following add-ons:

1. Resolution waving the penalties and interest on Village Tax Payments
2. Village bill pay in the amount of \$781,120.87

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

Approval of minutes from the December 18th, 2018 meeting

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

Mayor/Manager Report

Mayor Sommers reported that they are still working on the water bills and getting them straightened out. Everyone's water bill will not be adjusted, but those that have an actual issue and there is a mistake on the part of the Village, those are the ones that are receiving the adjustments. Everyone is receiving actual reads now. There are no more estimates. At some point we are going have to look at all of those that did not have the new meters installed and charge a surcharge or some fee for those people being in non-compliance. Again, Mr. Brodowsky is here to answer any questions.

Trustee Massey asked how is the adjustment being determined.

Mr. Brodowsky responded that everyone's case is different and they look at a lot of different factors, such as if the original meter was broken and a correct read was never metered, if what has been recorded as the address is incorrect and the wrong meter was billed, ect. We are not just adjusting bills because someone says their bill is too much, there has to be an actual issue that we can trace and follow.

Trustee Rue asked if the Board can get a list of all of those that have received adjustments so far because there needs to be accountability, being that the Board passed the resolution, we need to know who all received the adjustments.

Mr. Brodowsky replied certainly and he'll get a list together.

Resolution authorizing payment to Summit Bobcat for repairs to the Snow Blower for the Highway Department in the amount of \$1,002.44 from app#A.1640.421. Current account balance is \$27,034.08

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

Resolution awarding the Village's Sludge Cake Bid to the lowest bidder, Gotta Do Contracting, in the amount of \$114.66 per ton

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Teledyne Instruments for the repair of the Sewer Departments refrigeration system in the amount of \$1,475.70 from app# G.8130.421. Current account balance is \$2,128.44

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Jack Doheny for emergency repairs to the Pump Station for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$1,897.87 from app# G.8120.421. Current account balance is \$6,139.32

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Fisher Scientific Co. LLC (sole source provider) for Lab Supplies and Testing for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$2,335.76 from app#G.8130.419. Current account balance is \$8,850.32

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

Resolution authorizing payment to CEJJ, Inc. (sole source provider) for parts for Sanitation Truck #12 in the amount of \$4,417.77 from app#CL.8160.423. Current account balance is \$43,322.81

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Ray S. Pantel for the Traffic Signal Repair on Liberty & High Street in the amount of \$2,775.00 from app#A.1620.202. Current account balance is \$5,000.00

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 Sommers-yea
Trustee Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sabatino-yea

Resolution authorizing the purchase of 2 Homa 193MM Impellers and 2 Impeller Hardware Kits from North Jersey Pump & Controls formerly R & R Pump & Controls(sole source provider) in the amount of \$1,948.56 from app#G.8120.421 for the Sewer Department. Current account balance is \$6,139.32

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

Resolution waving the penalties and interest on Village Tax Payments

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

Mayor Sommers asked what this resolution is about.

The Village Clerk responded that there were checks paid by taxpayers for their taxes and evidently their checks bounced. The Treasurer received the checks back from the bank and never alerted me that these checks bounced when they did, I just received notification from the Treasurer in December, so I was not able to notify the people that their accounts were delinquent, some since May of 2018. I spoke with the auditor's and they advised me to have a resolution passed only charging the people for the initial month that the checks bounced and the \$35.00 fee.

Mayor Sommers asked who the people are and what is this for?

Trustee Rue stated that this is a shame. We never had anything like this happen before.

Mr. Davidoff stated that it was idea to not have the people's name mentioned not to embarrass anyone, that's why the Clerk only listed the SBL's on the attached "Schedule A". I know that some will argue and say that the people should have never touched the money knowing that they wrote the check, but everyone is not like that and some are not fiscally responsible, people have emergencies and things happen. We do not need to embarrass anyone, by listing their names, plus all of their banking information is on their checks along with their addresses and some even have phone numbers on them.

The Village Clerk responded that all of the information was listed in the email that I sent out when the issue was first raised.

The Village Treasurer responded that she's trying to cover herself because she held these

checks and never acted on them. I don't do taxes.

Mrs. McKinney, the Village Clerk responded, the Treasurer deals with the bank, I don't, so this mail came to the Treasurer, not the Clerk. I responded once I got the mail from him and he gave it to me the date that it was stamped received.

Trustee Nikolados stated that we do not need to keep going back and forth, the Village received the mail and did not respond in time. My question is are we giving them a certain time to pay it by.

The Village Clerk responded yes, it is usually to the end of the month and then the normal penalties for the next month will be applied, so they will have to the end of the month to pay the penalty of that month (the initial bouncing of the check) by the end of this January, if it's not paid or postmarked by January 31st, the 10% penalty for February will be applied.

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

Mayor Sommers-yea

Trustee Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Massey-abstain

Trustee Sabatino-yea

Resolution authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$781,120.87

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

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados to into Executive Session at 7:03pm to discuss the following:

Personnel & Union Contracts

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

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue to come out of Executive Session at 7:26pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino to close the meeting at 7:26pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janine Gandy-McKinney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and 'M'.

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk