

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019

6:00 p.m.

**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor Sommers

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Moment of Silence**

Brother of Trustee Massey-Stanley Massey

**Roll Call**

Mayor Sommers-Present

Trustee Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Massey-Absent

Trustee Sabatino-Present

Also Present: Michael Davidoff, Village Special Council

**Motion to accept the agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes from the April 2<sup>nd</sup> & April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meetings**

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Nikolados approving the minutes from April 2<sup>nd</sup> and tabling the minutes of April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

**Public Hearing-Proposal of Local Law#3 of 2019 entitled, "A local law to adopt Section 485-a of the Real Property Tax Law in the Village of Monticello to provide tax abatements to eligible mixed-use conversion projects to aid in downtown revitalization efforts as recommended by the Grow the Gateways Plan"**

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue opening the Public Hearing at 6:05pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

The following notice was read into the record by the Village Clerk:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the Village Board of the Village of Monticello on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 6:00pm at **Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701** to discuss the following issues:

Local Law No. 3 of 2019 entitled, "A local law to adopt Section 485-a of the Real Property Tax Law in the Village of Monticello to provide tax abatements to

eligible mixed-use conversion projects to aid in downtown revitalization efforts as recommended by the Grow the Gateways Plan”.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the economic significance of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws will be reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws are available for review at **Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701.**

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello, dated Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Janine Gandy-McKinney  
Village Clerk  
Village of Monticello

Mayor Sommers commented that he didn't think that it would be beneficial for the Village or tax payers if the tax exemption was any less than \$100,000.00. Other Board members also commented and agreed up the same figure for any and all properties converted into a mixed use, residential-commercial use.

The floor was opened to the Public three (3) times and the following people spoke:

Trustee Rue

Trustee Nikolados

Freida Eisenberg-Sullivan County Planning Department

Michael Davidoff-Village Special Council

Tom Rue-Village Tax payer & business owner

Trustee Sabatino

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue closing the Public Hearing at 6:21pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

**Resolution of Adoption for Local Law#3 of 2019 entitled, “A local law to adopt Section 485-a of the Real Property Tax Law in the Village of Monticello to provide tax abatements to eligible mixed-use conversion projects to aid in downtown revitalization efforts as recommended by the Grow the Gateways Plan”**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados adopting Local Law of #3 of 2019, section 485-a of the Real Property Tax Law in the Village of Monticello to provide tax abatements to eligible mixed-use conversion projects to aid in downtown revitalization efforts as recommended by the Grow the Gateways Plan.

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

### **Mayor/Manager Report**

Mayor Sommers stated that the Highway Department will be cleaning the Statue in Joe's Park, he also stating that they are also getting a list together for the paving of the Village Streets in

the next few weeks.

The Litter Pluck will take place on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, there was not a good turn-out due to the weather the previous weekend.

Spring Clean-up has been scheduled for Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> –Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There will be curb-side pickups for the handicapped and seniors as long as the proper identification is presented.

**Resolution authorizing designated Tobacco Free Zones as well as E-Cigarette and Vaping Free Zones in the Village of Monticello municipal facilities/buildings/playgrounds and park areas located within the Village of Monticello**

Lori Rotolo was present from the Tobacco Free Action Community and presented the Board with the smoke free and E-Cigarette Free signage for Public the parks and recreational area's in the Village.

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

**Resolution authorizing Budget Transfers & Amendments for fiscal year ending July 2019**

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

**Resolution authorizing the annual transfer to the USDA Sewer Short Lived Asset Account per agreement with the USDA for the Sewer Improvement Project in the amount of \$77,000.00 for the 2018 fiscal year and \$77,000.00 for the 2019 fiscal year**

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

**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 for the 2018 fiscal year and \$14,400.00 for the 2019 fiscal year**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to Badger Meter (sole source provider) in the amount of \$1,305.63 for an Orion Cellular Lte Service Unit for the Water Department from app#F.8320.459. Account balance is \$21,739.48**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to the Hach Company in the amount of \$3,332.14 for the emergency purchase of a Portable Spectrophotometer from app#F.8320.233 for testing at the Water Plant. Account balance is \$14,680.07**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados. Upon the call of the

roll, all present were in favor.

**Resolution authorizing payment to Baum Law PC in the amount of \$1,487.50 for the Article 75 Proceeding from app#A.1420.404. Account balance is \$3,586.04**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to Lexipol in the amount of \$8,903.00 for the Law Enforcement Policy Manual Update subscription from app#A.3120.445 for the Police Department. Current account balance is \$14,000.00**

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

**Resolution authorizing an amendment to Chapter A290 of the Village Code entitled, ‘Fee Schedule’ and adopting the enactment of a \$50.00 fee for property maintenance violations issued by the DPW or the Building Department of the Village of Monticello**

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

**Resolution authorizing the repair of the Thompsonville Pump Station by North Jersey Pump (sole source provider) and payment in the amount of \$8,800.00 for the Sewer Department from app#G.8120.233. Current account balance is \$28,922.77**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to Hearing Officer, Marvin Newberg, in the amount of \$4,757.50 for the Article 75 Proceeding from app#A.1420.404**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to Stenographer, Michelle L. Conero, in the amount of \$4,339.01 for the Article 75 Proceeding from app#A.1420.404**

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 the Mayor/Manager to accept the Stipulation Offer in the amount of \$400.00 for the Dillon Park Pool violation**

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

The Village Special Council. Michael Davidoff made the Board aware that this is a violation from last year that was never taken care of. It was presented to the Village Clerk by the DOH Investigator the other day and she called me and scanned it over seconds later. After reading it over, I realized that this fence latch violation was from last season with a hearing date in a few days. I called the Investigator and that’s when he explained to me that we can pay the violation

fee and take care of it this way.

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to Fusco Engineering & Land Surveying, PC for the Building Department Services from app#A.3620.102 in the amount of \$11,600.00**

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

Mayor Sommers stated that he is very pleased with Fusco and had a spreadsheet of all that they have done so far and how much money they collected to date.

Trustee Rue stated that she still doesn't feel comfortable voting for this because none of this was ever budgeted for, so where is the money coming from to pay them.

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

Mayor Sommers-yea

Trustee Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-abstain

Trustee Massey-absent

Trustee Sabatino-yea

**Resolution authorizing the payment of bill's in the amount of \$599,644.13**

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

**Resolution of Support for the Stop the Violence March on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 from 1pm -2pm**

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

There was no Executive Session

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados to close the meeting at 6:58pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:



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Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk