

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, September 2nd, 2020

9:00am

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by Mayor Gary Sommers.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Sommers-Present

Trustee Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Sabatino-Present

Also Present:

Michael Davidoff, Special Counsel

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

Gary Lasher, Village Treasurer

BJ Gettel, Code Enforcement Officer

Executive Order Compliance:

Mayor Sommers acknowledged that we are compliant with all Covid-19 Health Pandemic regulations and Executive orders issued by the Governor of NYS in respect to conducting this Village Board Meeting via Video Conferencing with the Zoom App.

Motion to accept the agenda

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

Manager's Report

Mayor Sommers brought forth the issue of the \$125.00 rental inspection fee for single family rental houses. He stated that he has received many calls and complaints from various people about the fee being too high in comparison to other municipalities. He also stated that he feels the Board should set a Moratorium for two weeks until the election is over and the fees can be discussed at the re-organizational meeting.

Trustee Rue stated that she has also received complaints and she understands because there are a lot of new people in the Village that are not familiar with our rules and regulations.

Trustee Massey asked several times, where did this come from? She continued that if these homeowners are getting Section 8 Funds, then that \$125.00 shouldn't be an issue, the rates that people are charging for rentals are ridiculous. A 1 bedroom is \$1,300.00 and there's no need to

even get into the 2 or 3 bedroom rates. I only charge \$750.00 for a 2 bedroom, which is unheard off.

Trustee Nikolados stated that he feels that this needs to be looked at also, its cost prohibited especially for new homeowners, to be charged that fee is unexpected and then the money can't even be re-invested back into the home or put towards something else like the fire inspections and so one. He stated that he has been receiving a lot of complaints also regarding this and something should be done. He continued to say that being that it's been on the books and never been enforced its "new" to everyone.

Mayor Sommers asked again if the Board would consider putting a two week moratorium on this issue just until after the Election and then the Board will have proper time to take a look at this along with other items in the fee schedule and Village Code that need adjusting.

BJ Gettel from the Building Department stated that it's only two weeks and will not have a great impact on anything. So, it's something that can be done for now until it can be looked at.

Trustee Massey said that she doesn't understand how this came out of the blue and why it's an issue, if these people are collecting money from their tenants, then they have the money to pay the fee.

Trustee Nikolados stated that he doesn't think that the two weeks will make a difference.

Trustee Sabatino stated the same that if they are collecting the fees then they have the money to pay the fees.

Building Department Report

BJ Gettel, the Village's Code Enforcement Officer was present and she gave a comparison of fees and work completed from August of 2019 and August 2020. Overall there was notable increase in the number of Permits Issued, Complaints and Fire Safety Inspections and amount of fees collected.

She also discussed a letter that was drafted by the Building Department in regards to Dumpster Enclosures for the Property owners.

Discussion: Noise Ordinance Chapter 185 of Village Code-Tabled

Resolution designating the polling places for the 2020 Village Election scheduled for Tuesday, September 15th, 2020 for districts 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 to be located the Ted Stroebele Center, 10 Jefferson Street and rescinding the prior resolution passed on March 21st, 2020

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 the 2020 Village Election Workers to work at the polls on Tuesday, September 15th, 2020 from 11:30am to 9:30pm

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 the Mayor to sign the Peak Power Generator Service Agreements for the Annual Maintenance of the Raceway Pump Station, Crystal Street Pump Station, & Thompsonville Pump Station

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 into Reserve Accounts

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

Mayor Sommers-yea

Deputy Mayor Massey-yea

Trustee Rue-nay- not sure what this is and the Board has never done before

Trustee Nikolados-abstain

Trustee Sabatino-yea

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino to close the meeting at 9:34am. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted By:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk