

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

6:00 p.m.

**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Mayor George Nikolados.

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

Mayor Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Sabatino-Absent

Trustee Banks-Present

**Also Present:**

Michael Davidoff, Special Counsel

Richard S. Baum, Deputy Special Counsel

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

Jay Sherb, DPW Superintendent

Gary Lasher, Village Treasurer

Chuck Brodowsky, Water Department

BJ Gettel, Building Department

Rich Manley, Building Department

**Executive Order Compliance:**

Mayor Nikolados 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 Banks to accept the agenda with the following add-on:

1. Resolution approving the Standard Work Day for Village Justice, Josephine Finn

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

**Public Hearing-Proposed Local Law #1 of 2021 entitled, "E-Codes Codification"**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to open the Public Hearing at 6:04pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Village Deputy Attorney, Richard Baum, was present and stated that everyone is familiar with the Village Code and this is the last and most vital step to finalizing the Code. As it was said before, a

team including myself, the Village Clerk, the Village Engineer and Michael Davidoff worked for months going through the code with a fine tooth comb and then we had to go through a full review of findings with General Code and we had to rectify and correct those issues and now we are here. This is very essential to the Village and I along with the Building Department and many applicants will be very happy to have this process update and completed.

The floor was opened to the Public three (3) times and no one spoke.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to close the Public Hearing at 6:07pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

**Public Hearing - Proposed Local Law #2 of 2021, entitled, "Continuation or Expansion of Non-Conforming Uses" to amend chapter 280-42**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to open the Public Hearing at 6:08pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Village Deputy Attorney, Richard Baum stated that this law is to help the owners of buildings that have been grand-fathered in. They can make changes up to 25% of the current floor plan as long as they do not infringe on the current set-backs and so on as stated in the information that's been presented.

The floor was opened to the Public three (3) times and the following people spoke:  
Joel Kohn- for the Local Law, said it would be a great incentive

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to close the Public Hearing at 6:12pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

**Public Hearing - Proposed Local #3 of 2021, entitled, "Parkland Fees in the Village of Monticello" to supplement Chapter 280-40.6**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to open the Public Hearing at 6:13pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Mr. Baum stated that this law is for applicants and projects before the Planning Board. Even though the Village Board has the ability to set the threshold, the Planning Board has the ability to go below or above the threshold due to the size of the project. This does not affect anyone else other than new/ current applicants before the Planning Board.

There was a discussion of the Board and it was decided to set the threshold from \$250.00 to \$1,250.00 per proposed unit.

The floor was opened to the Public three (3) times and no one spoke.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to close the Public Hearing at 6:12pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

## **SEQR**

SEQR was completed and found to have little to no significant impact for all of the proposed Local Laws 1-4.

## **Negative Declaration**

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

## **Approval of minutes from the February 10<sup>th</sup> & March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes**

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

## **Mayor/Manager Report**

Mayor Nikolados reported that he had a meeting this past week with the Sullivan County Land Bank and the Village will be receiving two disbursement of \$13,050.00 for a Code Enforcement Grant. He also stated that we have an issue in the Sanitation Department involving one of the trucks that broke down, he stated that he is giving the floor to Jay Sherb, the Highway Superintendent for further discussion.

Mr. Sherb stated that the Sanitation department is down a truck due to the brake down of one of the trucks and the cost that it will take to repair will almost be just as expensive as or more costly than to purchase a new one. We have put a couple of calls out for the repair and some of the places that we called said it's not worth it and they would rather sell us a new truck, plus because the truck is an older model, finding the right parts for it is also an issue and expensive. Right now, the Village is running on two trucks since the issue with this one and it's going to put us in a bigger predicament as the summer season approaches. We are in a dire situation and need to act fast. I am hoping to get in some quotes over the next few days for a new purchase, but I know that it will be costly and I want to put that information out there now. Even if there's a leasing option, that may be a better solution, but we've already put in over \$40,000.00 in this truck and now with this repair it will probably need that and more and to me, we can't keep flushing money down the toilet. We are going to end up needing another truck anyway, because once these repairs wear off, it's going to need more repairs. This is just information that I want the Board to know and I know that this is unexpected and we did not budget for this, but it's the situation that we are currently dealing with. I am hoping to have more information for the next meeting and hopefully a feasible solution, because this is definitely a major problem and we need a solution immediately.

## **Resolution adopting Local Law #1 of 2021 entitled, "E-Codes Codification"**

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

## **Resolution adopting Local Law #2 of 2021 entitled, "Continuation or Expansion of Non-Conforming Uses" to amend chapter 280-42**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks. Upon the call of the roll, all

present were in favor.

**Resolution adopting Local Law #3 of 2021 entitled, "Parkland Fees in the Village of Monticello" to supplement Chapter 280-40.6**

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

**Resolution authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$431,555.01**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to All Gas & Welding Supply Co. Inc. in the amount of \$1,499.00 from app#G.8130.233 (Treatment/Disposal-Equipment Purchase) for the purchase of a Welder for the Sewer Plant. Current account balance is \$11,304.30 before purchase**

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

**Resolution authorizing the Village of Monticello Annual Spring Cleanup from Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 from 8am-2pm M-F and 8am-12pm Sat, Senior and Handicapped curbside pick-up will be begin on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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

**Resolution authorizing the Cornell Cooperative Extension annual Farmer's Market every Monday from 10:30am until 1:00pm from July 5<sup>th</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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

**Resolution authorizing the Standard Work Day for Village Justice, Josephine Finn in the amount of 20 hours per month and 8 hours a day**

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

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue to go into Executive Session at 7:24pm for the following:

Personnel & Possible Litigation

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

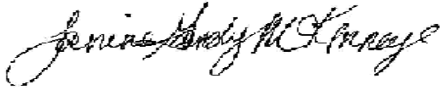
A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to come out of Executive Session at 8:13pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue to close the meeting at

8:13pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janine Gandy-McKinney".

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Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk