

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022

6:00 pm

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by Mayor George Nikolaos.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Nikolados-Present
Trustee Sabatino-Present

Trustee Rue-Present
Trustee Banks-Present at 6:22pm

Trustee Massey-Present

Also Present:

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk
Michael Davidoff, Special Counsel
Gary Lasher, Village Treasurer
Rudolph Brodowsky, Water Dept

Motion to accept the agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Rue to accept the agenda with the removal of item #14- Resolution authorizing a refund to Benzion & Suri Knobloch in the amount of \$1,205.09 for a down payment from a Tax Installment Contract #100276, which is now paid in full via credit card. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Approval of minutes from the February 9th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-yea
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-absent

Mayor/Manager Report

Held to the end of the meeting

Resolution authorizing the payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$1,570,045.34

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino and a second by Trustee Rue to pay the Village bills. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-absent

Resolution authorizing payment to Roy “Porky” Worden for service to the Boiler in the amount of \$1,077.00 from app#A.1620.426 (Buildings & Grounds Oil Burner Maint). Account balance after service is \$423.00

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-absent

Resolution authorizing payment to Transaxle for Truck Parts in the amount of \$4,897.00 from app#CL.8160.423 (Sanitation-Truck Repairs) for the Highway Department. Account balance after purchase is \$50,805.98

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

Trustee Sabatino asked if this item was bid out.

Mayor Nikolados responded that there are three quotes attached and this was the lowest quote.

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-absent

Resolution authorizing payment to Barton & Loguidice for service performed in conjunction with the Waverly Avenue Bridge in the amount of \$47,215.00 from app#G.1440.414 (Engineer Professional Services). Account balance after service is \$2,785.00

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

Trustee Rue asked why was is the Village paying this amount? Aren't we partnering with the County?

Mayor Nikolados answered if everyone remembers, the Village has infrastructure under this bridge for our water and sewer and in order not to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to have

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those dug up and relocated, and the County asked that we pay the cost of the design phase. This \$47,000.00 is much cheaper than having those pipes relocated and also the County is paying way over \$300,000.00 for the rest of the project, this is our only contribution.

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-absent

Resolution authorizing payment to Spring Brook Software LLC for KVS- the Village's accounting software in the amount of \$7,437.78 from app#A.1680.401, CL.8160.234, F.8310.234 & G.8110.234

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-absent

Resolution authorizing payment to Wittcon, Inc-DBA- JTJ Tapping for two (2) line stops for a leak on Park Avenue in the amount of \$17,814.00 from app#F.1990.400 (Contingent Account). Current account balance is \$25,000.00

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

Trustee Sabatino asked what happened and why did it cost so much?

Rudolph (Chuck) Brodowsky, the Water Department Superintendent, stated that this was an emergency repair because a pipe broke on Park Avenue and the Village needed to get a company to come in and cap the lines. These pipes were on the Village, not the property owner so we had to correct the problem and my department didn't have the proper equipment to be able to complete the work and this company was the cheapest. We used money from the Contingency fund because we didn't have anywhere else to pull it from. Hopefully this is the only time we need to dig into it.

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-absent

Resolution authorizing a refund to Freddy Pineda in the amount of \$1,000.00 from app# T.0032.420 for the withdrawal of his Planning Board Application Escrow Fee

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-yea
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-absent

Resolution authorizing payment to Robert Green for a new Reg Cab 1 Ton Pickup Truck in the amount of \$54,602.20 from app#A.5110.229 (Street Maintenance-CHIPS). Account balance after purchase is \$30,246.32

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-absent

Resolution authorizing a refund to Town & Country Resort in the amount of \$7,480.99 for an over-payment in Sanitation from CL.1930.400 (Judgements & Claims). Current account balance is \$7,480.99

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

Trustee Sabatino asked why are we doing a refund, he stated that from what he's always known, utility accounts are credited for over-payments, and so what is this?

Mayor Nikolados explained that there was an error made in the billing and they were double billed, so when the error is on us, we have to correct it, and this was the only way to correct it.

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-absent

Resolution authorizing payment to Callanan Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$1,668.61 for Crusher Run for the Water Department from app#F.8340.421(Transmission-Repairs/Maint.). Account balance after purchase is \$23,559.37

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-absent

Resolution authorizing payment to Evolution Edges in the amount of \$1,205.60 for the purchase of Plow Blades for the Highway Department from app#A.5142.226(Snow Removal.Blades/Chains). Account balance after purchase is \$1,794.40

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-absent

Resolution accepting the sum of \$5,000.00 from 770NY LLC, owner of 23 Rock Ridge Avenue in full and complete satisfaction of the judgment rendered in favor of the Village of Monticello

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

Trustee Rue asked Mr. Davidoff, the Village Attorney, if he could explain this.

Mr. Davidoff explained that this is a settlement for a judgment that the Village had in Court. The owner agreed to settle this and take care of what he had to with the Building Department as far as fines and violations, but this amount is more than what we were originally were going to get, so I think we came out on top.

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-yea
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-absent

Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to sign an Outside Water User Contract between the Village of Monticello & Ten Hanofee Drive Associates located at 44 Lanahan Road, SBL#13.-1-31.1

Mr. Davidoff stated that he feels that this resolution should be tabled. He stated that the current outside water user agreement have not been updated since its first use and the Village

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has changed greatly over the years and this agreement has not. There are other items that need to be addressed in these agreements that currently are not like maintenance, installation and so on. Right now, the Village incurs all of these cost and it doesn't balance out, so I encourage the Board to table this resolution until the Board and myself has a chance to look at this and make the necessary and proper changes to it.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue and a second by Trustee Sabatino to Table this resolution. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-yea
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-absent

Mayor/Manager's Report

Mayor Nikolados stated that he would like to change the election voting time from 12 noon-9:00pm to 9:00am to 9:00pm, this way those that work overnight or cannot get here between 12 and 9 can still have an opportunity to vote before they go to work or begin their day somewhere else. Hopefully this time expansion will also increase the voting numbers because the last few elections, they have been pretty low.

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino and a second by Trustee Banks. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-nay
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-yea

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Sabatino to go into Executive Session at 7:05pm for the following:

Personnel

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

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Sabatino to come out of Executive Session at 7:38pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Fitness Track

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Sabatino in support of a Fitness Track to be erected in the Village of Monticello. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as

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follows:

Mayor Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-nay

Trustee Massey-nay

Trustee Sabatino-yea

Trustee Banks-yea

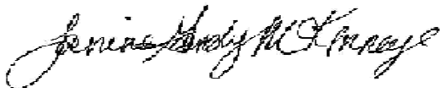
Penalty Fee Waived

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Banks to waive the penalties and interest on the utility bill of Kamal Asayed for a property he owns on Harmony Lane in the amount of \$407.97. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino to close the meeting at 7:46pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk