

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, June 15th, 2022

6:00 pm

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor George Nikolaos.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Banks-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Jenkins-Present

Also Present:

Michael Sussman- Village Special Counsel

Motion to accept the agenda

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

Approval of Minutes June 1st, 2022 Regular Meetings

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

Mayor Nikolados-abstain

Trustee Rue-abstain

Trustee Banks-yea

Trustee Massey-yea

Trustee Jenkins-nay

Mayor Report

Mayor Nikolados reminded everyone of the Juneteenth Parade scheduled for Saturday, June 18th, 2022 and admonished everyone to please attend and support this event.

Discussion-\$1,000.00 donation from Village of Monticello to NAACP for Juneteenth

Trustee Banks stated that he was hoping that the Village will be able to donate \$1,000.00 to the NAACP because they ran short and are not available to cover all of their cost.

Mr. Sussman made everyone aware that the Village is not allowed to donate finances, it is not a legal process. He stated that he spoke with someone that is willing to donate the \$1,000.00 on behalf of the Village so that it does not come from the Village coffers.

Discussion-Warming Center at TSC

Mr. Snowden made the Board aware that there have been issues with having the Warming Center at the TSC in regards to vandalism and destruction and wanted to know if the Board wanted to continue have it there.

After a discussion of the Board, Mr. Snowden was advised to speak with the County and set up stricter parameters for the care of building and also the rising cost of fuel and electric.

Discussion-Dumping behind DeHoyos Park by Contractors working for Village residents

Mr. Snowden stated that he observed constant traffic to the dumping grounds behind DeHoyos Park and is concerned for the children and work that is taking place at the park. He does not want to see anything happen or an accident take place and the Village be liable for the negligence of monitoring the dumping. He made the Board aware that as of right now, he has suspended it and he has locked the gate. He went on to say that those that are dumping are hired contractors that are being paid by Village residents to do work and when they finish, they come to DeHoyos Park and dump all of their brush and debris for free. We should be able to charge them a fee or something, they need to have worker's comp insurance. Right now, it's a free for all and yet again, the Village is being taken advantage of and will be the ones responsible if something happens.

The Board agreed with Mr. Snowden and directed him to come up with a permit, fees and requirements and so on to dump and then they will look to take action in the next meeting.

Resolution authorizing the payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$144,548.89

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

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

Resolution setting a Joint Public Hearing date with the Town of Thompson Board for Tuesday, July 19th, 2022 at 7:00pm at the Town of Thompson Town Hall for the Proposed Annexation of Comolo LLC- tax map parcel 13.0-4-2, 3.1, 3.2, 9, 10 and 11

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

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Resolution setting two Special Meeting dates for Public Hearings for the 2022-2023 Village Budget for Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022 at 6:00pm and Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 at 6:00pm

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 a tax refund in the amount of \$1,205.50 to Green Revolution East LLC aka SBL#109.-1-15(79 Jefferson Street) for the overpayment of taxes from app#A.632 (Payments due to others)

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

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

Resolution authorizing payment in the amount of \$6,500.00 to Barton & Loguidice for the CDBG Project Application Fee for the 2022 CFA for the Rita Avenue Culvert and North Street

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

Trustee Banks asked what this is for.

Mayor Nikolados responded that this is to finish off the culvert pipping on Rita Avenue and also North Street towards High Street.

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

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

Resolution authorizing Training for Highway employees for Class B CDL Licensing in the amount of \$850.00 per employee

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 accepting the lowest bid for the Electrical work for the DeHoyos Park Pavilion

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

Resolution limiting the picking up of brush for Village Residents two (2) times a year

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

Resolution authorizing the paving of the Parking Lot next to the Police Station in the amount of \$15,000.00. Labor will be completed by the Village and Town of Thompson Highway Departments

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

Resolution authorizing the Mayor and or Manager to sign the pre application with the State and Sullivan Renaissance Grant for the DeHoyos Park Splash Park

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

Resolution setting aside funding in the new budget in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the State grant part and the Sullivan Renaissance part

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 accepting the concept of both projects with the understanding that changes may take place

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

Manager Report

Mr. Snowden thanked the Board for working together to get thing accomplished, he also thanked the Highway Department along with everyone else that is working at the park to get it up and running for the summer. He encouraged the Board and the public to go by and see the progress.

Mr Snowden also appointed attorney, Michael Sussman as Special Counsel to the Village.

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

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

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Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to go into Executive Session to discuss the following at 7:12pm:

Personnel & Contracts

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

A motion was made by Trustee Jenkins with a second by Trustee Rue to come out of Executive Session at 8:25pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution regarding the Employment Contract of Jay Sherb

A motion was made by Trustee Jenkins with a second by Trustee Massey authorizing the Highway Superintendent, Jay Sherb, to return back to the salary he agreed to in his employment contract that is in effect until July 31, 2022 of \$70,000.00 and to come out of the Union.

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

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

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Jenkins with a second by Trustee Massey to adjourn the meeting at 8:40pm. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

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

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk