

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

6:00 pm

**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Mayor George Nikolados.

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

Mayor Nikolados-Present      Trustee Rue-Present      Trustee Banks-Present      at  
6:15pm  
Trustee Massey-Present      Trustee Jenkins-Present

**Also Present:**

James Snowden-Village Manager

**Motion to accept the agenda with the addition of re-approving of LL#2 of 2022-Repurchasing**

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

**Approval of minutes from the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 regular Meeting**

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

**Mayor Report**

Mayor Nikolados called for a Moment of Silence for past NAACP President, Elaine Williams, whose funeral services were earlier today.

Once the moment of silence was over he stated that he hopes that we can find a way to honor Ms. Williams, whether it be in Evergreen, where she lived or somewhere in the Village, but she was definitely a safe place for many in this community. She also had a very strong impact on many of the youth in the Evergreen Community, by working with them in the garden and teaching them how to garden. I heard many testimonies today of influence and impact on the many lives that she touched.

**Discussion-I & I Study relating to the Spring Hill Project**

Mr. Snowden stated that the Planning Board needs the Village Board to allow them to request that an I & I study in relation to this project. All fees will be paid by the project owner and there will be no expense at all to the Village. Due to the Village's many water issues, before we allow more projects to keep coming in and putting a bigger strain on our current water system that is already frail especially in that area, which holds one of the Village's oldest pump stations, we need to have this study completed.

**Resolution to recommend the Village of Monticello Planning Board to request that an I & I**

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study for the Spring Hills project be completed

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

**Discussion-Insuring the Monticello Men's Basketball League being ran by Tommy Ward & John Smith**

Mayor Nikolados stated that the Village has always insured this all of the years he's been here and prior, so he's not sure why this is a discussion item now. I've been a part of this league for many years until recently and the Village has always provided insurance, but it has never been used. All of the players are hard workers who are just looking to get a little exercise. No one is looking to get injured or paid through an insurance company.

Mr. Snowden stated that he put it on as a discussion item due to the new insurance and rates, something happens and we have to shell out \$100,000.00 of the rip. He stated that he's concerned if someone gets injured, but if we've always insured it, then go forward. Tommy Ward has more or less taken it over as Mr. Smith is getting older, but he is still very involved in the running of the program and he still plays.

Trustee Jenkins stated that he's also concerned about the insurance, we'll have to pay \$100,000.00 off the back if anything happens and we don't have it at all. Being that they are at the school, why don't they cover them? Whys is everybody coming to us? The school got money and grants, they can afford to cover it.

Trustee Rue stated that the Village has always insured this program and there has never been any issues, this has always been done. It's a Village sponsored program and that's why we've always insured it, this is nothing new. Why are we even discussing this, it's pointless.

Trustee Banks stated that these are not young boys. They are mature older men and they have to sign waivers anyway to play, so if an injury does occur, they have to go through their job's worker's comp and everything first. I've played in this league for many years and these are men that work and are not looking to get injured.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks. 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 the payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$19,848.61 for fiscal**

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**year ending July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and \$326,486.09 for fiscal year ending July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Jenkins. 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 payment to the Monticello Central School District for the Village tax Bills in the amount of \$8,156.09 from app#A.1950.400(Taxes/Assessments and Adjustments). Current account balance is \$25,000.00**

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 setting a date for the Annual Fall Cleanup beginning Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022-Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Senior and Handicapped Pickup will begin on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 8am. Curb-side pick-ups will be from Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>-Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 3:00pm**

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 repair of Sanitation Truck #12 by Holtz Industries Inc. in the amount of \$1,250.00 from app#CL.8160.423(Sanitation –Truck Repairs). Current account balance is \$33,795.36**

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 settling the Violations for 478 Broadway in the amount of \$15,000.00**

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 in the amount of \$1,275.00 to Vega A. Lalire, PH.D, PC for NYS mandatory pre-employment psychological screenings and written reports for three (3) police officer candidates from app#A.3120.104(Police-Uniforms). Current account balance is \$64,725.00**

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 payment to Police Chief's Association of Orange County for Basic**

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**Police Academy Training for two (2) newly hired Police Officers (Buckner & Agapito) in the amount of \$5,000.00 from app#A3120.104(Police-Uniforms). Current account balance is \$59,725.00**

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 payment to Edmunds Govtech for the IPS 1<sup>st</sup> Maintenance Period 6/1/22-5/31/23 in the amount of \$2,667.70 from app#A.3620.403 (Code Enforcement-Contracts/Software Maint). Current account balance is \$4,832.30**

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 payment of TK Elevator Corporation in the amount of \$7,234.11 for service to the Village Hall Elevator from app#A.1620.424(Buildings & Grounds-Elevator)**

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 payment to North Jersey Pump & Controls, LLC in the amount of \$16,890.00for the Emergency Purchase for the Basin Blower Operations for the Sewer Department from app#G.1940.400(Reserve Sewer Project). Current account balance is \$60,110.00**

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 payment to JCI Jones Chemicals Inc(Sole Source Provider-only company with lift to deliver) in the amount of \$2,928.00 from app#F.8330.458(Purification Chemicals). Current account balance before purchase is \$113,554.00**

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 purchase of a 2024 Kenworth T480 4x2 Sanitation Truck from Sourcewell in the amount of \$247,272.67**

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 payment to Harry F. Rotolo & Son, Inc (Sole Source Provider) in the amount of \$1,122.50 from app#G.8130.421(Treatment/Disposal-Repair/Maintenance) for the repair of the Grit Pump Panel in the Sewer Treatment Plant. Current account balance before purchase is \$28,850.52**

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

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present were in favor.

### Resolution re-approving Local Law #2 of 2022-Repurchases of Foreclosed Properties

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

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Snowden made the Board aware that he had the floors stripped and waxed at the Ted Stroebele Building and they look great and that work over there will continue. He also stated that renovations will be taking place in Village Hall starting with the stairs and so forth in the next few days. He stated that he has also talked with the Clerks down stairs about working in their office on improvements in the coming weeks.

### Resolution authorizing the Village Manager the authority to supervise the day to day operations of the Village Treasurer and Village Clerk

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

Mayor Nikolados stated he's having a hard time with this resolution because he was first caught off guard with it and then he stated that he can't understand why the Clerk is mentioned. He stated that it is very evident and we all know that the Clerk does not need any supervision and there are no discrepancies, nor deficiencies with her work, let that be made clear and put on the record. She comes to work and she does her job and then some. So, why she is mentioned in this resolution is baffling to me, because she needs to supervision.

Trustee Rue interjected and stated that we need to read the law, the Manager is the CEO of the Village and he is responsible for the daily running of the Village, he is there in the office, so he knows what is going on and he is the one responsible for everyone.

Mayor Nikolados stated that he understands and gets all of that, but the Clerk does not need supervision. She is not the problem. If I can ask, Janine how do you feel about this?

The Village Clerk stated that under NYCOM, which is what we are governed by, the Mayor Supervises the Clerk and the Mayor is the only one that can supervise the Clerk, but I don't have an issue with this because I actually come to work and do my job and am always present, so it really will not affect me and I don't have an issue with Mr. Snowden, we get along and work together well, so I'm fine Mayor, thank you.

Trustee Jenkins responded that the Manager can certainly supervise whoever the Board directs him to supervise. Everybody needs to be supervised, no one is perfect and everyone need to be directed. Even when I was here before, they took the supervision of the Clerk and Treasurer

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away from me and gave it to the Village Manager at that time because of the same reason, he runs the day to day and George you're never here, so you have no clue what is going on daily.

Mayor Nikolados stated fine, I get it, but like I said, the Clerk is not the problem, so I do not want her job or work load disturbed, she does an excellent job and comes to work and does what she's supposed to do.

Trustee Rue stated that we cannot mention the Treasurer only, as we don't want to sound biased, but we all know that this resolution doesn't have anything to do with the Clerk, but they are both of your appointments.

Mr. Snowden stated, I don't have no issues with Janine, she does what she's supposed to and comes to work, but the Attorney advised that both her and the Treasurer need to be in the resolution, so that's the only reason why she's in it.

Trustee Banks said, this is wrong and I'm staying away from it. It shouldn't be done this way.

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Banks-abstain

Trustee Massey-yea

Trustee Jenkins-yea

Mayor Nikolados stated that I know we just voted and I voted yes, but I want it to be clear in the record that there are no deficiencies with the Clerk and that she is doing her job and that she comes to work daily; this resolution is not for her, but she was only mentioned in it to be fair as both appointments are mine.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue to adjourn the meeting at 7:00pm. Upon the call of the roll all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



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Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk