

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, March 1st, 2023

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
6:08pm
Trustee Massey-Absent Trustee Jenkins-Present

Also Present:

James Snowden-Village Manager
Michael Sussman-Special Counsel

Motion to accept the agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Jenkins to accept the agenda.

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

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

Approval of minutes from the February 1st, 2023 Regular Meeting & the February 6th, 2023

Emergency Meeting

February 1st, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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-absent
Trustee Jenkins-nay

February 6th, 2023 Emergency meeting Minutes

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea

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Trustee Banks-yea
Trustee Massey-absent
Trustee Jenkins-yea

Mayors Report

Mayor Nikolados stated that the Bagel & Muriel Festival will be combined and both events will be held on the 2nd weekend of August, 2023. He also introduced Mrs. Vanecia Hill and her husband, who spoke to the Board in regards to setting up recreational facilities and activities in the Village. Mrs. Hill also stated that she would like to do a Caribbean Festival in June of this year if the Board would allow it.

Trustee Banks made the Board aware that the Rental Law needs to be strengthened because we have a lot of residents living in unsuitable housing, renting from absentee landlords, living in homes with numerous violations and/or that has been condemned.

After a very broad discussion, Mr. Sussman, the Village Special Counsel, said that he is aware of the housing crisis in the Village and he would like to review the current law on the books and see how it can be made more stringent to assist the residents and the Village.

Discussion- Jay Zeiger-Mountaintop Villas LLC-SBL#128.-1-1, 128.-1-6.2, 128.-1-6.3 & 18.-1-4.1

Joel Kohn, Tom Shepstone & Ivan Kalter was present and presented a PUD (Planned Unit Development) Community to the Board for a 70 acre site off Shaker Heights Road. They stated that this is something very popular in municipalities and they wanted to introduce a preliminary plan to the Village Board to get their input.

Mr. Sussman stated that the Board can either set up zones and regulations guide-lining this or they can send it to the Planning Board of the Village and allow them to move on this proposal as they see fit, but either way, it will definitely end up at the Planning Board if it is something that the Board is interested in for review and other items. So, it is best that the Village Board take some time to explore their options.

Resolution authorizing the payment of Village Bills in the amount of \$2,761,290.08

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-absent
Trustee Jenkins-nay

Resolution of Adoption for the Renewal of the Franchise Agreement with Charter Communications for the provision of Spectrum Cable Services in the Village of Monticello and authorizing the Mayor to sign said agreement on behalf of the Village of Monticello

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-absent
Trustee Jenkins-yea

Resolution authorizing payment to Jeanne O’Connell, RPR, PERB Court Reporter, for the hearing held on January 31st, 2023 in the amount of \$1,079.10 from app#A.1420.404 (Attorney Litigation). Current account balance is \$39,606.25

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-absent
Trustee Jenkins-yea

Resolution authorizing repairs and payment to Peak Power Systems for the Race Way Pump Station for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$1,926.95 from app#G.8120.421 (Sanitary Sewers-Repairs/Maint). Current account balance after purchase is \$5,937.64

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-absent
Trustee Jenkins-yea

Resolution authorizing an Amendment to the Village Code, Chapter A290, entitled, “Fee Schedule” and adding a \$100.00 fee for Temporary Storage Trailers on Construction Sites, a \$250.00 fee for Temporary Office Trailers on Construction Sites, a \$350.00 fee for Residential Demolition Permits and a \$500.00 fee for Commercial Demolition Permits

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

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Trustee Banks asked for an explanation of what this actually is.

Mr. Snowden, the Village Manager, explained that this was a fee that was previously in the code and that it had been removed. Now, because there is a lot of construction taking place in the Village, many of these trailers keep popping up and there's no regulations or anything for them, so charging a fee for them is a start.

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Banks-yea

Trustee Massey-absent

Trustee Jenkins-yea

Resolution authorizing a Budget Transfer for the Water Department in the amount of \$3,000.00 from app#F.8320.421 (Source of Supply-Repairs & Maintenance) to app#F.8320.237 (New Roof), account balances are \$13,285.93 & \$0.00 respectively

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-absent

Trustee Jenkins-nay

Resolution authorizing the Emergency Purchase of a Replacement Sludge Pump & Installation Warranty Service from North Jersey Pump & Controls, LLC in the amount of \$14,438.00 for the Water Department from app#F.8320.233(Source of Supply-Equipment). Current account balance is \$77,766.00

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-absent

Trustee Jenkins-yea

Resolution authorizing payment to Peak Power Systems for the Emergency Electrical Installation Repair to the Crystal Street Pump Station in the amount of \$3,845.00 from app#G.8120.421(Sanitary Sewers-Repairs/ Maint). Current account balance after purchase is \$2,092.64

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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-absent
Trustee Jenkins-yea

Resolution authorizing payment to Cargill Inc-Salt Division for the purchase of 132.12 tons of salt for the Village Streets in the amount of \$10,535.82 from app#A.5142.468(Snow Removal-Salt). Current account balance after purchase is \$53,499.83

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-absent
Trustee Jenkins-yea

Resolution authorizing the purchase of Channel Post for signs in the Village from Glenco Supply Inc., in the amount of \$1,759.10 from app#A.5110.227 (Street Maintenance-Traffic Paint). Current account balance is \$2,251.90 after expense

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-absent
Trustee Jenkins-yea

Resolution authorizing payment to Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. in the amount of \$4,448.00 for the emergency service of the SCADA System Programing in the Sewer Department from app#G.1940.400(Reserved Sewer Project). Current account balance is \$23,032.53 after expense

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-absent

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Trustee Jenkins-nay

Resolution authorizing payment to North Jersey Pump & Controls, LLC for the Emergency Replacement of the Supernate Pump in the sewer Department in the amount of \$6,543.00 from app#G.8120.233(Sanitary Sewers-Equipment Purchase). Current account balance after purchase is \$84,458.71

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-absent

Trustee Jenkins-yea

Resolution authorizing payment to Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$25,118.10 for the Water Project Design & Bidding from app#F.8320.484(Source of Supply-Engineers)

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-absent

Trustee Jenkins-nay

Resolution authorizing the Transfer of \$43,200.00 from the 2019, 2020 and 2022 Village Budgets app#F.1940.400 into the USDA Short Lived Water Fund

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-absent

Trustee Jenkins-nay

Resolution authorizing the Transfer of \$231,000.00 from the 2019, 2021 and 2022 Village Budgets app#G.1940.400 into the USDA Short Lived Sewer Fund

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

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Trustee Massey-absent

Trustee Jenkins-nay

Resolution hiring Gary Ivory as a Full-Time Enforcement Officer in the Village of Monticello with a salary of \$50,000.00 per year with the understanding that this is not a Union position and that Mr. Ivory will report directly to the Village Manager, James Snowden. Mr. Ivory will also receive pro-rated Vacation, Sick & Personal until July 31st, 2023 and will receive full benefits effective August 1st, 2023 with the new fiscal budget

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-absent

Trustee Jenkins-yea

Resolution authorizing the Relevy Transfers to each fund (water, sanitation & sewer) from the General Fund's Taxes in the amount of \$274,303.20 into the Water Fund, \$308,012.25 into the Sanitation Fund and \$226,606.46 into the Sewer Fund respectively

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-absent

Trustee Jenkins-nay

Resolution authorizing payment to Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$1,652.29 for General Water Services from app#F.8310.414(Water-Professional Fees). Current account balance after the expenditure \$5,997.21

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-absent

Trustee Jenkins-nay

Managers' Report

There was no report from Mr. Snowden

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Jenkins to go into Executive Session at 7:40pm to discuss the following:

Personnel

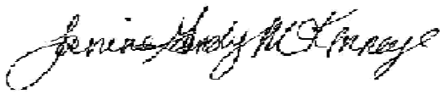
Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to come out of Executive Session at 8:04pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk