

Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

6:00 pm

**Call Meeting to Order**

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

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

Mayor Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Banks-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Jenkins-Present

**Also Present:**

James Snowden-Village Manager

Antoinette Williams-Village Attorney

Trustee Massey congratulated the Village Attorney, Antoinette Williams on her new appointment.

**Motion to accept the agenda**

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

**Approval of Minutes from the May 2<sup>nd</sup> & May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meetings**

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

**Mayors Report**

Mayor Nikolados gave his time to Village Resident, Annette Foy. Ms. Foy stated that she would like to hold a Community Initiative Meeting at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00pm, but she is unable to cover the insurance. She stated that the meeting will be to assist the Public with getting registered to vote, and programs that are available to them that most people are unaware of.

Mayor Nikolados stated that since this will be something for the Community, the Village should cover this event at our own expense, after all we do have an umbrella policy that covers us.

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue setting a Community Meeting date for Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 6:00pm hosted by community member, Annette Foy, pending availability covered by the Village Insurance Policy. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

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**Resolution authorizing the payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$637,619.83**

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-nay  
Trustee Jenkins-nay

**Resolution authorizing payment to Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$45,212.58 for the Water Systems Improvement Project from app#F.8320.484(Source of Supply-Engineers)**

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

The Village Manager, Mr. Snowden made the Board aware that he spoke with Roy Richardson at B & L and made them aware that these monies are supposed to be paid out of the water grant and that the Village is not in any financial shape to keep paying these large bills at this moment and can they wait until the water grant is finalized? He stated that Mr. Richardson stated that he understands and they are willing to wait to be paid, so this needs to be tabled.

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

**Resolution authorizing Shared Services Transfers in the amount of \$75,000.00 from CL.9901.900 (Sanitation), \$75,000.00 from G.9901.900 (Sewer) & \$45,000.00 from F.9901.900 (Water)**

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 payment to Peak Power Systems in the amount of \$2,230.00 from app#F.8320.233 (Source of Supply-Equipment) for the purchase of the Control Assembly Labor for the Portable Trailer for the Water Department. Current account balance after expense is \$50,315.89**

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

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Trustee Banks-yea  
Trustee Massey-nay  
Trustee Jenkins-nay

**Resolution authorizing a 30-Day Advance Notice for a Liquor License for Nelly's Sports Bar LLC located at 456 Broadway in the Village of Monticello**

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 Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$1,632.78 for the Race Track I & I Project from app#G1440.414 (Engineering-Professional Services) for the Sewer Department**

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue to approve the minutes.

Mr. Snowden stated that the Applicants firm is supposed to be paying for this bill. This I & I has to do with the Study for the project that was approved at the Planning Board and the resolutions came before the Board.

Mayor Nikolados stated that yes, he agrees, Mr. Snowden is correct. The Village is not supposed to be paying for this.

Upon the call of the roll, all present voted nay.

**Resolution authorizing the Correction of Errors for SBL#122.-1-1.2-94 Waverly Avenue, Jimmie Valree, for the 2020, 2021 & 2022 tax years**

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 Peak Power Systems in the amount of \$1,650.00 for the Emergency Repair Rental of the Generator at Sleepy Hollow for the Sewer Department from app#G.8120.421 (Sewer- Sanitary Sewers-Repairs/Maint), Current account balance after expense is \$98.99**

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 payment to Sullivan Overhead Doors in the amount of \$1,875.00 less the \$1,000.00 Village's Insurance Deductible from app#A.1620.421 (Building & Grounds-Repairs/Maintenance). Current account balance is \$23,634.13**

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-nay

Trustee Jenkins-nay

**Resolution authorizing the transfer of all contract negotiations to the Village Mayor and Village Attorney**

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-nay

Trustee Jenkins-nay

Mr. Snowden stated that resolution is wrong and illegal because we have a Managerial form of government and as far as he knows, the Mayor has never had anything to do with the negotiations. They have always been between the Manager, the Attorney and the bargaining units. The Manager reported back to the Board and spoke on behalf of the Board.

Mayor Nikolados stated that this resolution is not to include the Manager, but to add himself in as part of the negotiations, because he has heard from several employees that things are not going well and that they are not being heard and that he has had no communication from the Manager regarding the Unions and now we have ended up in Empass. He stated that when he was the Manager he was able to work things out with incentives and things to make it equal and fair for all parties and that all he wants to do.

Trustee Rue commented that it was not meant that way. The Manager has always been over the contract negotiations, and two trustees always come and sit in, but we cannot say anything. That's why we are doing this resolution this way we can communicate to the Mayor and he can give our ideas to the Bargaining Units.

Village Attorney, Antoinette Williams, stated that from her understanding, the Village Manager will still be a part of the negotiations, so she is unclear of what the issue is.

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Trustee Massey stated that is not what this resolution is stating and that's what the Manager is doing. The wording of this resolution is taking the Manager out of the negotiations and giving everything to the Mayor and Village Attorney. If that is not true, then the resolution needs to be changed and or amended.

There was also comments from the public which agreed with the Village Manager of this being illegal and the wrong thing to do.

Mayor Nikolados stated that the Manager is only communicating with two (2) people and the rest of us have no idea what is going on and that's the reason why I want to be part of it, so I can communicate with EVERYONE on the Board, but fine if you all need it stated, the resolution will be amended to include the Village Manager, even though he's not being taken out of it anyway.

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Rue to rescind the resolution as stated on the agenda. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

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

A motion was made authorizing the transfer of all Contract Negotiations to the Village Mayor, Village Attorney and Village Manager. 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

### **Managers' Report**

#### **Sanitation Stickers**

Mr. Snowden reported that the Sanitation tags are coming along very well. People are coming in picking up the stickers daily. The Clerk and the Account Clerks are keeping a list that we will go by to get our garbage situation in order.

#### **DeHoyos Park**

I am re-doing the tables in DeHoyos Park under the Pavilion. I am going to build twenty (20) new tables for the park. I have ordered the rough-cut already and they will be built with special wood and I will be doing the first table myself and then the rest will be built accordingly. These will be

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solid tables that can last us 30 years. The tables that are there already will be distributed through the park.

### JCAP Grant & TSC

We received the JCAP Grant in the amount of \$30,000.00. This grant will only cover the bathrooms in the Ted Stroebele Center, they will be starting next week. The tiles will be ripped out and new tiles will be placed, and so forth. We will have to continue to do the other work ourselves or see what other grants are available for recreation.

We are going to build a wall in the big room down stairs to divide it up so that we can have an area for the kids with computers, televisions, video games, and stuff like that. Then we will have an actual weight room and lastly an aerobics room.

### Forensic Audit Report

The Audit Report is very crucial. They cancelled for tomorrow night as they are not ready yet, but they want to present the report to the Board a whole in an open meeting.

It was a discussion as to who has already seen the report and what will be in the report, also how will the report be distributed to the Public.

It was agreed upon by the Board that once the Manager gets the report, it will be distributed to the Board all at the same time, the Board will have a chance to review it and then it will be presented to the Public.

### Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

### Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:

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Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk