

Board of Trustees Meeting Emergency Minutes

Village of Monticello

Tuesday, January 16th, 2024

8:30 am

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:39am by Mayor Nikolados.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Nikolados-Present	Trustee Rue-Present	Trustee Banks-Absent
Trustee Massey-Present	Trustee Jenkins-Present	

Also Present:

Antoinette Williams-Village Attorney

Motion to accept the agenda

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

Resolution regarding an Emergency Purchase for the Sewer Department

Mayor Nikolados stated that this meeting was called because we are in talks with a company to buy a truck to clean out our sewer systems and we got a call Thursday evening stating that they had another buyer for the truck and if they did not here from us upon them opening for business at 9:30 am, they were going to sell the truck to the other interested buyer. He stated that as of right now, if we do not purchase this truck, we will continue to pay \$550.00 per hour for the rental of it, which in turn comes to about \$10,000 or \$11,000.00 per month, just for this alone, so it is in our best interest and cost effective to purchase this truck.

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

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

Hiring Freeze until March 2024

Trustee Rue stated that she was speaking with the Treasurer, Mr. Lasher who suggested a hiring freeze until all of the retro is paid out for the previous contracts passed and we know where we are at financially, and she agrees with him

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Trustee Jenkins said that he also agrees with Trustee Rue, we are paying out all of this money and with the new contracts, everyone is coming in at higher salaries, so it is common sense.

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/Managers Report

Mayor Nikolados stated that he is sure that by now, everyone is aware of Deputy Village Clerk Stacey Walker resigning, so he will be appointing BJ Gettle as the Deputy Village Clerk.

Trustee Jenkins and Trustee Massey questioned the legality of the Code Enforcement Officer being the Deputy Clerk and stated that they are going to look into it and challenge it if necessary.

Mayor Nikolados responded that he can appoint anyone in the Village as long as they are a Village employee, which she is.

Trustee Rue stated that it is the Mayor's appointment and it does not need any approval or discussions. Plus, Janine said that she was not doing the election because we are not going to pay her, so now the Board has the right to appoint the Deputy and since Stacey has resigned, George appointed BJ.

Trustee Massey stated that well, Janine sent out an email on Friday, where she had notified Antoinette and George last month in December that she would be going the election. So, Janine, the Village Clerk, is doing the election and she did it before by herself, so what's the difference now. I thought BJ could only give us a few hours a week and now all of a sudden she has time now? When did that change?

Mayor Nikolados stated that yes Janine, the Village Clerk is doing the election, but BJ will be assisting her because there were mistakes made last time and this way someone can be here to collect the petitions and answer questions if Janine is out and we all know that sometimes she is out and it can be for more than one day sometimes. We all get sick or things happen, BJ will just be there as back up.

Village Attorney, Antoinette Williams, stated that she called NYCOM herself and spoke with Rebecca herself and she was told that in the unwillingness or incapability of the Village Clerk for whatever reason, it goes to the Deputy and now that Stacey has resigned and BJ has been appointed, it goes to BJ.

Village Clerk, Janine Gandy-McKinney responded, Antoinette, I sent you and George an email

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last month on December 15 telling you all that I spoke with a few attorney's and after speaking with them, I am willing to do the election and I even spoke to George on the phone and he said fine.

Ms. Williams responded, no, you refused.

Mayor Nikolados interjected that yes, Janine did refuse in the beginning and then changed her mind and she is the person taking care of the election along with the assistance of BJ.

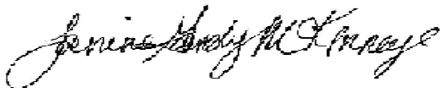
Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Mayor Nikolados to adjourn the meeting at 9:02am. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk