

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

6:00 pm

Call Meeting to Order

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

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Massey-Present

Trustee Jenkins-Present

Trustee Hutchins-Present

Trustee Davis-Present

Trustee Barbarite-Present

Also Present:

Michael Sussman, Special Counsel

James Snowden, Village Manager

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

Motion to accept the agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Barbarite to accept the agenda with two add-ons. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Approval of minutes for the November 6th, 2024 Regular Board meeting

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

Public Hearing - Proposed Local Law #11 of 2024 entitled, "Cannabis Regulations in the B1 & B2 Zone with a Special Use Permit"

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins to open the Public Hearing at 6:01pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Attorney Sussman explained that this Public Hearing is to allow the sale of Cannabis to a certain area in the Village, which in this case is the B1 & B2 Zones. This proposed local law is not to regulate the sale of cannabis the product, but to regulate where it can be sold in the Village, I want those in the audience to be clear on that. The State regulates how or what can be sold, the Villages only responsibility is to regulate where it can be sold. The Board sent this information to the Planning Board for their input, which is what is supposed to be done legally and the Planning Board gave their input which again is to only regulate where it can be sold in the Village. The Village Board and Planning Board agreed on the following regulations:

1. The zoning code shall be altered and amended to delete retail operations selling cannabis and/or cannabis-based products from those uses eligible for a special permit in any zone other than B-1 and B-2
2. Within the B-1 and B-2 zones, retail operations selling cannabis and/or cannabis-based products may not be located within 500 feet of any school or house of worship.
3. The Village Board requests that the Cannabis regulations mirror those of the Liquor Local Law which is found in chapter 212 of the Village Code.

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The floor was opened three (3) times to the Public and the following people spoke:

Trustee Hutchins-location

Trustee Jenkins-sales tax

Edwin Perez-village confines

Village Manager James Snowden-is 239 required

Diana Curbelo- are there other legal places selling in the Village

A motion was made by Trustee Jenkins with a second by Trustee Hutchins to close the Public Hearing at 6:08pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Public Hearing-Proposed Local Law #12 of 2024 to Amend Section 236-7 of the Village Code, entitled, "Expiration and Transfer of Towing License"

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins to open the Public Hearing at 6:10pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Attorney Sussman explained that this Public Hearing is to simply change the expiration date of Tow Licenses to September 30 to accommodate the Clerk instead of the January 31 expiration date as stated in the Village Code. As the Clerk explained in a prior meeting, the September date is more accommodating for her work load. This proposal also gives the Clerk the authority to transfer licenses from one operator to another without the Board consent, that is all.

Trustee Barbarite also commented that we want everyone to understand, with this law, you can register and pay for a license at any time throughout the year, but understand, on September 30th, that license will expire and even if you got it a month prior, it expires and you will be responsible for paying the fees and everything all over again.

The floor was opened to the Public three (3) times and the following people spoke:

Helen from Prestige- concerned about changing dates

William (Bill) Sedlack-changes regarding dates

Gary Mann-being added to list late

Dominique Mendez-Atty for Prestige-also asked about date change

Sean Brooks-what is change for and issue with regulations

Edwin Perez-regulations and how does tow list work

A motion was made by Trustee Jenkins with a second by Trustee Hutchins to close the Public Hearing at 6:23pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Mayors Comments

Let me start out by saying, I am on a mission to clean up this Village. I have not strayed from this goal I set on day 1 of my tenure. Right now, I am focusing upon multi-tenant dwellings. My reason for this focus is because landlords have not been living up to the standards I have previously specified. Warnings will no longer be in effect. Back in April when I first took office, I was kind enough to knock on doors and inform homeowners that they were non-compliant. A lot of individuals took immediate action, and I am grateful for that. However, some

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properties failed to comply with local regulations and standards that were set by Village authorities. These violations pertain to various aspects of property maintenance, construction, safety, environmental, and health requirements. The purpose of these codes was to ensure that properties are safe, well-maintained, and in harmony with community standards. Issues such as overgrown lawns, broken windows, trash accumulation, improper disposal of trash, lack of sufficient garbage and recycle bins, illegal parking, parking on lawns and other forms of neglect that can negatively impact the neighborhood's appearance and health standards will be ticketed and fined.

As we approach our winter season, homeowners should be reminded to properly maintain the sidewalks in front of their dwellings and keep them snow and ice free. Properties must be used in a manner consistent with their designated zoning. Running a business in a residentially zoned area without proper authorization is also a violation of community standards. There are no excuses allowed for those who reside outside of the Village. Owners (both residential and non-residential) are responsible for the upkeep of their properties and tenant behavior.

I want to remind everyone that that the maintenance of the Village is a direct reflection of my tenure. My mission is to clean up the Village and make Monticello a solvent thriving community! All resident vehicles will be ticketed or towed and fined daily.

A thank you is in order to Aileen Gunther who has secured a grant for the Village to update playground equipment.

Remember every one of you should remember our new slogan GET INVOLVED, BE PRESENT and ACTIVE in your community!

Please note: There is no on-street parking allowed on any streets in the Village of Monticello. All resident vehicles will be ticketed or fined daily. You will be towed! There is no overnight parking on Broadway.

The Village Hall is closed from 12-1pm daily.

Ongoing Events

1. Weekly AA/NA Meetings-Ted Strobel Center 7-8:30 pm
2. Throughout November and December, the Village will be collecting new toys, books and games for the Mayor's first annual Toy Drive. No toy guns, swords or knives will be accepted. All items can be dropped off at the Village Hall.
3. Behavioral Health Services for youth. Astor Services Satellite Clinic. Online Providers. Monticello School District. Location: Monticello High School and St. Johns Street Building. Parental Consent necessary.

Happening Now

Job Openings-Crawford Public Library is currently seeking qualified Library Assistants/Coordinators. Friends of the Library Meeting-Tuesday December 10th, 2024 at 5:45 pm (In person and Virtual Options)

Manager's Report

Mr. Snowden thanked everyone for coming & wished everyone Happy Holidays

Discussion- Update on Health Insurance Transition issues - CSEA position & PBA

Mr. Sussman made everyone aware that the Village is moving forward with the health insurance change. He stated that due diligence was done in reaching out to the Unions to no avail and now, they are responding with letters of threat and PERB mediation. The Board has every legal right to move forward according to the law being that all the necessary steps were taken and followed. In regards to the PBA, their contract specifically says NYSHIP and does not have the provision of equal or better, but any new employees must go under the new policy of MVP going forward. So that is where we are with this.

The Board commented that as you all can see later in the agenda, there are two health insurance payments, one is for NYSHIP and the other is for MVP, you see the difference in the amounts, this is why we can no longer use NYSHIP. This is an issue that we inherited and we are trying to find the best solution. We owe NYSHIP so much money that the previous administration did not pay them and now these are the measures we have to take. We know the employees are not happy, but we have to do what is best for the tax payers and the Village as a whole. If the Union is making threats, we will have to handle them as they come in and deal with them appropriately, but we must change the health insurance in order to see some type of future in the Village survival. Mr. Sussman has done his due diligence and now we are moving forward.

Discussion-Purchase of Old Railroad Parcel for \$50,000.00

Mr. Sussman made everyone aware that there is a party interested in purchasing the Old Railroad parcel that is owned by the Village and being that we are in such an awful financial state, the Village needs the money and I feel that it is a generous offer, but it is up to the Board to make a decision, I am just bringing it up to your attention.

Discussion-Authorization to initiate litigation in State Supreme Court concerning non-compliant property owners

Attorney Sussman spoke in regards to the continues issues in the Justice Court with landlords not showing up for Court. He feels that the Village is not being taken seriously and we need a more assertive plan of action which is to take these repeated violators to Supreme Court and allow them to be tried at the highest Court and to the fullest extent of the law is the only recourse. Continuously violating them and sending them to our Court is to no avail. After we do all of the paperwork and documentation, the offenders to do not show up and it becomes a complete waste of time, so I feel that the Supreme Court is the next and best step.

Discussion-Towing Rates

There was a discussion on the Tow rates and a committee and meeting will be formed to discuss this issue further.

Resolution adopting Local Law #11 of 2024 entitled, “Cannabis Regulations in the B1 & B2 Zone with a Special Use Permit”

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

Resolution of adoption Local Law #12 of 2024 to Amend Section 236-7 of the Village Code, entitled, “Expiration and Transfer of Towing License”

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

Resolution authorizing payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$114,661.02

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

Resolution going out to Bid and setting a Bid Opening date for the Replacement of the Floral Drive Manhole for Thursday, January 9th, 2024 at 2:00pm

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

Resolution authorizing a 30-day Advance Notice Waiver for Nelly’s Sports Restaurant & Bar Corp., located at 456 Broadway, in the Village of Monticello for their Liquor License application

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

Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to sign an Agreement with the Monticello Bagel Corp to Provide the Monticello Bagel Corp with the Right of Way to SBL#111.-6-5 aka the driveway between 465 & 475 Broadway

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

Resolution authorizing payment to General Code for the Villages eCode360 Annual Maintenance in the amount of \$1,195.00 from app#A.1410.403(Clerk-Contractual Expenses). Current account balance is \$1,452.74

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

Resolution authorizing payment to NYSHIP in the amount of \$233,316.62 for the Village Employees Health Insurance for the month of November 2024 and to authorize the Village Manager and Special Counsel to negotiate a payment plan for the rest of the monies owed

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

Resolution authorizing payment to MVP in the amount of \$14,507.27 for the Village Employees

health Insurance for the month of November 2024

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

Resolution authorizing the Emergency Purchase of a Tandem Gear Pump from Scott Industrial Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$1,230.00 for the Vac All from app#CL.8170.407(Steet Cleaning-Safety...). Current account balance is \$9,634.15 before expense

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

Resolution authorizing the purchase of Holiday Decorations in the amount of \$18,000.00 for the Village from the following app's F.8320.235(Source of Supply: Parts for Intake Line), CL.8160.423(Sanitation-Truck Repairs), & G.8130.421(Treatment/Disposal-Repair/Maintenance). \$6,000.00 will be taken out of each account respectively

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

Add-Ons:

Resolution adding a \$15.00 fee to additional garbage left in bags on-top of garbage cans or in-front of garbage cans and dumpsters or on the ground.

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

Resolution authorizing payment to the Village Grant Writer in the amount of \$3,975.00

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

Executive Session -Personnel

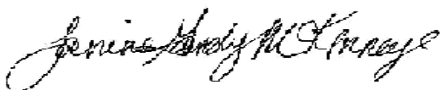
A motion was made by Trustee Davis with a second by Trustee Hutchins to go into Executive Session at 7:27pm for Personnel. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Barbarite with a second by Trustee Hutchins to come out of Executive Session at 8:15pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Barbarite with a second by Trustee Hutchins to close the meeting at 8:15pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney
Village Clerk