

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

6:00 pm

Call Meeting to Order

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

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Banks-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Jenkins-Present

Also Present:

Antoinette Williams-Village Attorney

BJ Gettel-Deputy Village Clerk

Motion to accept the agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue to accept the agenda with one (1) add-on. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Approval of Minutes from the February 21, 2024, Regular Meeting

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

Mayor/Manager Report

Mayor Nikolados swore in the new Provisional Police Chief, Jason Corely. After the swearing in of Chief Corley he gave the floor to Danielle from Reach for the Stars. She came to the Board asking to utilize the TSC back lawn for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 30th, beginning at 2:00pm. The program will consist of an Easter Egg Hunt along with light food and candy being given out.

A motion was made by Trustee banks with a second by Trustee Rue to Support the date change and Mayor Nikolados will provide Port-O- Potties for bathroom facilities. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Discussion-34 Carpenter Place Utility Bill Adjustment

Mayor Nikolados stated that he would like to hold off on this until he can find out more information as this is a seasonal account.

Resolution authorizing the payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$430,514.59

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 payment to Schmidt's Wholesale Inc. in the amount of \$1,298.82 for Emergency Repairs to the Raceway Pump Station from app#G.8120.421 (Sanitary Sewers-Repairs/Maint) for the Sewer Department. Account balance after expense is \$6,538.63

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 payment to MSA The Safety Company in the amount of \$1,085.00 for the repair of the Sensors for the Sullivan County Jails Fine Screen from app#G.8120.421 (Sanitary Sewers-Repairs/Maint) for the Sewer Department. Account balance before expense is \$6,538.63

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 payment to Layne Christensen Co in the amount of \$29,500.00 for the Emergency Repair Inspection and Replacement of the Pitless Adapter for the Water Department from app#F.1990.400 (Contingent Account). Account balance before purchase is \$29,500.00

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 to Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. (sole source) in the amount of \$2,145.00 for the Installation of the EWON from app#G.1940.400 (Reserved Sewer Project) for the Sewer Department. Current account balance before purchase is \$67,906.66

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 a Utility Bill Adjustment for removal of penalties for 5 Royce St in the amount of \$144.40 due to the payment not being applied because the system did not generate an email acknowledging the payment for the November bill

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 a Utility Bill Adjustment for the overcharge on Sanitation fees for 104 Waverly Avenue in the amount of \$3,975.00 due to the incorrect number of dumpsters charged

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

Add-On:

Resolution authorizing the contract of Provisional Chief Jason Corley for one year

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

Trustee Jenkins stated that he will be voting no to this because he was unaware of the appointment in the first place and now the contract was just presented to them at the meeting tonight. He stated that he nor Trustee Massey was not privy to anything concerning Mr. Corley and there are no hard feelings and there is nothing towards Mr. Corely, he just does not like how everything was thrown in their face to vote without any knowledge of what was taking place. He stated that there should have been some type of conversation had to discuss ideas and where he plans to do to improve the department, but none of that took place and now they are the bad guys because they are not going to vote this. He stated that he feels that for the fact that there is a possibility of a new Board coming in, he should have at least waited until after the election to even accept the position

Mr. Corley asked the Mayor if he could respond to Trustee Jenkins. Upon the approval of the Mayor Chief Corely said that he understands and thanks Mr. Jenkins for his honesty. He stated that he thought that everyone was fully aware of what was taking place and that he gave the Clerk to the contract today to distribute once he realized that no one had it. He stated that he had previously served this community for over twenty-seven (27) formerly starting out as a Police

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Officer and retiring as a Sergeant. He stated that he loves this Community and is willing to do whatever it takes to get the Police Department back on track with being seen, being a part of this community and regaining the respect and community back. He stated that he welcomes the conversations and would love to hear ideas on how to improve the PD and comradery of the Village of Monticello regarding the Police. He stated that he has an open-door policy, and they can speak at any time.

Trustee Banks stated that he feels that this is a shame and said that it seems to him that Trustee Jenksin does not like Black people and do not think that they can do the job. He stated that the same thing was done when Ms. Williams was appointed as the Village Attorney. He stated that if you all do not see the writing on the wall, it is quite evident that Mr. Jenkins does not like his own people and does not want them to be in positions of authority. He served this Village for over twenty-seven (27) years and that alone should qualify him that is all I am going to say. The writing is on the wall people, it is in black and white.

Trustee Rue stated that she has all confidence that Mr. Corely is right for the job, he served this community for his whole career. It is a given that he is the right one for the job I do not understand what the problem is, he knows this community and I have all confidence that he will do an excellent job in this community as the Chief.

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

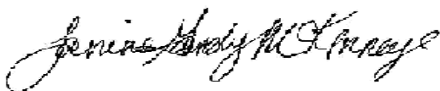
Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk