

# Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

6:00 pm

## **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm 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:**

James Snowden, Village Manager

Michael Sussman, Special Counsel

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

## **Motion to accept the agenda**

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

## **Approval of Minutes for the August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 Regular Meeting**

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

## **Mayors Comments**

It has been an exciting week with the granting and acceptance of New York State's Swim Grant. I want to thank Governor Hochul and the State of New York for the Swim Grant provided to the Village of Monticello. We are delighted to have been chosen as an awardee for this fund. This grant will allow all of the residents and especially the children of this community to have better access to pool facilities. This grant would not have been possible had it not been for the efforts and help of the Village Board, Village Administrators and a competent & eager Grant Writer. Rest assured that all of these funds will be dedicated and channeled towards the sole purpose of upgrading pool facilities for the village. A pool at DeHoyas Park is the first step in achieving goals towards upgrading facilities within this community. We anticipate being able to take on the project of upgrading the entire Playground and the remainder of DeHoyas Park to make it a more welcoming and central gathering place for citizens in this community. We look forward to potential future collaboration and we will keep you updated about any progress made in this direction. Thank you Governor Hochul and New York State once again for your trust and generosity. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of our community and its children. We are looking forward to the upgrade of the pool at DeHoyos Park. This will be the first step in enhancing the lives of Village residents, especially the children.

The building and landowners are still in compliance with requests towards maintaining their properties. I want to shout out to 40 Landfill, 80 Spring Street, 53 High Street and 40 Spring Street. Their efforts towards the upkeep of this community should be commended. Remember

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everyone should be litter plucking. Maintain your own streets. I have had a volunteer that should be recognized. I'd like to also say, "Kudos" to the gentleman from Michelle Drive that took the time to litter pluck his Street, I may not know your name, but I appreciate the great job you did. I will reiterate that every one of you should remember the slogan GET INVOLVED, BE PRESENT and ACTIVE in your community!!

Since our last newsletter, here's what we have been working towards:

1. The New York State Swim Grant has been accepted. Now we await a response to the youth grant, which will help us obtain lifeguards.
2. I want to restart the senior games. This requires a committee. So I am accepting volunteers.
3. Last week Aileen Gunther, Community Members, various organizations and I went to view the conditions of folks placed in temporary motel accommodations. This is one effort towards thwarting homelessness.
4. July 30<sup>th</sup> -I met with sanitation workers to align them with new duties within the community.
5. August 14<sup>th</sup> -I met with a group of gentlemen who are very interested in taking on the affordable and low income-housing needs of the community.

Reminder:

There is no overnight parking on Broadway. All resident vehicles will be ticketed or towed and fined daily. The Village Hall is closed from 12-1pm daily.

### **Dates to Remember:**

June 20<sup>th</sup> - September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Sullivan Fresh Monticello Farmers Market

Cornell Cooperative Extension Every Thursday 10am-1pm

Behind the Ted Strobel Recreation Center

10 Jefferson Street

Accepts SNAP and EBT

September 9<sup>th</sup> 11am

Catholic Charities

Ribbon Cutting & Open House for New Food Pantry 396 Broadway

Free and open to the public

September 12<sup>th</sup> 6-6:30pm

Community Conversations

Registration Required

Topic: Incarceration- Punishment vs Rehabilitation

Crawford Public Library

479 Broadway-Monticello

Ongoing

Weekly AA/NA Meetings Ted Strobel Center  
7-8:30pm

**Managers' Report**

Mr. Snowden gave the following report:

Tomorrow I will be draining and winterizing the Village pool.

The Splash Pad's last day open was Monday September 2nd. I've asked the installer to winterize the system and teach our guys how to do it.

The small kids surely enjoy the splash pad this summer. I am grateful for all the hard work we all put into it, to ensure that both the pool in the splash pad open this year.

So, as we go into the winter months our priority will focus on three major goals:

1. Our water treatment plant must stay on track to go out for bid for construction to start this fall.
2. The \$2 million renovation for the Community Center is to be executed and put out for bid for construction to begin early January of 2025 and at the same time, we will be replacing that bathrooms for the Seniors
3. Executing and following up on our new \$660,000 new pool grant. I have already begun talks with the Engineer. Our Village Engineer, Glenn Smith, has informed me that he could design this new pool for us.

The new pool will enhance the DeHoyas Park. We are also looking into replacing the portion of the tennis court the prior administration destroyed and the Mayor is seeking additional funding to repave the existing three tennis courts.

Although it's been a busy summer, we got through it, and pretty soon we'll be putting on our winter coats again, and reminiscing about those old hot summer days!

**Resolution authorizing payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$503,048.66**

A motion was made by Trustee Davis 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, Sean Wall-Carty, in the amount of \$3,700.00 from app#A.7140.451 (Recreation/Playground-Youth Activities) for writing two (2) grants. Current account balance before expense is \$96,467.09**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to Roy "Porky" Worden for the installation of the new Boiler at the TSC in the amount of \$1,430.00 from app#A.1620.421 (Buildings & Grounds-Repairs/Maintenance). Account balance after expense is \$36,561.72**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to Mullally Tractor Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$5,500.00 for the purchase of a 61" Zero Turn Mower from app#CL.8160.423 (Sanitation-Truck Repairs). Current account balance before expense is \$44,691.11**

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 Mayor Massey and the Village Manager, Mr. Snowden, to sign the NY SWIMS grant award letter in the amount of \$660,000.00 from the Dormitory Authority State of New York (DASNY) on behalf of the Village of Monticello**

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

**Resolution of the Village of Monticello adopting the Child Protection Policy as attached**

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

**Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to sign the Lease Agreement with the United States Postal Service for the use and maintenance of the Village owned parking lot located behind their facility aka 93 North Street**

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

**Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to sign an Easement Agreement with Silvercrest Holding Inc f/k/a Lalljee Services, LLC due a name change**

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

**Resolution setting a Public Hearing date for Proposed Local Law #9 of 2024 to amend Chapter 252 of the Village Code, entitled, "Vehicles and Traffic", Article IX subsection 19 entitled, "Parking prohibited at all times in certain locations" to include "no parking on the right side of the street from Bennet Street to Mill Street on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 6:00pm**

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

**Special Counsel Update**

Special Counsel Sussman made the Board aware that he received another notice from the attorney of the Hoffman Equipment issue. Just to make the Board and everyone aware, there was a resolution passed a few months back prior to this Board for the purchase of a \$179,000.00 back hoe that there was apparently no funds available for. He asked that the Board pass a resolution rescinding the prior one passed in February of 2024 authorizing the purchase of this back hoe when there was only \$2,000.00 in the line item where the piece of equipment was "supposed" to be purchased from. To my knowledge and with the confirmation from Mr. Snowden, the equipment is not in the possession of the Village and the department that the equipment purchase for has been advised to not accept the delivery if it came. Their attorney is pursuing possible litigation for breach of contract, but to my understanding other than the resolution passed by the prior Board, there was

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no other documentation signed and nor was there a contract in place. So, it would be in the best interest of the Board and the Public to take the action of rescinding this resolution to clear yourselves from this erroneous action and to allow me to engage in conversation with Hoffman's attorney.

Add-On:

Resolution rescinding the February 2024 resolution for the approval of purchase of a \$179,000.00 Back Hoe from Hoffman Equipment and authorizing the Village Special Counsel to engage in conversation with Hoffman Equipment's attorney

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

**Executive Session**

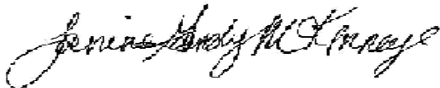
A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Davis to go into Executive Session at 6:43pm for Personnel & Litigation. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Davis to come out of Executive Session at 7:35pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Barbarite to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



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Janine Gandy-Mckinney, Village Clerk