

MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO, N.Y.  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2004

**MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Barnicle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**SWEARING IN OF VILLAGE TRUSTEE ARIEL ESCOBAR**

Village Justice Josephine Finn swore in Ariel Escobar as Village Trustee to fill the unexpired term of Joanne Oppenheim who resigned effective May 17, 2004.

**Roll Call**

Upon call of the roll, the following were present:

James Barnicle, Mayor  
Ariel Escobar, Trustee  
Victor, Marinello, Jr. Trustee  
Scott Schoonmaker, Trustee  
Brian VanDermark, Trustee

Also Present: Richard Sush, Village Manager  
E. Danielle Jose, Village Attorney  
Tim Havas, Deputy Village Attorney  
Alan Reynolds, Highway Superintendent  
Sue Flora, Code Enforcement Officer  
Douglas Solomon, Chief of Police  
Betsy Conaty, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Bill Bertholf, Supt. Of Sewers  
Clarence Decker, Supt. Of Waters

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MAY 17,  
2004 AND APPROVAL OF JOINT BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2004**

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee VanDermark, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the minutes of the Village Board regular meeting of May 17, 2004 and the Joint Board meeting of June 1, 2004 as presented.

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**PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS UNION APPRENTICE PROGRAM**

Mayor Barnicle opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

Harry Brantz felt that the Union Apprentice Program was an opportunity for young adults to be educated in a trade.

John Dollard owner of Shalman Electric explained that he is a Union Shop and a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for over 40 years and he is in favor of the Apprentice Program.

Jim McCarthy from Grahamsville explained that he supplies labor to General Contractors and is continually asked to supply personnel because his employees have completed a four year apprentice training program and are better at what they do than anyone else in the Hudson Valley.

Trustee Schoonmaker questioned whether his company is based out of Sullivan County?

Jim McCarthy responded that it is not.

Alan Sussman, owner of Monitor Electric in Monticello and has a nonunion shop questioned exactly what is an approved apprentice program?

James Patrano who works with the IBW, Local 163 responded that the NYS Department of Labor recognizes union and nonunion sponsors. Any contractor who wants to become one can be one. The prevailing wage rate is set by the Department of Labor. The bill being discussed this evening is Senate Bill 5355A which amends the Labor Law 816B giving Governmental entities the authority to require contractors and subcontractors that have apprentice programs. He felt the issue is only about training young adults that will have the opportunity to learn a trade and stay in the community.

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Dennis Diuguid owner of Monitor Electric and a Village resident and taxpayer felt that the law the Board is discussing is that having an approved apprentice program makes that firm better than firms without that program. He noted that the labor union donated money to election campaigns; however, he is the person that votes.

Danny Smalls owners of Small Plumbing explained that he feels that even without the apprentice program the protections that the Village needs to get quality work are in place. The State already has an established pay scale, however those contractors are able to put apprentices that are paid at a lower level of pay on the job, and therefore they can bid a little lower because of the apprentice program. Apprentice Programs are free to members of the union, but not to nonunion shops.

Mayor Barnicle closed the public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REQUIREMENT THAT CONTRACTORS AND SUBCONTRACTOR ON CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS HAVE APPROVED APPRENTICESHIP AGREEMENTS, PURSUANT TO THE NEW YORK STATE LABOR LAW**

**WHEREAS**, State Senate Bill No. 5355-A and State Assembly Bill No. 8612-A "an act to amend the labor law, in relation to granting governmental entitles the authority to require contractors and subcontractors on construction contracts to have approved apprenticeship agreements", were offered and signed into law; and

**WHEREAS**, said legislation amended the New York State Labor Law by adding a new section 816-b; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of the Village of Monticello desires to implement 816-b of the New York State Labor Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the adoption of such legislation is not an action as defined by 6 NYCRR 617.2(b), and therefore, no further SEQRA review is required.

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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Village Board of the Village of Monticello hereby adopts the requirement that the contactors and subcontracts on the construction contracts over \$300,000 have approved apprentice agreements pursuant to New York State Labor Law 816-b.

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee VanDermark, defeated on a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Schoonmaker, nay; Trustee Escobar, nay; Trustee Marinello, aye; Trustee VanDermark, nay; Mayor Barnicle, aye; Motion defeated 3 nays - 2 ayes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Five Worst Streets Regarding Code Violations-Re: Adopt A Street**

The Mayor questioned whether the Trustees have brought their list of the 5 worst streets in their quadrant as he requested at the last meeting?

None of the Trustees were prepared at this time and he asks for them to bring them to the next meeting.

##### **Adopt A Road**

The Clerk announced in response to the Mayor's Corner column in last Friday's newspaper she received a fax from John Wombacher of Monticello Real Estate volunteering to adopt Pleasant Street.

##### **Bicentennial Committee-Flag Pole and Clock**

Mayor Barnicle appointed Trustee Marinello and Trustee Escobar to a committee to work together the County to make sure that the flag and the pole are erected in the front of the Courthouse and secondly that the clock is installed in front of the post office.

##### **MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS - One year term**

Mayor Barnicle appointed **Trustee Escobar** to replace Trustee Schoonmaker as a Board Auditor.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Village Manager announced that the State Comptroller will meet with himself and the Mayor, and the Trustees are also invited, on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m., regarding the full audit of the Village.

1. The Treasurer's Office reports that all of our books are now up-to-date. We've received the first of our monthly reports, a welcome development. We will now be able to make fiscal decisions based on hard data rather than someone's recollection of whether money is or isn't available.
2. Our Grant's Office is also taking shape as that department begins its reorganization.
3. Banners announcing the Village's Bicentennial Celebration will begin popping up around the Village over the next few weeks. A journal is being prepared and printed and souvenir copies of the 1954 Sesquicentennial Journal are being printed, as well. A huge banner will also be hung over Broadway.
4. The next meeting of the Bicentennial Committee will be on June 16 at 7:00 pm in the Neighborhood Facility.
5. The second level of roof has been laid over the police department and so far no leaks have been reported.
6. The First Friday recreational event for the village's youth was held last Friday at the Neighborhood Facility. An oral report on the event will be presented at the Board meeting.
7. Since the last Board meeting, there have been four ribbon cutting's at new businesses. Vino's, a wine bar, Mark's Place, a soul food restaurant, The Last Stop Grocery, which relocated from one spot on Broadway to another, and B'Teavone, a kosher pizzeria and restaurant have all opened their doors. We gratefully acknowledge their decision to invest in the Village of Monticello and wish each of them great success.

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8. A Suggestion Box has been placed in the foyer of Village Hall. Anyone wishing to make constructive suggestions to us is encouraged to do so.
9. This Friday, the Monticello Gymnastics School will hold their annual Exhibition at the Monticello High School gym at 6:30 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS**

Betsy Conaty, Director of Parks & Recreation and Police Chief Douglas Solomon explained that the PBA has offered to host a series of 3 on 3 basketball tournaments in the new court behind the neighborhood facility.

There will be four different tournaments as follows:

Open Division - Open to any age -	Beginning 7/19/04
High School Division -	Beginning 7/26/04
Girls Division	Beginning 8/16/04
Masters Division - 40+	Beginning 8/23/04

The PBA is donating \$700 to make this tournament possible.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS (1) THE PROPOSED  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO (2)  
A SUMMARY OF THE ENTIRE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2004/05  
FISCAL YEAR (3) SANITATION RATES AND (4) SETTING WATER  
RATES FOR THE 2004/05 FISCAL YEAR**

Mayor Barnicle opened the public hearing at 7:47 p.m.

The Village Manager gave the following presentation to give everyone an overview of the budget:

- Tax Rate of \$21.04/\$1,000 of assessed value (Last year--\$20.9067)
- Increase of \$0.13 $\frac{1}{3}$ /\$1,000 representing a 5.64% increase (Last year \$.54/\$1000)
- A house assessed for \$100,000 will see an increase of \$130.00.

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Includes:

- a. Contractual raise for employees;
  - b. Increases in Health Insurance, Workers' Comp, State Pension Fund, Insurance
  - c. 3% raise for department heads: DPW, Parks & Rec., Manager, excluding Clerk, Village Justice, Director of Fire Services (contractual) & Police Chief (contractual) (\$5,767);
  - d. Parity raise for Village Clerk (\$10,000);
  - e. Parity raise for Village Justice (\$4,923);
  - f. 3% raise for mayor and trustees -- (\$1,910 total: \$270/yr. for mayor, \$180/yr. for each trustee);
  - g. Reorganization of treasurer's office will save approximately \$20,000;
  - h. Eliminating certain stipends;
  - i. Includes \$3300 for a special village election;
  - j. Bonding for repair of Jefferson Street, purchase of a new sweeper and police car
  - k. New program to institute 3<sup>rd</sup> party billing for Fire Rescue calls: bill for service if client has insurance, forgive payment if no insurance;
  - l. Continuation of 80/20 split for recreation programs-- but consider recommending a 70/30 split;
  - m. Installation of parking meters on North Street and North St. parking lot;
  - n. requiring large water users to update and replace water meters; anticipate additional revenue as a result;
  - o. Charging for police overtime at events;
  - p. Investigation of whether increasing the health insurance buy-out program will save the village on health insurance premiums;
  - q. An investigation of privatizing Sanitation department functions;
  - r. Consolidation of grants department with town;
  - s. Streamlining of code enforcement.
- We propose a raise in Sanitation fees for commercial accounts. Commercial accounts with multiple dumpsters (such as apartment buildings) have been paying a reduced rate for the second and subsequent dumpsters. Rates for the second and subsequent dumpsters will increase by \$100 per dumpster per quarter. This increase, the first in two years, will allow us to cover our costs for commercial

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- accounts through commercial fees. Up to now, residential accounts have largely been subsidizing commercial accounts.
- We propose a raise in residential rates by \$2 per quarter.
  
- Water Rates are \$2.76, same as last year.
- Sewer Rents are \$1.02, same as last year.
- Sewer Consumption is \$82.00%, same as last year.

Betty Friedland questioned whether the Board is planning to have any work sessions?

The Mayor responded that this is the only hearing.

Betty Friedland felt that the public should have more than this one hearing before the budget is approved. She noted that she received a letter from the Village Manager indicated that the Village has no money to pave her streets or fix the dirty water problem plaguing her neighborhood for years and asked how the highest paid Board in Sullivan County can even think of accepting a 3% raise, and how can the Village Manager even think of accepting a 3% salary increase. She felt if the Board went line by line through the budget it could find some items to lower the tax increase. She also did not understand why upping the amount for opting out of the employee health plan would make it more inducement for opting out of the plan? Her other concern was the increase of sanitation fees.

Harry Brantz was concerned that there was duplication of services in several departments. He also agreed with Ms. Friedland that a work session was necessary.

Carmen Rue questioned why the Treasurer's line has \$41,000 increase allocation when there is no Treasurer at this time.

The Village Manager explained that the Village will have a Treasurer that will be working with the Town and Village.



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Trustee Schoonmaker was concerned that the Manager mentioned that the Fire Department is planning to send a bill to an injured party when they are called for a rescue call. He noted that the fire department is a rescue service and this is included in the Village taxes otherwise it would be considered "double dipping".

Alan Kesten, a volunteer fireman agreed with Trustee Schoonmaker.

The Manager responded that if this can't be done than it will not happened.

Trustee Schoonmaker was concerned that a part time Treasurer is being paid a full time salary.

The Mayor explained that this is part of merging of the services and the Village will be only paying 2/5<sup>th</sup> of that full time position, plus benefits.

Trustee Schoonmaker questioned whether this is legal?

The Village Attorney responded that it is legal for the Town Comptroller and Village Treasurer to be one person.

The Village Manager noted that the State Comptrollers Office did approve this merger.

Trustee VanDermark agreed that the Village Board should hold a work session and not approve the budget this evening.

Trustee Marinello also wanted a work session scheduled and thought the budget might be further cut.

Trustee Schoonmaker also wanted to further review the budget to try to reduce the budge, and indicated that when department heads were given raises last year none would be given this year. He felt that most department heads get a good salary including the Village Manager and no department heads should be given the 3% including the Village Board.

The Village Manager encouraged the Board members to advise him where the budget could be cut.

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Mayor Barnicle closed the public hearing at 8:08 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS LOCAL LAW NO. 7 OF  
2004 ESTABLISHING THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO SEWER RENTS FOR  
2004/05**

Public hearing was adjourned to the next meeting.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF TAXI FARES**

**WHEREAS**, the Cab Companies within the Village of Monticello have requested an increase of taxi fares due to increases in insurance rates, maintenance costs and gasoline prices; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees have discussed this matter and asked for public opinion of users of these cabs.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello do hereby authorize all the cab companies within the Village of Monticello to increase their taxi fares by \$.50 for each zone as follows:

Zone	Fare Amount
"A"	\$4.75
"B"	\$5.00
"C"	\$5.25
"D"	\$5.50

A motion was made by Trustee Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee VanDermark, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSFER FIVE (5) VILLAGE OF  
MONTICELLO TAXI CAB MEDALLIONS BY ALMAN MONTI TAXI CORP TO  
BRIT INC.**

**WHEREAS**, Alman Monti Taxi Corp d.b.a. as Yellow Cab possesses 19 taxi medallions for the transportation of persons for hire over and upon the streets of the Village of Monticello; and,

**WHEREAS**, Alman Monti Taxi Corp has requested a transfer of four of their taxi medallions to Phil Vallone d.b.a Ronnies Royal Service; and,

**WHEREAS**, Phil Vallone d.b.a Ronnies Royal Car Service has requested that the cabs be assigned and identified as white in color and the Village Manager has approve this color.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello approve the sale of five (5) taxi medallions from Alan Kesten, d.b.a Alman Monti Taxi Corp to Phil Vallone, d.b.a. Royal Car Service.

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee VanDermark, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

\*Mayor Barnicle directed the Village Attorney to report back to the Board regarding merging the Village and Town in regard to taxi licensing.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE ANNUAL BIDS FOR CHEMICALS FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENTS FOR FY 2004/05 AND BIDS ON METERS**

Discussion - Mayor Barnicle asked that the Village check the State bid prices to confirm that these are the lowest prices available for purchase of any product that the Village uses.

**WHEREAS**, bids for various chemicals used by the Water and Sewer Departments were solicited by the Village Clerk for FY 2004/05; and,

**WHEREAS**, bids for various meters used by the Water Departments; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Water and Sewer Department Superintendents have reviewed the bids and recommended the bids be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby accept the bids for the various chemicals and meters.

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee VanDermark, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE ANNUAL BIDS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS  
USE BY THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR FY 2004/05**

**WHEREAS**, bids for various materials used by the Highways Department were solicited by the Village Clerk for FY 2004/05; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Highway Department Superintendent has reviewed the bids and recommended the bids be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby accept the following bids for the various materials used by the Highway Department:

LP Propane Gas	-	CEO	-	\$ 1.0895/G
Bituminous Concrete	-	Monticello Black Top		\$28.20 (Fine Mix)
				\$28.00 (Course)
Rock Salt		Cargill Inc.		\$40.95/T
Run Of Bank Gravel	-	Woodbourne Lawn	-	\$ 5.00/T FOB)
Ice Control Sand	-	Woodbourne Lawn	-	\$ 6.00/T (FOB)
Unleaded Gas	-	Ultra Power Corp	-	\$ 1.52/Gal.
Diesel Oil	-	Ultra Power Corp	-	\$ 1.4970/Gal.
#2 Fuel Oil	-	County Petroleum	-	\$1.222750/Gal.
Crusher Run	-	Callanan	-	\$7.25/T
Motor Oils/Greases & Anti Freeze	-	Eastern Oil Co.	-	As bid for (Various materials) (see attached)

A motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

**RESOLUTION AWARDING THE ANNUAL BIDS FOR VARIOUS SURPLUS  
EQUIPMENT OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO**

**WHEREAS**, bids for various surplus equipment owned by the Village of Monticello were solicited by the Village Clerk for FY 2004/05; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has reviewed the bids and recommended the bids be awarded to the highest bidder.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby accept the following highest bids for each item of surplus equipment owned by the Village of Monticello and put out for bid.

<u>HIGHEST BIDDER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>EQUIPMENT</u>
FAST EDDIES	\$101.00	snow plow-S-10
BRAD THEIS	\$105.00	snow plow-8' Meyer
GOVERNMENT CARS	\$1,476.00	1995 Chevy Caprice
GOVERNMENT CARS	\$2,412.00	1999 Ford Crown Vic
GOVERNMENT CARS	\$2,124.00	1998 Ford Crown Vic
FAST EDDIES	\$ 85.00	Pontiac Firebird
FAST EDDIES	\$ 85.00	Chevy Caprice

A motion was made by Trustee Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

**RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS LOCAL LAW NO. 8 OF 2004 AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE PURSUANT TO NY VILLAGE LAW SECTION 3-300 WITH RESPECT TO THE REQUIRED RESIDENCY OF CERTAIN PUBLIC OFFICERS OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2004 AT 7 P.M.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello desires to hire an individual for the position of Village Treasurer, who does not live within the Village of Monticello, but does live within the County of Sullivan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello is empowered by NYS Village Law Section 3-300 to waive the State requirement that certain officers of the Village live within the Village, if said individuals within the County in which the Village lies, by amending the Code of the Village by Local Law; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello wishes to set a time and place for a public hearing for said proposed local law, so that the public maybe heard:  
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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a public hearing be held by the Board of Trustees with respect to the adoption of the aforesaid Local Law at 7:00 p.m. on June 21, 2004, at Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law; and it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Escobar, approved on a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Schoonmaker, nay; Trustee Escobar, aye; Trustee Marinello, aye; Trustee VanDermark, nay, Mayor Barnicle, aye; to adopt the above resolution.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING BUDGET LINE TRANSFERS**

**WHEREAS**, Village of Monticello has adopted its annual budget for the 2003/04 fiscal year, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Village will incur expenditures that exceed the adopted line items amount authorized by the Village Board of Trustees, and;

**WHEREAS**, there are revenues that exceeded budgetary amounts and/or expenditures line items that may be reduced.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following line items are increased/decreased as adopted, and the Village Treasurer is directed to make the following modifications to the annual budget:

Department	Transfer From:	Transfer To:	Amt.
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<b>Clerk</b>	<b>1990.400A</b>	<b>1410.402A</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
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A motion was made by Trustee Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

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**RESOLUTION APPROVING ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY INTO THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO**

**WHEREAS**, a petition pursuant to General Municipal Law Article 17 was presented to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello, New York (the "Village" on April 6, 2004, for the annexation of certain territory in the Town of Thompson, New York (the "Town" to the Village, said territory being described in said petition, which is annexed hereto: and,

**WHEREAS**, a joint hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello and the Town Board of the Town of, was duly held on said petition for annexation, according to the law in such cases made and provided, at the Town Hall on June 1, 2004 at which time all parties interested in the matter were heard and all objections presented; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village has duly considered said petition and the evidence presented at said hearing; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), it has been determined by the Board of Trustees that approval of said annexation would not have a significant effect upon the environment and could be processed by other applicable governmental agencies without further regard to SEQRA.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello finds as follows:

1. That the aforesaid petition for annexation substantially complies in form and content with General Municipal

- Law Article 17; and,
2. That the proposed annexation of certain Territory in the Town to the Village as Described in the aforesaid petition is in the overall public interest.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED,** that the consent and approval of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello is hereby given to the annexation of the territory, now situated in the Town of Thompson and described in the aforesaid petition, to the Village.

A motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Escobar, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MAYOR TO SIGN TWO CONTRACTS WITH THE TOWN OF THOMPSON FOR THE COLD SPRING SEWER DISTRICT AND THE COMMUNITY GENERAL HOSPITAL, CEREBRAL PALSY OF SULLIVAN COUNTY, INC., GREENTREE PROPERTIES PARTNERSHIP & ROBINS WOODS, INC.**

**WHEREAS,** the Village of Monticello and the Town of Thompson desire to continue the arrangement existing to use the Village sewer line for the needs of the districts; and,

**WHEREAS,** the parties acknowledge that the Town has, on behalf of the District connected the district sewer system and the sewage flow of the district is presently flowing through the Village system to the Village secondary treatment plant; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the Mayor to sign said contracts subject to the Village Attorney and Superintendent of Waste Water approving the contents, with the Town of Thompson for the Cold Spring Sewer District in the amount of \$92,004.35 and for the Community General Hospital, Cerebral Palsy of Sullivan County, Inc., Greentree Properties Partnership & Robin Woods, Inc., in the amount of \$85,510.13 for the fiscal year 2004 in a form approved by the Village Attorney.



A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Escobar, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

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**FILING OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mayor Barnicle announced that the Annual Financial Report has been filed with the Clerk and is available for review by the public.

**DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO NAME CERTAIN VILLAGE-OWNED FACILITIES AFTER INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY/CORPORATE DONORS**

The Village Manager is proposing that the Village Board name any of the Village's facilities for an individual or a family or a corporation. The money received will be placed in a segregated account to be used exclusively for the maintenance and upkeep of that facility.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter from Workforce NY thanking the Highway Department for hanging the "Sullivan Job Fair 2004" banner across E. Broadway.

Letter from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther to Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver requesting funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 to install a three way traffic light at the intersection of Waverly Avenue and E. Broadway.

Letter from Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey congratulating the Village on its Bicentennial.

Letter from Time Warner Cable for payment of a \$79,675.92 franchise check for the period January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003.

Trustee Schoonmaker noted that the owners of Falkoff's had promised to put up a traffic signal in exchange for the railings being removed. The railings were removed, but the

traffic signal was never put up.

The Village Manager noted that owners had made promises to the former Mayor, but were never kept.

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ORDERING BILLS PAID

**Fiscal Year 2003/04**

General Fund Claims #1072-1119 in the amount of \$112,151.28 said set forth in abstract A-20 dated June 7, 2004.

Water Fund Claims #281-288 in the amount of \$18,175.58 said set forth in abstract F-20 dated June 7, 2004.

Sewer Fund Claims #204-215 in the amount of \$10,556.70 said set forth in abstract G-20 dated June 7, 2004.

Sanitation Fund Claims #63-64 in the amount of \$4,679.55 said set forth in abstract CL-20 dated June 7, 2004.

Capital Fund Claims #56-59 the amount of \$4,959.79 said set forth in abstract H-20 dated June 7, 2004.

Community Development Fund Claims 111-119 in the amount of \$46,228.26 said set forth in abstract CD-20 dated June 7, 2004.

Trust and Agency Fund Claims #105-107 in the amount of \$5,134.01 said set forth in Abstract TA-20 dated June 7, 2004.

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Escobar, unanimously approved on a roll call vote that the bills audited by the Auditing Committee of the Board of Trustees and appearing on the Abstracts of the bills herewith submitted are ordered paid.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **Bid Awards - Local Bidders**

Tony Poley encouraged the Board to look at award bids to the lowest responsible bidder that is local and competent. He used that example of wheel alignments for municipal owned vehicles that leaves the vehicle out of commission if it is not done as quickly as possible.

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### **Naming of Municipal Buildings**

Harry Brantz felt that the common citizen cannot partake in having a building name after them since they don't have the money to invest.

### **Monthly Litter Pluck**

Harry Brantz felt there should be a monthly litter pluck to keep the Village clean.

### **Budget Comments**

Harry Brantz encouraged the Board to cut the budget as much as possible, and have work sessions on every subject to get as many opinions and views as possible.

Betty Friedland congratulated the Village Board for tabling the budget resolutions.

### **Employment Comments - Monticello Raceway**

Janie Malman explained that local persons with qualifications are not being hired by the Monticello Raceway.

### **Manager's Letter**

Betty Friedland commented on the written response regarding issues she voiced at the last meeting by the Manager to her as follows:

Her neighborhood is supposed to be one of the nicest in the Village, however, the roads are rutted and haven't been paved, her water is yellow but the Village cannot find a grant to remedy it and there continues to be

nothing in the Village's Vehicle and Traffic Code regarding parking of tractor trailer cabs in residential areas.

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**Residency Local Law**

Betty Friedland felt that the Village is continuing to make allowances for appointed officials to live out of the Village. She asked that the Village either considering dissolving or allowing her to annex her house out of the Village.

**Chamber of Commerce**

Jacquie Leventoff, Executive Director of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce explained that her office is a clearing house for all bids being advertised, should someone need that type of information. They also notify local businesses when a municipality is advertising for bids. She also thanked that Board for their rejection of the apprentice program which helps local businesses be able to bid on all projects.

**Licensing of Trades**

Danny Smalls asked that the Board consider licensing trades such as heating, plumbing, etc. to ensure that quality work is being done in the municipality.

**Basketball Courts**

Rochelle Massey questioned the cost to the taxpayers for the new basketball court?

The Mayor responded that there is no cost as a grant was obtained by the Village.

**Human Rights Commission**

Carmen Rue felt that the Human Rights Commission is

dysfunctional and the Chairman never answers his phone. She noted that the law calls for a minimum of 8 members.

**Treasurer's Residency**

Carmen Rue felt there was a conflict of interest in having the Town Comptroller and the Village Treasurer as one person.

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Trustee Schoonmaker was concerned about the Village's integrity in changing the residency of the Treasurer. He encouraged the Board to scrutinize this matter to ensure that the Village maintains its own identity.

The Village Attorney noted that there is a mechanism for changing that local law and it is legal.

The Mayor noted that the Chairman of the Legislature in his annual address encouraged the municipalities to merge services to save taxpayers dollars and this would do just that.

**RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A BUDGET WORK SESSION TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2004 AT 5 P.M.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board is preparing the 2004/05 fiscal year budget; and,

**WHEREAS**, the public and Board want to study and review the tentative budget to determine is certain appropriations can be reduced in order to decrease the tax increase to the property owners.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby schedule a budget work session for Monday, June 14, 2004 at 5 p.m.

A motion was made by Trustee Schoonmaker, seconded by Trustee VanDermark, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:58 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee VanDermark, unanimously approved on a

roll vote to move into Executive Session to discuss the Sale of Village owned property, contract negotiations, and a personnel matter on a particular person.

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**RECONVENING THE REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

At 10:02 p.m., A motion was made Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to move out of Executive Session and reconvene the Regular Village Board meeting.

**RESOLUTION REJECTING ALL OUTSTANDING PROPERTY BIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO ADVERTISE AGAIN SALE OF THESE VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board has been reviewing bids for Village owned property opened on February 11, 2004; and,

**WHEREAS**, it has been many months since the bid opening and a majority of the Board members took office since that time and the new members desire to start the bidder process during their administration.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby reject all bids for remaining properties that received bids on February 11, 2004 and also give the Clerk permission to advertise for bids for these Village owned properties.

A motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the above resolution.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:04 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adjourn the Regular Village Board meeting.

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EDITH SCHOP, Village Clerk