

MINUTES  
JOINT MEETING OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON  
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2005

**MEETING TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Marinello called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**Roll Call**

Upon call of the roll, the following were:

Present:

Absent:

Victor Marinello, Deputy Mayor  
Gordon Jenkins, Trustee  
Victor, Marinello, Jr. Trustee  
Brian VanDermark, Trustee

James Barnicle, Mayor  
Scott Schoonmaker, Trustee

Also Present: Richard Sush, Village Manager  
E. Danielle Jose, Village Attorney

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO, AND THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON, SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO HOLD A JOINT MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A JOINT FIRE DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS THE MONTICELLO JOINT FIRE DISTRICT, WHICH FIRE DISTRICT WILL ENCOMPASS THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO, AND A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF THOMPSON**

Past Fire Department President Michael Bernstein thanked both Boards for allowing them to appear before them to determine that establishing a fire district is in the best interest of the public.

Fire Department President Alan Kesten explained what a fire district is and the fire departments statistics as follows:

- Promote Monticello Fire District
- Joint Fire Protection Commission
- Separately elected Board of Commissioners

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- More equitable tax base
- Improve ISO rating
- More equitable tax base
- Tax based on property assessments

Budget for Fire Service

- Adequate funding for equipment
- Adequate funding for training
- Adequate fund for apparatus replacement

Fire Department President Kesten explained that the initial budget will be \$1,204,000 and the tax rate will be \$1.5555 per thousand of property valuation. He asked for both the Town and Village Board's support.

Town Supervisor Cellini questioned why the fire department has not become a district sooner.

Councilman Rieber asked that each Board member be given a copy of the fire district's proposed budget so they can get a financial picture of the cost to the taxpayers.

President Kesten indicated that each Board member would be given a copy of the proposed fire district budget.

Town Supervisor Cellini requested that the fire departments attorney contact both the Village and Town attorneys and both the Town Clerk and Village Clerk regarding the correct legal notice to be published and posted.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello and the Town Board of the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County, New York have determined by a majority vote of each Board that it is in the public interest to make a proposal to hold a public hearing on the issue of establishing a joint fire district encompassing the Village of Monticello and a portion of the Town of Thompson; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello and the Town Board of the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County, New York having met separately and determined that it is in the public interest of the citizens of the Village

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of Monticello and the Town of Thompson to participate in this joint meeting and to consider the proposal regarding the establishment of joint fire district encompassing the Village of Monticello and a portion of the Town of Thompson.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the following resolution for the establishment of joint fire district to be called the Monticello Joint Fire District encompassing the Village of Monticello and a portion of the Town of Thompson, Sullivan County, State of New York will be presented to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello and the Town Board of the Town of Thompson, for their consideration at a public hearing to be held at the Town Hall, 4052 Rt. 42 in the Town of Thompson, State of New York on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering the following resolution and hearing all persons interested in the establishment of the district. The resolution to be considered is as follows:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:33 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Jenkins, unanimously approved on a roll vote to adjourn the Joint Village of Monticello/Town Board of the Town of Thompson meeting.

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EDITH SCHOP, Village Clerk

