

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO, N.Y.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007

MEETING TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Roll Call

Upon call of the roll, the following were present:

James Barnicle, Mayor
Gordon Jenkins, Trustee
Victor, Marinello, Jr., Trustee
Scott Schoonmaker, Trustee
Brian VanDermark, Trustee

Also Present: Ray Nargizian, Village Manager
John Barbarite, Deputy Village Manager
E. Danielle Jose, Village Attorney
Tim Havas, Deputy Village Attorney
Douglas Solomon, Chief of Police
Clarence Decker, Water Superintendent
Bill Bertholf, Sewer Superintendent

APPROVAL OF MINUTES BOARD MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 3, 2007

A motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Jenkins, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adopt the minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2007 as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Village Food Drive

The Mayor announced that the Village has completed its food drive and we sent several boxes of food over to the Federation of the Homeless today and graciously the PBA donated \$200.00 in cash to the Federation also.

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MANAGER'S REPORT

Welcome and Seasons greetings to all. This is the Dec. 17th meeting of the Board of Trustees.

This will be the last manager's report regarding police activity this year. Our police dept. has had a remarkable record of enforcement. In conjunction with other law enforcement agencies we have broken all previous records of arrests. Hopefully most of our citizens will recognize that these arrests are due to diligent, aggressive, and dedicated police work. That police work, has removed criminals from our village before they commit crimes against our law abiding citizens.

Our total cooperative number of arrests since our imitative began on Jan 1, 2007 is 721. Our overall total number of Village arrests is 1458

Felony arrests were 122

245 arrests were drug related arrests

52 of those arrests were DWI's

178 of those arrests were due to a suspended operators license or suspended registration.

Outstanding warrants led to 138 arrests.

And 23 firearms have been removed from the Village of Monticello.

The Village of Monticello is proud to announce that is sponsoring the Christmas Party for The Foster/adoptive Parents Association. This event will be held on December 21st 2007 at the Ted Stroebele community center. This program assists over 200 children annually.

The Monticello Parks and Recreation dept. is sponsoring a 6th, 7th & 8th grade girls soccer ball meet at the Middle School on Monday from 5 p.m. till 6 p.m. Call Betsy for registration.

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The Village of Monticello Youth Hoops Clinic for Boys And Girls in the 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grades will begin Jan 5th at the Rutherford School from 11:30am to 1pm. For more information call Betsy our park and recreation dept head.

The Monticello PBA/JUNIOR NBA 5th & 6th grade Basketball league, draft is on Monday, Jan. 7th at 6pm at the middle school Gym. To register call Betsy at 794-2351

On Fri Dec. 7, 2007 The village of Monticello met with Sandra Gerry, Glen Pontier, Helen Budrock and others to discuss several Village Issues. Among the many topics discussed were Recycling, The DOT Broadway Project, Developing Blighted areas, and removal of eye-sore buildings. Renaissance has pledged to work hand and hand with the Village in accomplishing our mutual goals.

On Fri. Dec. 7th Mayor Jim Barnicle and myself drove to the Taylor recycling facility in Montgomery. We discussed with Mr. Taylor the prospect of him erecting a recycling facility in Monticello. These discussions are in their infancy. We agreed to further our discussion with a joint meeting with the County.

On Wed. the 12th of Dec. Village officials met with the Stockbridge Muncie tribe to discuss the progress in establishing an Indian operated Casino in Bridgeville. They admit to delays but are confident they will achieve their goal.

The Jan. 7, 2008 the Meeting of the Monticello Board of Trustees will take place at the Ted Stroebele community center. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a State of the Village address marking the 1 year anniversary of the appointment of the Village Manager.

This Village Manager would like extend season's greetings and Happy holiday wishes to all. And Hopefully the New Year will bring forth a newfound prosperity.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Budget Questions Regarding Payment of TAHOE

Becky Whipple questioned where the money is coming from to pay for the TOHOE?

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The Village Clerk explained that the money was bonded and will be paid starting in November out of the 2008/09 FY budget.

Carmen Rue questioned why the purchase order was not signed by the Village auditors which are routinely done before payment is approved by the Village Board?

Trustee VanDermark, a Village Auditor, explained that no check was issued because it will be paid in the FY budget through bonding.

Trustee Jenkins indicated for the record that his vote was to purchase two police cruisers not a SUV Tahoe.

Trustee Schoonmaker had some questions regarding the Tahoe which were responded to by the Mayor and Village Clerk regarding the lease agreement and the documents signed by the Mayor.

Taxi Medallion Concerns

Gary Putter, owner of Sureway Taxi thanked Chief Solomon and the Police Department for apprehending the three people that were involved in the robberies of taxicab drivers this fall.

Gary Putter questioned when the Board will be making a decision on whether to issue additional taxicab medallions?

The Mayor advised him that the matter will be discussed and a decision made at the first meeting in February.

RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT FOR 2" ½ HP SUBMERSIBLE SEWAGE PUMP FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600.00

WHEREAS, the Sewer Department needs to replace a submersible sewage pump; and,

WHEREAS, there is money available in the 2007/08 FY budget for this equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby approve the purchase of a 2" ½ HP Submersible Sewage Pump at the Sewer Department in the amount of \$600.00.

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2008 4 X 4 ONE TON
UTILITY TRUCK FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$27,106.93**

WHEREAS, Truck #4 a 2003 Chevrolet Utility Truck was destroyed in a fire while parked at the Sewer Department and the vehicle was totalled; and,

WHEREAS, the insurance company awarded the Village a total loss settlement in the amount of \$21,112.50; and,

WHEREAS, the Sewer Department is in need of replacing this vehicle and have attained State Contract bids.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the purchase of a 2008 4x4 One Town Utility Truck for the Sewer Department in the amount of \$27,106.93.

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 PAYMENT FOR ONE (1) 3" TRASH PUMP,
MODEL EPT3-80AH FOR THE SEWER DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$1,259.00**

WHEREAS, the Sewer Department needs to replace a Trash Pump at the Sewer Department; and,

WHEREAS, there is money available in the 2007/08 FY budget for this equipment; and,

WHEREAS, three (3) proposals have been received.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby approve the purchase of one (1) 3" Trash Pump, Model EPT3-80HA for use at the Sewer Department in the amount of \$1,259.00.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO OF LOCAL LAW NO. 25 OF 2007 AMENDING SECTION 265 OF THE VILLAGE CODE CREATING A "PRE-SCREENING PANEL" AND DECLARING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Discussion - The Village Attorney recommended that the Board vote this local law down as this law proposes that the Village have a prescreening panel to review applications for use, however, as the Sullivan County Division of Planning pointed out that is really a quasi judicial function that is really assigned by State law to our Planning Board. A Planning Board could probably create a subcommittee to deal with this type of issue it can't be a separate law and in her opinion she does not feel it can be different people than people who are actually Planning Board members.

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Monticello for a public hearing to be held on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701 to hear all interested parties on said proposed Local Law 18 of 2007 with respect establishing a panel to pre-screen and review proposed changes in land-use; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Sullivan County Democrat, the official newspaper of said Village, on October 19, 2007; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on November 5, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello has pursuant to part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to article 8 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) determined by that adoption of said proposed Local Law appears

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to constitute an unlisted action and after completing a Short Form EAF has determined that the proposed local law would not have a significant negative effect upon the environment and could be processed by other applicable governmental agencies without further regard to SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said Village to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed local law would not have a significant negative effect upon the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello hereby adopts said Local Law No. 25 of 2007; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Village of Monticello, and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of New York.

A motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Marinello, on a roll call vote as follows: Trustee Schoonmaker, nay; Trustee Jenkins, nay; Trustee Marinello, nay; Trustee VanDermark, nay to deny the adoption of this local law.

Design Review Board Member

The Mayor reminded everyone that there is a vacancy on the Sign Committee and is asking for anyone with the right qualifications to apply for this position.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:27 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee VanDermark, seconded by Trustee Marinello, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to adjourn the Regular Village Board meeting.

EDITH SCHOP, Village Clerk

