

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO, N.Y.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2008

MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Jenkins called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Roll Call

Upon call of the roll, the following were present:

Gordon Jenkins, Mayor
Theodore Hutchins, Trustee
Victor, Marinello, Jr., Trustee
Carmen Rue, Trustee
Scott Schoonmaker, Trustee

Also Present: John Barbarite, Village Manager
Jacob Billig, Village Attorney
Phil Klemen, Sewer Superintendent

CORRESPONDENCE

Correction of Board Minutes

A letter from Judge Josephine Finn requesting that the Board minutes of August 18th be corrected regarding a resolution authorizing the closing of Broadway on August 30th 2008 for a block party in which it was stated that the Community Progressive Response Group sponsored the event. The event was, in fact, sponsored by Dream Tank, Communities That Care and the Village of Monticello.

Trustee Hutchins indicated that the Block Party was a social success in that the people in the community got educational information, they were able to express themselves openly and most importantly the people helped cleanup Broadway after the event. He thanked the participating organizations on behalf of the Village Board.

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At a work session held on September 15, 2008 because no one had invited Mr. Parks, the Board agreed to have another work session at 6:00 p.m. on October 6, 2008 to discuss the recycling program to include a presentation by Peter Parks of the Village of Liberty Department of Public Works. The Village Manager accepted the Board's unanimous directive to invite Mr. Parks to the work session.

Broadway Decorative Street Lighting

Letter from Jan Van Etten supporting the installation of decorative street lighting on Broadway.

Complaint Regarding Trustee Rue

The Village Clerk read a letter signed by Carolyn Massey over the name and contact information of the Recovery Center agency, stating the Trustee Rue called to report something she heard Ms. Massey say during a Village Board meetin.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Senior Games

The Village Manager announced that the Senior Games took place last week and were very well attended. At the award ceremony Mayor Jenkins and Trustee Hutchins awarded pins to the recipients.

Employee Promotions

The Village Manager announced that two Waste Water Treatment Plant employees, John Cross and Robert Nelson, have been promoted to Maintenance person Operator Trainee after the positions were posted according to Union Rules.

Village Fall Clean Up

The Village Manager announced that the Village Fall Cleanup will be held on Friday, October 3rd, Saturday, October 4th and Sunday, October 5th. Passes can be obtained from the Highway Department beginning Monday, September 29, 2008.

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PUBLIC COMMENT - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The Village Attorney suggested that for the public comment period, the comments should be kept to three minutes and not allowing back and fourths among the audience. He felt this would be more productive in the flow of the meetings.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Trustee Schoonmaker, on behalf of the Village Board presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Fire Chief Mark Friedland and Fire Commissioner George Kinch for the Joint Monticello Fire District efforts in doing a "controlled burn" of the former Head Start building which was located on Dillon Road.

BANNER CONGRATULATING SHANE JACKSON - JR. OLYMPICS WINNER

Trustee Schoonmaker displayed a banner donated by Alan Kesten that will be displayed on the lawn in front of Village Hall congratulating Shane Jackson on his achievements at the Jr. Olympics.

Motion to Amend The Village Board Agenda

Trustee Rue made a motion, seconded by Trustee Marinello, to amend the agenda with the addition of the following:

Motion to immediately mail to Charles Walker of the NYS Department of Transportation certified copies of resolutions of the Village of Monticello Board of Trustees adopting the NYSDOT Broadway renovation plan identified by PIN 9013.26, unanimously approved by this Board on January 28, 2008 and May 23, 2008; together with a letter signed by each member of this Board who votes "yes", reaffirming the Village's intent that decorative lighting be included in the project, and also expressing a desire for landscaping int the center meridian.

On a roll call vote, Trustees Marinello and Rue voted aye. Trustees Schoonmaker, Hutchins and Mayor Jenkins voted nay. Motion failed.

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RESOLUTION CORRECTING THE 2008/09 TAX ROLL

WHEREAS, there was a duplicate and erroneous charge for property cleanup in the amount of \$400.00 to SBL 112-9-14.1 on the 2008/09 tax roll; and,

WHEREAS, these charges need to be removed from the taxpayers tax bill.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the Village Clerk to remove the charge in the amount of \$400.00 from the property tax bill, SBL 112-9-14.1 and the Clerk is directed to send corrected bills to each property owner.

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A USED DUMP TRUCK FOR USE BY THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Sewer Department is in need of replacing a Dump Truck that is "beyond repair" and will no longer pass NYS Inspection; and,

WHEREAS, the Sewer Department is in need of a Dump Truck, 10 Yard Dump Body and would replace used vehicle.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for bids for a used dump truck for use by the Monticello Sewer Department.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A TRANSMISSION FOR TR #11 USED BY THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,412.75

WHEREAS, the transmission for TR#11 used by the Highway Department is in need of a new transmission; and,

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WHEREAS, the Highway Department has received three (3) written quotes as required by the Village's Procurement Policy; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Village of Monticello does hereby approve the purchase of a transmission for TR#11 used by the Highway Department from Transaxic, 73 Windsor Highway, New Windsor, New York 12553 in the amount of \$2,412.75.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AN ANNUAL SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH IMPACT COMPUTER SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,947.00

WHEREAS, the Monticello Police Department has an agreement with Impact Computer Services for their software maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to renew this software maintenance agreement annually; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of this agreement has been budgeted in the 2008/09 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby approve the purchase of an annual Software Maintenance Agreement with Impact Computer Services, Inc., 500 B-County Blvd., Suite 122, Farmingdale, New York 11735 in the amount of \$16,947.00.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A NYS TRACS COMPUTER INTERFACE FROM IMPACT COMPUTER SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,880

WHEREAS, the Monticello Police Department has filed for a grant under the NYS TRAC's Program; and,

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WHEREAS, it is necessary to purchase this computer interface from Impact Computer Services in order for the Monticello Police Department's current software to interface with the NYS TRACS Program; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of this agreement has been budgeted in the 2008/09 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby approve the purchase of a NYS TRACS computer interface from Impact Computer Services, Inc., 500 B-County Blvd., Suite 122, Farmingdale, New York 11735 in the amount of \$4,880.00.

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

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AN ANNUAL HARDWARE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT FROM COMPUTER DR. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,000

WHEREAS, the Monticello Police Department has an agreement with Computer Dr. for maintenance of their computer hardware; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to purchase an annual agreement for the maintenance of the computer hardware used by the Monticello Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of this agreement has been budgeted in the 2008/09 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby approve the purchase of an annual hardware maintenance agreement from Computer Doctors, 5 Triangle Road, Liberty, New York 12754 in the amount of \$6,000.00.

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

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE CLERK TO READVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SURPLUS VILLAGE OWNED VEHICLES

WHEREAS, various departments have vehicles and equipment that are no longer needed or used by various departments;

WHEREAS, the Village has determined that this equipment is no longer needed; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Monticello wants to readvertise this equipment to the highest bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello does hereby authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for bids to sell to the highest bidder the following surplus equipment at a minimum bid of \$1,000.00

- 1997 Mercury Mountaineer
- 2000 Chevy Impala
- 2003 Chevy Impala
- 1999 Chevy Lumina

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 THE VILLAGE CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR AN OIL FIRED STEAM BOILER

WHEREAS, the oil fired steam boiler that heats the Village Hall needs replacement; and,

WHEREAS, the steam boiler has not been replaced in more than twenty years and has been repaired many time, as well as not being energy efficient.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello authorizes the Village Clerk to advertise for bids for an Oil Fired Steam Boiler for replacement of the boiler that heats Village Hall.

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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PUBLIC COMMENT

Broadway Decorative Street Lighting

Betty Friedland felt that according to the article in the Sullivan County Democrat the Village could have had both the decorative lighting and the landscaped medium. She felt that there is never too much lighting. She questioned when the Board rescinded the resolutions that were adopted by the previous Board that included the decorative lighting?

The Village Attorney responded that he spoke to Charlie Walker of the NYSDOT and explained that the project is not delayed but because the sidewalk issue was resolved the project will be federally funded and as a result the project has to be rebid. He suggested that the local State and Federal representatives be asked to step in and hasten the project along.

County Legislators Ron Hiatt and Alan Sorensen both spoke in favor of the reinstatement of the decorative street lighting and felt the County could possibly help with this cost.

Sean Rieber, a Broadway business owner felt that the additional lighting will be a crime deterrent. He also suggested that a special Broadway Lighting District be established which would defray the cost of these lights.

Trustee Marinello explained that these decorative lights were deleted without the authorization of the Village Board. He indicated that a grant \$896,000 was given to the Village for the cost of these lights and for the medium. He explained that the present NYSEG electric bill for the Broadway lights is \$16,000 per month and the lights are outdated and inefficient. He felt that there is no proof that the additional lighting cost. Trustee Marinello explained that the Village is falling apart between the drainage, sidewalks and streets are in disrepair and we must fix the Village. He felt the taxpayers deserve better and make them feel proud of their community.

Trustee Rue indicated that if the Village does not send a letter by the end of September the Village will loss the additional decorative lighting.

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Trustee Schoonmaker explained that he has spent the last week and half speak with NYSDOT and NYSEG. He indicated the Village never received a grant for \$896,000 although it was applied for but failed to be granted. He noted that the only section that will get the lighting is from Bank Street to Liberty Street not the entire Broadway strip. He noted that each lamp will have 70 watt bulbs which are no brighter than a household lamp and installing these poles will be an additional cost to the village. He further explained that the State will not guarantee the additional decorative lighting no matter what the Village requests since it is subject to amount of funding available to this project.

Village Manager gave a slide presentation showing the Village's poor condition and noted that these problems are still there now, however the pictures were taken more than 20 years ago. He agreed with comments regarding how Monticello looks and we respect to bring new businesses and attract investors into the Village. He explained Mayors as far back as Lou Harmin did not recognize the need to improve the Village's infrastructure.

Dr. Marc Hudes felt that the decorative lighting is part of the beautification of the Village. He noted that the Village of Monticello is the County seat and the entrance into the County and they way that Monticello looks reflects the entire Village.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:25 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to move into Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation and contract negotiations.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:48 p.m., a motion was made by Trustee Marinello, seconded by Trustee Schoonmaker, unanimously approved on a roll call vote to move out of Executive Session and adjourn the Regular Village Board meeting.

EDITH SCHOP, Village Clerk

