

Minutes

Special Meeting Amended 4/7/14 Agenda

Re-Organization of the Board of Trustees

Village of Monticello

April 7th, 2014

7:00pm

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Jenkins.

Pledge to the Flag

Swearing-In of Newly Elected Officials

Re –Elected Village Judge Josephine Finn was sworn in by Supreme Court Judge Steven Schick

Newly Elected Trustee Jill Weyer was sworn in by Judge Finn

Newly Elected Trustee Douglas Solomon was sworn in by Judge Finn

Roll Call

Mayor Jenkins-Present Carmen Rue-Present Jill Weyer-Present

Larissa Bennett-Present Douglas Solomon-Present

Motion to Accept the Agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Rue to accept the amended agenda with a second by Trustee Bennett.

The Board went into a discussion as to which agenda was valid or not valid, which resulted in a roll call vote, upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Approval of Minutes from the March 11th-14th, & April 1, 2014 meetings

There was no motion to pass the minutes from the previous meetings.

Resolution terminating Feerick, Lynch, & MacCartney, PLLC an all associated attorney from any and all capacities representing the Village of Monticello and directing that all files and records of the Village in the possession of that firm or any of its attorneys be immediately surrendered to the Village

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Solomon. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Bennett-yea

Trustee Solomon-yea

Trustee Weyer-yea

Mayor Jenkins-nay

Alak Shah from Feerick, Lynch & MacCartney, LLP stated that it has been a pleasure working for the Village and they look forward to working with incoming Counsel.

Resolution retaining Drew, Davidoff, and Edwards, LLP Special Counsel to the Village of Monticello

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Bennett-yea
Trustee Solomon-yea
Trustee Weyer-yea
Mayor Jenkins-nay

Recess

A motion was made by Mayor Jenkins with a second by Trustee Solomon to go into a 20 minute recess to allow the Mayor time to review the amended agenda at 7:20pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Bennett to come out of the 20 minute recess at 7:40pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution declaring vacant the positions of Village Manager and Acting Village Manager

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Bennett-yea
Trustee Solomon-yea
Trustee Weyer-yea
Mayor Jenkins-nay

Resolution retaining the services of Raymond Nargizian as Village Manager and Zoning Officer without pay for two (2) months

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Solomon.

Mayor Jenkins stated that with all due respect to the Board, I just hope that with these new positions our budget does not go over the 2%. I hope that the new Board coming in stays conscious of the budget because the taxes in this Village are too high. I have been a Mayor for six (6) years in this Village and have always kept his budget at 2% and I just hope that this new Board will help me keep at 2% because we cannot afford the taxes in this Village; because with some of the salaries, I know you guys got the 4 votes or whatever it is, but be conscious of what your paying for and for the increases in taxes in this Village; taxes in this

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Village are already too high. Again, since I have been a Mayor, my budget never goes above 2%, the Governor gives you 2% and I don't want to go over that.

Trustee Rue asked Mr. Nargizian if he would like to say anything because this is at no charge to the Village for two months, I want to make it clear because we need time for us to sit down and hire a Manager, so Ray offered to do it without pay for two months.

Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Bennett-yea
Trustee Solomon-yea
Trustee Weyer-yea
Mayor Jenkins-nay

Mr. Nargizian stated that he would like to thank the Village Board for entrusting him with the job of Village Manager. I do not take this position lightly, recognize my fiduciary responsibility is to the tax payer and I am obligated to look out for the collective interest and I will do so. There will be no nepotism, cronyism, or favoritism under my watch. Our hiring policy will be based upon merit and merit alone. We have a priority to concern ourselves with Economic Development. We must devise a formula to fill the vacant stores on Broadway, a priority will be based on reducing crime in the Village, Code Enforcement will be fine-tuned and enforced. We will be a people and business friendly Village. For my first appointment, I will appoint Richard Baum as the Village Deputy Attorney, his duties will include being the Attorney for the Planning Board and Zoning Board and I ask this Board to confirm that appointment with a resolution tonight. I also appoint Leo Glass as Deputy Judge to the Justice Court, Acting Village Judge.

Resolution retaining Richard S. Baum, Esq. Special Counsel for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Bennett-yea
Trustee Solomon-yea
Trustee Weyer-yea
Mayor Jenkins-nay

Mayor's Appointments w/Board Approval-Two (2) Year Appointment

Village Clerk	Term Expiration
Janine Gandy	

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A motion was made by Trustee Solomon with a second by Trustee Bennett to re-appoint Janine Gandy as Village Clerk for a term of two (2) years. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Trustee Rue-nay

Trustee Bennett-yea

Trustee Solomon-nay

Trustee Weyer-nay

Mayor Jenkins-yea

Trustee Rue commented that she is a hold-over; you have to bring it to the next meeting.

Mayor Jenkins asked the Village Attorney, Michael Davidoff, what happens to the hold-over now?

Mr. Davidoff responded that the hold-over remains in until somebody else would qualify at a later time, if they don't the hold-over remains in and stays on as the Village Clerk.

Mayor Jenkins asked is that Civil Service?

Mr. Davidoff responded no, it's a Mayor's appointment approved by the Board, so she's an officer an officer's hold-over unless and until somebody else qualifies. As long as the situation is what it is, she continues on as Village Clerk.

Mayor Jenkins stated that if they get someone that qualifies, then they can get rid of her.

Mr. Davidoff replied, no it's your appointment and it has to be approved by the Board, if the Board does not go along with your appointment, she remains as a hold-over and continues until the end of your term.

Trustee Rue does he have to appoint at every meeting?

Mr. Davidoff responded no, he doesn't have to ever do it again. Until somebody else fully qualifies, she remains in and does not have to be done at every meeting.

Mayor Jenkins commented, Janine I would like to thank you and that as long as I am the Mayor and as long as I have breath in my body, you will always be appointed by me and I will always carry you as long as I am in this Village and I think you are doing an excellent job in this Village. Thank you very much, regardless if I am here Mayor or whatever,

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you've done an excellent job and I with you 100%. What goes around comes around, so just keep the faith.

The Village Clerk responded, thank you Mayor.

Treasurer	Term Expiration
Lilu Li	

A motion was made by Trustee Solomon with a second by Trustee Bennett to re-appoint Lilu Li as Village Treasurer for a term of two (2) years. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Trustee Rue stated that we just went to Court about the residency law and we need to take care of moving the residency to Orange County, I think that it is completely illegal what was done last year so for that reason I vote, nay.

Trustee Bennett-yea
Trustee Solomon-nay
Trustee Weyer-nay
Mayor Jenkins-yea

Mr. Davidoff responded, the same thing, she remains until somebody else fully qualifies.

Mayor's Appointments -One (1) Year Appointment

Deputy Mayor	Term Expiration
Vacant	

Mayor Jenkins stated I am not going to appoint a Deputy Mayor. At this time, I don't feel I need a Deputy Mayor, so I am not going to appoint one. I feel I can carry me own ship and I will.

Resolution appointing all members of the Board of Trustees as the Board Auditors (as recommended by the NYS Comptroller's Office)

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Weyer. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Bennett-yea
Trustee Solomon-yea
Trustee Weyer-yea
Mayor Jenkins-nay

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Manager's Appointment-One (1) Year Term:

Stacey Walker, Deputy Clerk	April	2015
Carrie LaJoie, Deputy Treasurer	On-hold	
John Fuller, Village Engineer	On-hold	
Village Grant Writer	On-hold	
Sullivan County Democrat, Official Newspaper	April	2015
Drs. Lauterstein & Garfinkel, Police Surgeons	On-hold	
Dr. Garfinkel, Health Officer	April	2015
Rabbi Chanowitz, & Pastor Ramirez, Police Chaplains	April	2015
Thomas Rue, Village Historian	April	2015
Leo Glass, Acting Village Justice	April	2015
Chase Bank, Key Bank, Community Bank of Sullivan County, Bank of America, First National Bank of Jeffersonville & TD North Bank, Official Banks	April	2015
ZBA Members-Five (5) year terms-	On-hold	

Resolution approving the Manager's appointment of the Acting Village Justice Leo Glass

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Solomon. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

- Trustee Rue-yea
- Trustee Bennett-yea
- Trustee Solomon-yea
- Trustee Weyer-yea
- Mayor Jenkins-nay

Resolution setting the date, time and place of the regular Village Board Meetings to be set for every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm

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

Resolution regarding the Procurement of all goods and services by the Departments of the Village of Monticello

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett.

Mr. Davidoff commented that the amount had increased for non-biddable items. The only change is the bidding amounts. I think is says 10 & 20, but I think a purchase without bids

can be higher, they raised the levels and our procurement had the lower levels. You can pass it with the amendment that you do not have to bid contract items unless they exceed \$20,000.00 and Public Works projects over \$35,000.00, you can adopt your procurement.

Mayor Jenkins stated that the reason why this Board dropped it was because the spending was a lot of unnecessary items and certain people were getting hooked up with certain jobs, doing political favors and doing things that we try to control and can run rapid with our Village tax payers' dollars. So that put a little stop on it. Again, I think the Board needs to be conscious on who's spending and where the money is going; this is not the good ole boy network where spending happens and there is no explanation.

Mr. Davidoff continued that most municipal procurements are adopted at the higher rate.

Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to allow employees to attend Seminars and Conferences which will benefit or further the interest of the Village not to exceed \$1,500.00

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

Resolution authorizing payment in advance of audit claims for Public Utility Services not to exceed \$20,000.00

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

Resolution directing the Annual Audit of the Village Justice Court Records by the Village Independent Auditors by a bid process

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

Resolution adopting Investment Policy for the Village of Monticello

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

Resolution designating the TD North Bank as the depository for the Justice Court and authorizing the Village Justice and acting Village Justice to have sole authorization of the accounts therein

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

Resolution designating the TD North Bank, Chase Bank, Key Bank, Community Bank of Sullivan County, Bank of America, and First National Bank of Jeffersonville as the depository for the Village and authorizing the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Treasurer and Deputy Village Treasurer have sole authorization of the accounts therein

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

There was no Executive Session

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Solomon with a second by Trustee Bennett to close the meeting at 8:00pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy, Village Clerk