

Minutes

Board of Trustees

Village of Monticello

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014

7:00pm

**Call Meeting to Order**

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

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

Mayor Jenkins-Present      Carmen Rue-Present      Jill Weyer-Present  
Larissa Bennett-Present      Douglas Solomon-Present

Also Present: Michael Davidoff-Village Attorney  
Ray Nargizian-Village Manager  
Walter Fedun-Deputy Village Manager

**Motion to Accept the Agenda**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett to accept the agenda with the following add-ons:

1. Resolution setting the salary of the additional Code Enforcement Officer, TJ Brawley
2. Hawkins & Delafield-Robert Smith
3. Omission of minutes from June 17<sup>th</sup> & June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014

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

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

**Continuation of Public Hearing- Local Law #3 of 2014-The Establishment of Fees for Medical Transportation and the Amendment of Chapter A290 of the Village Code entitled, "Fee Schedule"**

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Solomon to re-open the Public Hearing at 7:05pm. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Jenkins-abstain  
Trustee Bennett-yea

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Trustee Rue-yea  
Trustee Solomon-yea  
Trustee Weyer-yea

Mayor Jenkins opened the floor to the Public and the following people spoke:

Trustee Rue  
Mayor Jenkins  
Trustee Solomon  
Ray Nargizian  
Alan Kesten  
Charlie Sabatino  
Eric Berg  
Janine Gandy

A motion was made by Trustee Bennett with a second by Trustee Weyer to set the Medical Medallion Permit Fee at \$300.00 across the Board. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

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

A motion was made by Trustee Solomon with a second by Trustee Bennett to charge first – time Taxi Driver’s a \$50.00 one time only fee for their Hack License. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

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

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Bennett to keep the Public Hearing open until the next meeting on July 15, 2014 at 7:00pm. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

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

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**Approval of Minutes from the June 17<sup>th</sup> & June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meetings**

Omitted

**Resolution awarding the Milling & Reclaiming RFP to the lowest bidder**

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

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

**Resolution amending the bond for the Water & Wastewater Departments to increase the time limit of those bonds in order to be in compliance with resolution passed on April 16, 2014**

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

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

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

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

**Resolution authorizing the Village Clerk to advertise for the Village Manager's position**

A motion was made by Trustee Bennett with a second by Trustee Rue setting a deadline for Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

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

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**Resolution authorizing the salary of the additional Code Enforcement Officer, TJ Brawley at \$47,000.00**

There was a discussion of the Board in regards to setting the salary of the additional Code Enforcement Officer that was hired by the Village Manager, Ray Nargizian.

Mayor Jenkins stated that the Board should be cautious in hiring Mr. Brawley because he was fired from the Town of Thompson and the Board should find out why; a full investigation and back ground check should be done. Also the Board needs to consider what is the need to hire or have Mr. Brawley here and where is he being paid from. There is no salary budgeted for an additional Code Enforcement Officer, we had Buddy Allen here and he was doing the same job making \$10.00 an hour and he was cut out of the budget and if we could not afford someone at \$10.00 an hour, how can we afford someone almost triple? I don't get it, where is all of this money coming from? We constantly hear that the Village is going bankrupt and that we can't make payroll all over the radio, but Mr. Nargizian keeps hiring people? Something is wrong here.

Trustee Solomon stated that we need someone here to cover James when he is not here. Especially, now that James is going to be going on vacation. Who is going to do his job while he is gone, the Building Department cannot stop because James is not here. We need to have someone in there that can do the job.

Trustee Weyer stated that I think we need to make the position temporary for 90-days just to get us through the summer and see what happens after that. I think that we need to look into the issues that the Mayor brought up before we look at making this position permanent.

Trustee Rue stated that all Village employees have always had back ground checks done and that the new Code Enforcement Officer and all new Village employees should have one done. That has always been the Village Policy for new employees. Plus, there is no money in the budget and where is he being paid from?

Trustee Bennett asked when did the back ground checks stop and why? Where did they system break down?

The Village Clerk responded that all new employees have always had drug & alcohol testing done along with background checks and since the new Board has come in and all of these new people have been recently hired by the Village Manager, all normal hiring procedures

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have been thrown away. I am not privy or aware to anyone who is being hired, so I cannot follow the normal Village procedures.

Mr. Nargizian stated that these people that have been hired are not in need of any types of background checks or drug & alcohol testing and that he is sure that for whatever reason Mr. Brawley was terminated for from the Town has nothing to do with any criminal activity.

A motion was made by Trustee Solomon with a second by Trustee Rue amending the resolution and making the position a 90-Day Temporary position at a salary not to exceed \$15,000.00 to get us through the summer and until any and all investigative issues are complete. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

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

### **Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Solomon with a second by Trustee Bennett to close the meeting at 8:24pm. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

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

Submitted by:



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Janine Gandy, Village Clerk

