

Minutes

Board of Trustees

Village of Monticello

October 18th, 2016

5:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Solomon

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Solomon-Present

Trustee Weyer-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Lymon-Present

Trustee Nikolados-Present

Also Present:

David Sager, Village Manager

Michael Davidoff, Special Council

Richard S. Baum, Deputy Special Council

Chief Mir, Monticello PD

Melissa DeMarmels, Village Treasurer

Jim Steinberg, Highway & Sanitation Dept

Phil Klemen, Water & Sewer Dept

Motion to accept the agenda

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

Approval of Minutes from the October 4th, 2016 meeting

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Lymon to accept the minutes. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Public Hearing Continuation- Local Law #3 of 2016- Amending, revising and replacing Chapter 280, Zoning, Sections 280-1 through 280-58, Including re-zoning specific Residential and Commercial Districts within the Village of Monticello, Amending the Schedule of Use, Area & Bulk Regulations, and Amending the Village of Monticello Zoning Map

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados to open the Public Hearing at 5:31pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Deputy Special Council, Richard Baum, addressed the Board and Public. He stated that there were concerns from the last hearing from attorney Jacob Billing on behalf of his client that owns property on Osbourne, Summit and other streets in that area regarding the proposed change to R2 or R1, (one or two family) from the RM(multi-family) Zone change. Mr. Baum asked the Board to consider keeping these streets as they currently are which is RM to remain

consistent with the housing in that area which is primarily multi-families under the current code.

Other changes included the school districts being added as a use in the BIO district.

Lastly, the County Planning Department had concerns regarding the density in the B2 Zone due to the proposed Assisted Living Project that is before the Planning Board. They have asked that the Village eliminate the Assisted Living going forward, but allow the current project that is currently in progress, but disallow anything going forward.

The floor was opened to the Public and the following people spoke:

Martin Calavito on behalf of Catholic Charities

Gordon Jenkins

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Weyer to leave the Public Hearing open until the next meeting on November 1st, 2016 at 5:30pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution of Adoption of Local Law #3 of 2016 and directing the Village Clerk to complete the necessary filing with the State

Tabled until next meeting

Mayors Report

Mayor Solomon reported that Lisa MacAdoo, a former Sullivan County resident, has moved back into the area and she will be opening a DJ School in front of Evergreen in the old Century 21 Real Estate Office. I think it's a good thing, something to get and keep the youth busy.

Manager's Report

Village Manager, David Sager stated that there was an article in the Democrat on Friday regarding grant monies that the Village received in the amount of \$71,000.00 in from the NYS Zombie Property Program. According to Mr. Sager, these monies are planned to be utilized to partner with Legal services of the Hudson Valley to provide counselling to people that are behind or struggling in their mortgage currently to try to keep people in their homes. So, we'll be doing advertising, counselling, and educational events at the Stroebele Center. The great thing about this law that the State passed, but doesn't go into effect until December 20th of this year, is that with your abandoned properties, and we have many of them in the Village, we can now basically go after the lender and compel them to remedy the situation. Not only can you do the basic property maintenance, like lawn mowing, but if there's structural issues, they just cannot let it continue to fall and remain in disrepair. So, we're going to have a way to compel them to take action and fix roofs and other structural issues that are problematic and try to work with them to try to transfer ownership of those properties, I think that's a real positive thing. I intend to use some of the money or would like to, but I don't know what the parameters are or how they are going to like me to show how we identify everything that we use the money, to employ another Code Enforcement Officer to alleviate some of our cost so that we can possibly use what was budgeted for something different. If anyone knows of any properties that people have walked away from, I would like to know of them so that I can now

start to formulate a list and develop a plan of attack with the Attorney and the Code Enforcement Office so that we can hit the ground running on December 20th and get letters out so we're spearheading this effort and to come in and try to reclaim these properties and try to reclaim our neighborhoods.

Trustee Rue commented that in regards to hiring another Code Enforcement Officer, it's only going to leave \$21,000.00, because hiring another Code Enforcement is going to cost at least \$50,000.00 with insurance and everything, so that's really not going to leave that much to do a lot with. As far as hiring a legal service, I never heard of this Hudson Valley, are they going to be in control of where the money goes, because we the Board she be the one's overseeing that.

Mr. Sager responded, they are an approved counselling service to educate home owners, develop strategies and connect them with agencies that can help them stay in their home. It's not the Sullivan County Legal Aide, its legal services of the Hudson Valley, it's not the local two services that get funded by the County, its' completely different. There's nothing set in stone at this time, I haven't gotten anything from the State yet to identify how we have to identify reimbursement or how to verify reimbursement, when we get to that stage, we will sit down and talk about it. It's a positive thing.

Trustee Rue commented that the Village really needs a second person, especially with the Casino coming, that department really needs a second person.

Mr. Sager continued, in the application I had ear-marked at least half the salary of the second Code Enforcement Officer for that and would be happy to use more of it.

The traffic light is finally up and running on East Broadway, its long over-do but hopefully it will be smooth sailing from here.

The milling was done or almost completed on Jefferson Street, Friday they'll be doing the paving and that's starting to look very nice.

On Saturday, October 29th, the Village will be hosting a Halloween Parade and Truck or Treat, the parade will be down Broadway and the Truck or Treat will be in the parking lot at the Ted Stroebele Center. Flyers have been posted on the social media sites, but anyone that would like to host a truck, we would appreciate your donation. That's from 2:30 to 4pm on the 29th in the back lot of the Ted Stroebele Center on North Street.

Just so that the Board is aware, our auditors are here just doing the annual audit.

The Treasurer and I are working on policies and procedures for the Account Clerk's. We are trying focus specifically on cross-training so that we do not face another lapse in duties if there becomes a vacancy or someone is out because of personal or medical issues. As we call know cross-training is an effective tool and is necessary in the Village offices.

Department Head Reports

Resolution authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$465,556.29

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

Resolution authorizing Budget Transfers for fiscal year ending July 31, 2016

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

Resolution authorizing Budget Transfers for fiscal year ending July 31, 2017

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

Resolution authorizing a blanket PO in the amount of \$75,000.00 for Salt to the Sullivan County Treasurer for the 2016-2017 Winter Season A.5142.468. Current account balance is \$75,000.00

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

Resolution setting a Joint Public Meeting with the Town of Thompson for the Annexation of SBL#12.-1-37.7 and 43 on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6:45pm at Village Hall

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

Resolution authorizing implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the Federal-Aid and State "Marchiselli" program-aid eligible costs, of a Transportation Federal-Aid Project, and appropriating funds thereof

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

Resolution authorizing Form E for the USDA in the amount of \$439,137.05

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

Resolution authorizing the repair to the Police Car #26 in the amount of \$1,008.90 from app#A.1640.421 by Robert Green Auto & Truck, Inc. Current account balance is \$24,253.10

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Door Control, Inc. in the amount of \$10,650.00 for the installation of the automatic doors at the TSC from app#A.1620.201. Balance after budget transfers is \$11,900.00

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Seaway Diving & Salvage Co for the emergency repair to the West Broadway Stand Tank in the amount of \$2,757.00 from app#F.8340.421. Current account balance is \$2,808.70

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

Resolution authorizing payment to the USDA for the Rural Development Loan in the amount of \$19,355.00 from app#F.9710.600 principal account balance is \$14,000.00 and app#F.9710.700 interest account balance is \$5,355.00. Current account balances are \$14,000.00 and \$10,395.00 respectively

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

Resolution authorizing payment to the Village Engineer, Glenn Smith, in the amount of \$2,148.00 from app#A.1440.414 for work done with the Village Zoning Committee ending August 3rd, 2016

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$6,989.53 from app#H.1440.402 for the USDA Water Project

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Hawkins, Delafield & Wood LLP in the amount of \$4,500.00 from HG.1380.400 for services rendered in the EFC Clean Water Facility Project

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

Resolution authorizing the Police Department to enforce a curfew for unescorted persons under the age of eighteen (18) years old from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. beginning Friday, October 28th, 2016 through and including Tuesday, November 1, 2016

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

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Lymon to go into Executive Session at 6:13pm to discuss the following:

Personnel

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

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados to come out of Executive Session at 6:31pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Lymon with a second by Trustee Rue to close the meeting at 6:32pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janine Gandy-McKinney".

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk