

Happy New Year

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

5:30 p.m.

**Call Meeting to Order**

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

**Pledge to the Flag**

**Roll Call**

Mayor Solomon-Present at 5:40pm                      Trustee Weyer-Present                      Trustee Rue-Present  
Trustee Lymon-Present                                      Trustee Nikolados-Present

Also Present:                      David Sager, Village Manager  
   Michael Davidoff, Special Council

**Motion to accept the agenda**

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Lymon with the following add-on:

1. Resolution authorizing payment to the Town of Thompson for the 2018 County/Town taxes in the amount of \$10,427.22 from app#A.1950.400.

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

Mayor Solomon-absent  
Deputy Mayor Weyer-yea  
Trustee Rue-yea  
Trustee Lymon-yea  
Trustee Nikolados-yea

**Approval of Minutes from the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting**

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

Mayor Solomon-absent  
Deputy Mayor Weyer-yea  
Trustee Rue-yea  
Trustee Lymon-yea  
Trustee Nikolados-yea

**Mayor Report**

There was no report

**Manager Report**

Mr. Sager stated that he would like to make the following appointments to the Monticello Housing Board due to the expired positions of Mattie Anderson, Dorothy McCoy and T'Shar D'Das:

Darrin Rainor who was the former Director of Recreation for the Village and now the Deputy Commissioner of Finance for the County. Elaine Williams for another one of the at large positions. He expressed that one of his frustrations with the MHA was that they were not following their by-laws which spoke of Tenant Members being on the Board, from Evergreen and the Senior Housing Unit, so with that being said, Vanetta Lane will be appointed until June in which she will have to then run for the position and be voted in by her peers or she can choose to vacate the position and then they will have to find someone and vote that person into that position and also find someone from the Senior Unit and I am also working on one additional person at large, and will coordinate with the MHA regarding terms, but these are three names for right now to keep things moving forward.

Trustee Rue commented that you have to be some Village residents to be on that Board and she's not aware of Mr. Rainor living in the Village.

Mr. Sager stated that he will look into the residency issue regarding Mr. Rainor, but what's interesting is that their current Director doesn't even live in the State, but the Housing Authority has no problem with that, but I'll look into the residency requirements.

I have been spending a lot of time over the last two weeks with the Monticello Meadows/Shaker Heights heat issue. They are a big corporation and a lot of the local management and running Monticello Meadows directly is no longer there, but in speaking and meeting with the actual owner's they have been proactive and trying to get the situation rectified as soon as possible. They were diligent in placing tenants in hotels and paying for their stays. We are also looking for a total abatement of 18- 20 apartments and they will also be looking at the entire heating system to make sure that everything is adequate and not just a patch job, so that no further issues occur. I would like to thank the County for stepping up to assist and get people safely placed. Being up there and speaking with the tenants, they are committed to their homes, they just want the problems fixed, many of them have lived here for 10+ years and just want to be treated like human beings and not have to deal with these issues. I will continue working with the owner's to hopefully get these and all other issues up there remedied once and for all. We still have them in Court and will keep them there until all of these issues are rectified. This is a big wake up call to this management group and they own several other complexes in the Village, so hopefully they can follow suit with all of their other complexes and we plan to assist them in doing so by keeping their feet to the fire.

**Department Head Reports**

**Presentation-Davina Holden- Domestic Violence Awareness**

No one was present

**Resolution authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$927,085.04 for Fiscal Year ending July 31, 2018**

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

**Resolution authorizing Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year Ending July 31, 2018**

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 payment to Computer Doctors in the amount of \$1,770.00 for work completed in DPW, Water Department and Village Hall from app#F.8310.414=\$135.00 and A.1680.401=\$1,635.00, account balances before these invoices are \$2,480.00 and \$3,910.79 respectively**

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 the Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$414,016.82 from TD Bank account #398-1920523 in the name of the Village of Monticello Home Grant to TD Bank account #398-1920879 in the name of the Village of Monticello General Fund corporation account**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue asking for an explanation of transfer from Andrew Arias, the Village Auditor and a second by Trustee Weyer.

Mr. Arias stated that he was asked to come to answer questions. He stated that he is not really familiar with it other than the work he's done on it with Melissa, but from his understanding, this money has been sitting in the Community Development Fund and these monies have been here for a while, furthest we can go back is 2005 & 2006 and has been sitting in this account all that time. We're not sure if anyone is owed this money, but in checking with the state, there are no open invoices or anyone stating that this money is due to them, so essentially it was grant money that came in and was never drawn down from the Village so it has just been sitting there. All of the grants for that time has been closed out and as previously said, no one is owed, so it's basically money just sitting that can be used by the Village for whatever they deem necessary. I also know that your 2017/2018 budget was passed contingent upon this money being transferred, so it is vital that this account is closed and money be transferred to the General Fund for its use.

Trustee Rue stated that she remembers this money came from the Home Grant and this was monies that the Village was supposed to or did lend out to people to fix their homes and once they paid it back, nothing was ever done with the money and it should go back to the people. Also when Heather Berg was the Treasurer, she changed the whole accounting system to make it more efficient and modern and it will take thousands of dollars to try to track this money through the old accounting system.

Trustee Weyer stated that she was in the budget meetings along with everyone else and we voted on the current budget and not to raise taxes and stay below the tax cap with the intent of using this money, so she's unsure of what the discrepancy is now.

Trustee Lymon stated that she understands the whole budget scenario, but she just wishes that there was a layout or plan of where and what they money will be used for. She stated that she honestly feels that this money should go back to the taxpayers because it's their money.

Mayor Solomon commented that he understands the concerns, but everyone is aware that the 17/18 budget that everyone voted on was passed including the transfer of this money, so now it's time to take action.

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

Mayor Solomon-yea

Deputy Mayor Weyer-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Lymon-nay

Trustee Nikolados-yea

**Resolution authorizing a refund to Luis Pineda for Zoning Board Escrow Fee's in the amount of \$1,000.00 from app#T.0032.420 for a withdrawn application. Current account balance is \$1,000.00**

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 Envirotest Laboratories for the Water Departments Chemical Testing of the Plant and Wells in the amount of \$2,585.00 from app#F.8320.482. Current account balance is \$5,734.93**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to General Code in the amount of \$1,195.00 from app#A.1410.403 for the Annual Maintenance of the Village Online ECode 360. Account balance after payment is \$5.00**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Weyer who had a question.

Trustee Weyer asked if this was one of the payments in regarding to the recodification and where we are with that.

The Village Clerk responded that this is the yearly maintenance fee that we pay for them hosting our site only. This payment has nothing to do with the Codification process, that is totally separate and coming along well. We are currently in Phase II of the process.

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to Jack Doheny for the repair of the Vactor Truck in the amount of \$2,170.03 from app#G.8120.233. Current account balance after purchase is \$13,727.48**

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 NYSHIP in the amount of \$215,730.93 from the various funds as listed for the Employee Health Insurance January 2018 Invoice**

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 payment to Computer Doctors in the amount of \$1,444.00 from app#A.1680.403. Current account balance is \$2,290.50**

A motion was made by Trustee Lymon with a question and a second by Trustee Weyer.

Trustee Lymon asked if this particular resolution includes the payments for Jamie's laptop.

The Village Manager responded no.

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

Mayor Solomon-yea

Deputy Mayor Weyer-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Lymon-nay

Trustee Nikolados-yea

**Resolution authorizing payment to Barton & Loguidice invoice #93434 & 93900 in the amount of \$35,930.11 for Sullivan County Jail Offsite Utilities invoice reimbursed by Sullivan County check#11453 & 11461 from app#H.5020.325**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to AquaLogics in the amount of \$1,100.00 from app#F.8340.421 for the emergency repair of the West Broadway Water Tank. Current account balance after purchase is \$265.40**

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 payment to McDonald & McDonald for the repair to Sanitation Truck#12 in the amount of \$1,095.88 from app#CL.8160.423. Current account balance is \$35,619.10**

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 R & R Pump & Control Services, LLC in the amount of \$6,908.00 for the emergency repair of Racetrack Pump Station from app#G.8120.421. Current account balance is \$2,719.82**

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 payment to DDE Law Offices, LLP in the amount of \$3,821.25 for work completed regarding Joseph Kowalczyk from app#A.1420.404. Current account balance after**

**payment is \$4,317.50**

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 Montague Tool in the amount of \$3,599.96 for the purchase of a Generator for the Water Department from app#F.8340.233. Current account balance after purchase is \$4,069.49**

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 Montague Tool in the amount of \$1,399.00 for the purchase of a Wacker Pump for the Water Department from app#F.8320.233. Current account balance is \$4,069.49**

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 payment to Accela in the amount of \$6,243.78 from the various funds as listed for the KVS Computer System**

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 Marshall & Sterling in the amount of \$76,105.68 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter invoice from the various funds as listed**

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 the Village Manager to sign the Extension of the License Agreement with Majestic 1 Realty LLC**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a question and a second by Trustee Nikolados.

Trustee Rue asked if the contract is only for 1 year or two.

Mr. Davidoff responded that the contract is for a year and is actually over-due. It was actually up in September of last year and will need to be renewed again in September of this year.

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

**Resolution approving the Award of Contract 1 Water Meter Equipment Purchase-CDBG**

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

**Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to sign the MOA's with Cornell Cooperative Extension**

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

**Resolution authorizing the WQIP Draw#5 for the Water Resource Recovery Facility**

**Disinfection Improvement Project in the amount of \$666,798.15**

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 the Water Storage Improvements Project Expenses Requisition #7 in the amount of \$401,941.95 to be paid by the Village out of the Band Proceeds Closing next week on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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

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**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Lymon to go into Executive Session at 6:35pm to discuss the following:

*Litigation*

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

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Rue to come out of Executive Session at 6:45pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Weyer with a second by Trustee Lymon to close the meeting at 6:45pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:



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Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk