

Board of Trustees Special Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Tuesday, October 9th, 2018

6:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6pm by Mayor Sommers

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Sommers-Present
Trustee Massey-Absent

Trustee Rue-Present
Trustee Sabatino-Absent

Trustee Nikolados-Present

Also Present: Michael Davidoff, Village Special Council

Motion to accept the agenda

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

1. Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther-Discussion of \$250,000.00 Golden Feather Award Grant
2. Resolution authorizing the hiring of Professional Services for an Asbestos Survey of the Ted Stroebele Building Roof
3. Authorizing the payment of bills including the Times Herald Record for a total of \$1,033,356.30

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

Motion to change the Order of the Agenda

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

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther-Discussion of \$250,000.00 Golden Feather Award Grant

Assemblywoman Gunther was present with her associate Jean Gallagher. Assemblywoman Gunther spoke on the \$250,000.00 Golden Feather award that the Village received last year in 2017 and the urgency to make a decision as to how to move forward with the funds.

Jean Gallagher was present and she read the following to be included in the minutes:

The Village of Monticello is the recipient of the 2017 Golden Feather Award for 250K (re-imbursable funding). This money was secured through the State of NY and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther.

In April of 2018, David Sager-previous Village Manager filled out the State and Municipal Facilities Nomination Form which is the first step in the grant process with the purpose of replacing the aged roof at the Ted Stroebele Center on Jefferson Street in Monticello, NY. In June/July 2018 Gary Sommers and Gary Lasher picked up the project initiating new paperwork as there now was a new project director. The funds were to be used for the same thing-replacing the roof at the Stroebele Center. The second step in the grant process is to complete the Preliminary Application. In doing so, Gary Sommers/Lasher identified that a portion of the 250K would go for an Engineering report with the remainder replacing the roof. The first engineering report of the building was done in July 2017 and was deemed too old. In August 2018 Gary Lasher asked Barton & Loguidice to do a preliminary engineering report. This is where we are. We need to move forward with approvals of engineering reports to move this project forward.

Separate to this, the Assemblywoman has secured another 225K. The expressed purpose for this money to go towards the creation/expansion of a youth center. This opens up the potential for more discussions surrounding the Stroebele Center becoming a revitalized youth recreation center.

While we may not have the answers tonight, it's imperative that you know that next steps speaking to the 250K re-imbursable funding for the new roof must be addressed immediately. This is long overdue and frankly unfair to continue tying this money up and delaying this very important project.

Asbestos Survey for TSC Roof

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados accepting the proposal from B & L. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Motion to go back to the regular agenda

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

Approval of Minutes from the September 13th, 2018 meeting

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Rue to defer the minutes to the next meeting.

Per Trustee Rue, the minutes is missing information as to why items were not voted on the members of the Board.

Mayor Sommers stated that he is fine with the minutes, minutes are minutes but does agree that they are missing some explanations.

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

Discussion-Gary Lasher-Section 41-j Plan Cost Request

Mr. Lasher stated that he spoke with the County and also NYS Retirement and there is now a program for employees to bank their sick time with their retirement. He stated that it would help the Village by not having to make such huge payouts when employees leave the Village whether through retirement or resignation. He stated that now is the appropriate time to do it being that there hasn't been a finalization of the CBA's.

Trustee Rue responded that she's never heard of it and does not think it would be good for the Village to make a decision like that on behalf of the employee's. It would be something that should be discussed during budget time and it should be an individual decision, not a decision made for anyone to save the budget. I don't think that's good for the Village and we can't just hear it now and make a decision at the same time. We can get sued by the Union.

Mr. Lasher stated that it's a good thing and would really help the Village as a whole and the employee in the long run.

Trustee Rue responded that she does not feel comfortable with it and would like more information about it.

Discussion-Tannery Village Pilot Agreement

Mayor Sommers stated that he received the information from Tannery Village that everyone got a copy of in their packets. Their original agreement was done when he was previously the Mayor and now it has expired and they would like to renew it under the same terms.

Trustee Rue and Nikolados both responded that they have no issue with it.

Mayor Sommers asked Mr. Davidoff if he could work on the agreement and speak with Tannery Village to get the necessary paperwork moving forward.

Resolution authorizing budget transfers for fiscal year ending July 31, 2018

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

Resolution authorizing WQIP Draw #12 for the Water Resource Recovery Disinfection Improvements Project not to exceed \$18,688.48

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

Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign Amendment #2 from Barton & Loguidice for Supplemental Services for the CDBG Water Meter Replacement Project

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

Resolutions authorizing the Mayor to sign Form 7-1 Budget Modification 1 for the CDBG Water Meter Replacement Project

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

Resolution based upon a verbal agreement with Phil Klemen in April of 2008 with the Village Manager that when he became the Water Superintendent that he would be entitled to retain healthcare, longevity, vacation and sick and be compensated for unused vacation and sick time as it is written in the employee/Village agreement for Water and Sewer employees hired prior to March 17, 1989

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

Resolution authorizing payment to the Sullivan County Treasurer’s Office in the amount of \$36,275.97 for Salt for the 2017/2018 Winter Season from app#A.5142.468. Current account balance is \$74,000.00

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

Resolution setting the Village’s Annual Fall Clean-up for Monday, October 29th- Saturday November 3rd, 2018. The Village will provide a curb-side pick-up for all Handicapped and Seniors 65 and older beginning Monday, October 29th, 2018

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

Resolution authorizing payment to NGS Construction in the amount of \$2,500.00 from app#F.8320.459 for the Low Lift Pump. Current account balance is \$45,810.72

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Callanan Industries in the amount of \$5,115.18 from app#A.5110.224 for Black Top. Current account balance is \$75,185.67

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

Resolution refunding Sanela & Nermin Ramusovic for Planning Board Fee’s and Escrow in the amount of \$1,200.00 from app#A.2115 at the request of the Planning Board

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Rue to Table.

As per Mr. Lasher, there are some issue’s regarding illegal use and need to be figured out before this action is taken.

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

Resolution authorizing payment to the Monticello Central School District in the amount of \$17,668.79 with penalties for the month of October from app#A.1950.400. Current account balance is \$35,000.00

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

Resolution authorizing payment to the Sullivan County Treasurer’s Office for the Tax Foreclosure Procedures in the amount of \$24,936.24 from app#A.1235. 2018/19 Budget balance is \$22,250.00 2017/2018 Budget balance \$4,700.00

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

Resolution authorizing payment to General Code for the E-Code Codification Process 30% Payment for the Manuscripts & Ed Analysis in the amount of \$4,050.00 from app#A.3620.403. Current account balance is \$4,680.23

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Kerber Electric for labor and Repairs for the Water Department in the amount of \$2,246.82 from app#F.8320.421. Current account balance is \$10,000.00

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

Resolution authorizing the payment of bills including the Times Herald Record for a total of \$1,033,356.30

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

Executive Session

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

Personnel & Litigation

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Rue to come out of Executive Session at 7:16pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Litigation Motion

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Rue authorizing the Insurance Company to move forward in the litigation of Snowden vs. VOM and not to exceed

the Village's deductible. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Fall Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados setting the next meeting dates for Tuesday, October 30th and Tuesday, November 13th, 2018 and authorizing the Clerk to notice them as Special Meetings. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Rue to close the meeting at 7:18pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk