

## **MINUTES**

Village of Monticello Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018

6:30 p.m.

### **MEETING TO ORDER**

6:30 p.m.

### **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

### **ROLL CALL**

Upon Roll call all were present:

Gary Sommers, Mayor  
Carmen Rue, Trustee  
George Nikolados, Trustee  
Charlie Sabatino, Trustee  
Rochelle Massey, Trustee

Also Present:

Stacey Walker, Deputy Clerk  
Chief Rob Mir  
Officer Monroe  
Ron Singer, Code Enforcer

Absent:

Janine Gandy McKinney, Clerk

### **MOTION TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue seconded by Trustee Nikolados all in favor on roll call to accept the Agenda for the Village of Monticello Board Meeting on August 21, 2018.

### **APPROVAL OF MINTUES FROM THE AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 MEETING**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue seconded by Trustee Nikolados all in favor on roll call for the approval of the Minutes from the August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Board Meeting.

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**DISCUSSION –PAVING AND RECLAMATION OF VILLAGE STREETS**

No discussion on this matter, the Department Head, Shawn McMichaels was not present.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,157.11**

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados seconded by Trustee Rue all in favor on roll call to authorize the payment of bills in the amount \$72,157.11.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR HOSPITAL HIL INSERTION VALVE INSTALLATION AS PART OF THE WAER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT 2 HOSPITAL HILL TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED \$7,000**

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados seconded by Trustee Rue upon roll call all in favor

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT TO ADMIT COMPUTER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT’S ANNUAL MAINTENANCE OF IMPACT, NYS TRACS AND LIVSCAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,877.00 FROM APP#A.3120.206. CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE IS \$15,000**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue, seconded by Trustee Nikolados upon roll call all in favor

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MAYOR/MANAGER TO SIGN THE CBA FOR AUGUST 1, 2016 TO JULY 31, 2019 WITH THE MONTICELLO POLICE DEPARTMENT ASSOCIATION**

Motion withdrawn to discuss in Executive Session for Personnel Litigation

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO RETAIN THE SERVCIES OF RETAINING MCGOEY, HAUSER AND EDSALL CONSULTING ENGINEERS DPC AS CONSULTING ENGINEER FOR THE SLEEPY HOLLOW APARTMENTS ALL EXPENSES TO BE PAID BY THE DEVELOPER**

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados, seconded by Trustee Rue upon roll call all in favor

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MAYOR TO WRITE LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO NYS ESDC FOR THE RETORE NY GRANT**

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino seconded by Trustee Rue upon roll call all in favor

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**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE SCHMIDT'S WHOLESALE AS THE LOWEST AND ONLY BIDDER  
FOR THE PLANT FITTINGS & HYDRANTS ANNUAL BID**

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados seconded by Trustee Massey upon roll call all in favor

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000 FROM  
APP#A.1320.407 AUDITORS TO APP#A.1620.205 BUILDING AND GROUND TO PAY FINES TO  
NYS FOR TANKS**

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados seconded by Trustee Rue upon roll call all in favor

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Allen Kesten, of the Yellow Cab Company thanked the Village Board, the Highway Department and the Monticello Police Department for their involvement to the great turn out of the Bagel Festival, he also complimented the outstanding job to the Officer's that worked that day. Allen went on to say they are currently working on the next project which is for the Halloween Parade with a date set for Wednesday October 31, 2018. He stated that the aim is for the parade to be short, start on North Street go down Liberty Street go around Broadway and end up on Jefferson Street to the Stroebele Parking Lot for a Trunk or Treat for the kids in the Stroebele center lot so just in case it rains they can take the event inside the Stroebele building. Allen said the tentative plan is to talk to the Chief of Police for support and would like the Board's input.

Allen also commented on other possible events in the Village like having events on the Court House lawn not sure if it would necessarily be at the Court House Lawn, he also mentioned having the Public Library location a place of interest as we move forward. He is working on events and is sending out flyers and information to vendors for next year's events.

Mayor Sommers mentioned about contacting Bethel Woods and Allen said that he does not want to interfere with dates concerning Bethel Woods events but his focus is always to have his event every second Sunday in August, because maintaining that date for future success everyone is aware of the date and people can plan accordingly every year on that date.

Mayor Gary Sommers made a comment about working with Bethel Woods and Allen stated that he always tried to work with them but they had problems working with us, Allen went on

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to say that he will always try to work with them and hopefully they will work with us. Allen stated that this was the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the Bagel Festival which has been a growing success because of strong core of individuals. He gave thanks to Jeff from the Chambers and the Board members for the great events that they support. Again Allen stressed the fact that Bethel Woods is always asked to be a part of the Festival every year for booth space and they are never interested.

Mayor Gary Sommers stated that Jeff does a wonderful job but he wanted it known that Roger of Sullivan County Neon has contributed to this matter and he was the one that came up with the idea for the chamber and has never gotten credit for it and he wanted it to be known.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MONTICELLO CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE TO HOLD THE BAGEL FESTIVAL IN THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF AUGUST 2019**

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados seconded by Trustee Rue upon roll call all in favor

Gordon Jenkins voiced his opinion on how the Village looks like a dump and how the buildings are being made into illegal apartments. He said that the Code Enforcement Department is weak. He stated that he is aware that the Board is a new Board but he said that the illegal issues are making the Village messy, he stated that the Village should apply for a YMCA because that would help the Village which is the second poorest County in NYS.

Gordon stated that the Village consist of poor sick people and the Board should try to help the poor people that consist of mostly section 8 people. Mayor Sommers states the Village has no control over where Section 8 housing is placed, he went on to say that they have spoken to the Governor's office and the Federal Government and will also have a conversation with the County on how many Section 8 certificates can be issued in the County and how many are issued out of the County.

Mayor Sommers said that they had a conversation with the YMCA and they are possibly interested in working the Village. Gary stated that the place of interest would be the Ted Stroebele building but the issue with that is that the building has been neglected for so many years and the roof has had so much patch work that is would cost almost ½ million dollars just to repair the roof.

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Mayor Sommers stated that the Village is looking for funding to help the building as of now the Village has \$250,000 and is seeking help on getting another \$250,000. Mayor Sommers stated that the Village is focusing on all of the problems and projects but unfortunately it doesn't move as quickly as everyone wants because neglect from prior people let the buildings go and the Board is putting out fires to make up for past neglects, efforts are being made but it will take some time.

Betty Friedland voiced her opinion on how the Village looks, she stated that the Code Enforcer is only one man but he needs help. She said that she went around the Village and looked at the dumpsters which she said is a mess. She asked that the board hire more help and let the young lady, Sandy Burke from the building department help, she is trained for the job.

Mayor Gary Sommers stated that the Board has been constantly putting out fires and the issues will be addressed.

Trustee Massey stated that the problems with a lot of the issues all falls down on the landlords, and she stated that she is a landlord but she don't let people hang out at her places because she doesn't allow it, she went on to say that the landlords don't care about their places because they are getting their money, they don't live in the community and that's all that matters to them.

Trustee Rue stated that she has been coming to these meetings since 1990's and she has been saying the same things and people just don't listen.

Ron Singer the Code Enforcer stated that each rental property should have an annual inspection but he has been holding them to comply with the property maintenance some are but most are not asking for special permit application for the inspection. He said that his secretary, Sandy Burke, came up with an idea to fine the people who don't get the permits. He wanted to ask the Board if this could be done.

Mayor Sommers stated that the Board is looking for more help for the Building Department. The current secretary, Sandy Burke, took classes for the Building Department and the Board is currently looking for someone to replace her so that she can help the Code Enforcer. Also, he will reach out to the County for joint Code Enforcement, RFP will hopefully be put on the Agenda for the next Board meeting for a proposal for help on a temporary basis to the Building Department.

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Bobby Friedland stated that the Building Department is the only one that can clean-up this Village, he stated that the people should be fined to help bring money to the building department, he went on to say that the Building Department needs help, Bobby went on to say that the Highway Department should do a better job, they do nothing all day but go around and pick up one branch, he stated that the Village doesn't have the man power and they need to coordinate the situation better.

Mayor Sommers stated that this problem is something that has been handed down to the new Board and the situation is being addressed and will be dealt with accordingly.

A landlord from a property on Cottage Street wanted to know about getting some trees cut down and wanted to know if this could be addressed because he thinks it is dangerous.

Mayor Sommers said that he would have the DPW look at the situation.

Mayor Sommers asked for a motion for the Village to change the Payroll Company to a company called **ADP** which will save the Village money in time.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue seconded by Trustee Sabatino upon roll call all in favor

Executive Session at 8:45 pm out of Executive Session at 9:10 pm

Mayor Sommers addressed an issue with 43 High Street and stated that the landlord Gabriel Bertonazzi said that if the Board would accept his agreement and the Mayor said that part of the agreement would be that if Mr. Bertonazzi missed any of his payments on his plans and even if he is one day late that the property would go back to foreclosure.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue seconded by Trustee Sabatino upon roll call:  
Trustee Rue-yes Trustee Sabatino yes Trustee Massey no Trustee Nikolados no  
Mayor Sommers yes

Motion was made by Trustee Rue seconded by Trustee Sabatino upon roll call all in favor to Adjourn the Village Board Meeting for August 21, 2018 meeting at 9:15 p.m.