

Board of Trustees Re-Organizational Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Sommers.

Pledge to the Flag

Swearing-In of Elected Officials

Elected Mayor Gary Sommers was sworn in by Village Clerk, Janine Gandy-McKinney to conclude the 1 year term of former Mayor Douglas Solomon

Newly Elected Trustee Charles Sabatino was sworn in by Village Clerk, Janine Gandy- McKinney to finish out the 3 year term of former Trustee Gary Sommers

Roll Call

Mayor Sommers-Present

Trustee Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Massey-Absent

Trustee Sabatino-Present

Also Present: Michael Davidoff, Village Special Council
Richard S. Baum, Deputy Special Council

Motion to accept the agenda with the add-ons:

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Sabatino accepting the agenda with the following add-ons:

1. Resolution authorizing the YMCA MOU with the Village of Monticello
2. Resolution authorizing payment to McDonald & McDonald for repairs to Highway Truck #7 in the amount of \$1,580.87 from app#A.1640.421 for the Highway Department. Account balance after repair is \$623.75
3. Discussion-NYSEG Proposal

There was also a discussion of regarding the March 19th minutes and them being tabled due to the Board not having a chance to review them.

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

Resolution authorizing the YMCA MOU with the Village of Monticello

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Sabatino to open this up for discussion.

Trustee Rue commented that she doesn't understand why the MOU is before the Board. From what she thought, they were in the beginning stages of this basically discussions and now to see this MOU is disturbing to her.

Mayor Sommers commented that this MOU is only to re-assure them that we are serious and are willing to continue talks and keep moving forward with them. Nothing is being put in stone and this is not an actual contract, this MOU is only to keep moving forward, we have only discussed the roof repair with them and some basic building maintenance that we are responsible for and that is what we are utilizing the Golden Feather Award monies for which the entire Board agreed to do. We are still looking for a place to move the Justice Court which is one of the requests of the YMCA's movement into the building because they are looking to utilize the entire space.

Trustee Rue commented that then there is no need to have this agreement in front of us to vote for tonight. If there are still just talks going on, why are we voting and on what? What are the talks about the Justice Court move, where is it going, is the Judge involved, who attends these meetings.

Mayor Sommers commented again, as I stated, this MOU is only to move forward, this is not a contract, we are too premature in the discussions to even be headed that way. We are obligated to fix the roof and fix some other on-going issue's that have been at the Ted Stroebele for years. This MOU again is simply stating that we are willing to hold up our part of the bargain in regards to those building issues and repairs, that's it.

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

Mayor Sommers-yea

Trustee Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea based upon this MOU is for the repairs of the roof and building only and nothing else.

Trustee Massey-yea

Trustee Sabatino-yea

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

Discussion-NYSEG Proposal

Tabled by Mayor Sommers

Approval of Minutes from the March 19th, 2019 meeting

Tabled by the Board

Mayor/Manager Report

Mayor Sommers stated that as he previously said, the talks with the YMCA are continuing. This MOU being approved by the Board was a huge step in keeping the ball moving forward. I will make sure that they have this resolution and signed MOU as soon as possible. I have also been in talks with the Judge about the possible movement of the Justice Court and what it will take to move the Justice Court.

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor's Appointments w/Board Approval-One (1) Year Appointment

<i>Village Special Council</i>	Term Expiration
Drew, Davidoff & Edwards	April 2020

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

<i>Deputy Special Council</i>	Term Expiration
Richard S. Baum, Esq.	April 2020

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

Mayor's Appointments -One (1) Year Appointment

<i>Deputy Mayor</i>	Term Expiration
Trustee Nikolados	April 2020

Auditors

Village Board of Trustee's

Mayor's Appointments w/Board Approval-Five (5) Year Appointment

Planning Board Members	Term Expiration
Jeffrey Sternberg (Hold-Over)	April 2015-hold-over
Hildy Rosenberg	April 2024
Dr. Waleed Ahmed	December 2023
Alt-Brian Shandley	April 2024

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

Manager's Appointments:

Manager's Appointments w/o Board Approval-Five (5) Year Appointment

Monticello Housing Authority	Term Expiration	
Myrtle McKinney-Allen	May	2018
T'shara D'Das	May	2018
Julian Dawson	May	2018
Vacant	January	2023

All appointments were tabled for the Monticello Housing Authority.

Manager's Appointment-One (1) Year Term:

Deputy Clerk-Stacey Walker	April	2020
Deputy Treasurer-Vacant	May	2020
Village Engineer-Glenn Smith	April	2020
Village Auditors-Cooper, Arias	April	2020
Official Newspaper-Sullivan County Democrat	April	2020
Police Surgeons- Drs. Lauterstein & Garfinkel	April	2020
Health Officer-Dr. Garfinkel	April	2020
Police Chaplains-Rabbi Chanowitz, & Pastor Ramirez	April	2020
Acting Village-Justice Leo Glass	April	2020
Official Banks- JP Morgan Chase Bank, Catskill Hudson Bank of Sullivan County, Wayne Bank, Jeff Bank & TD Bank	April	2020
Police Veterinarian-Scott Quick	April	2020

Presentation-Lori Rotolo-Tobacco Free Action Community

Lori Rotolo was present from the Tobacco Free Action Community and gave a presentation regarding signage for Public places such as parks, and recreational area's being smoke free and E-Cigarette Free. She asked that the Village pass a resolution in the upcoming meeting supporting the Community Action effort.

Mayor Sommers stated that he would like to see more of the signs and asked if the information could be emailed so they the Board has an opportunity to look at it thoroughly and they shouldn't have an issue passing a resolution.

Resolution setting the date, time and place of the regular Village Board Meetings for the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30pm

A motion was made by Mayor Sommers with a second by Trustee Massey to open this resolution for discussion. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Mayor Sommers asked the Board if they would mind changing the meeting date until Wednesday's do to a work scheduling change of one of the Trustee's. After a brief discussion, the Board made the following motion:

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Sabatino setting the Village Board Meetings for the 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 6:00pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Resolution regarding the Procurement of all Goods and Services by the Departments of the Village of Monticello

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 Village Manager/Mayor to allow employees to attend Seminars and Conferences which will benefit or further the interest of the Village not to exceed \$1,500.00

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 in advance of audit claims for Public Utilities, Fuel, Postage, and ADP for Payroll related services, Town of Thompson bills and the Sullivan County Treasurer for Tipping Fee's only not to exceed \$30,000.00

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

Resolution directing the Annual Audit of the Village Justice Court Records by the Village Independent Auditors by a bid process

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 adopting Investment Policy for the Village of Monticello

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 designating the TD Bank as the depository for the Justice Court and authorizing the Village Justice and acting Village Justice to have sole authorization of the accounts therein

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 designating the JP Morgan Chase Bank, Key Bank, Catskill Hudson Bank of Sullivan County, Wayne Bank, Jeff Bank & TD Bank as the depositories for the Village and authorizing the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Treasurer, Deputy Village Treasurer and Village Manager/Mayor have sole authorization of the accounts therein

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 bidding process for the Village's Highway, Sanitation, Sewer & Water Departments annual bid items for fiscal year ending July 2020; bid opening date to be set for Thursday, May 9th, 2019 at 2:00pm for the Highway & Sanitation Department and Thursday, June 23rd, 2019 at 2:00pm for the Water & Sewer Department

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 Budget Transfers & Amendments for Fiscal Year Ending July 31, 2019

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

Resolution authorizing payment to the Sullivan County Board of Elections in the amount of \$1,016.00 from app#A.1450.411 for the 2019 Village Election. Account balance is \$2,075.00

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

Trustee Rue commented that the Village needs to look at moving our elections to November will all of the other elections, this way we wouldn't incur any expenses, everything would be paid for by the County, just like to Town. We really need to take a look into that for our next election, it would extend our terms a couple of months, but it will save the Village money.

Mayor Sommers commented that it is something that the Village could take a look at.

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

Resolution setting the Village's Annual Spring Litter Pluck for April 27th – April 28st, 2019 from 9am – 12pm meeting at the Ted Stroebele Center.

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

Resolution authorizing the Village to enter into a Property Tax Agreement with the Sullivan County Land Bank Corp concerning tax parcel #112.-1-2 aka 45 High Street and waiving re-levied water/sewer/sanitation charges, taxes, penalties and interest on said parcel

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 Badger Meter (sole source provider) in the amount of \$1,305.63 for an Orion Cellular Lte Service Unit for the Water Department from app#F.8320.459. Account balance is \$37,073.49

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

Trustee Rue asked what this is.

Chuck Brodowsky the Water Superintendent was present and stated that this is the cellular reader that transmits the information from the meters in everyone's homes to the Village's system. It's a monthly reading and it will be billed monthly.

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Fusco Engineering & Land Surveying, PC in the amount of \$2,362.50 for Building Department Services from app#A.3620.102. Account balance is \$3,725.00

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

Mayor Sommers-yea

Trustee Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-abstain, there is no budget for these expenses

Trustee Massey-yea

Trustee Sabatino-yea

Resolution authorizing payment to Glenn Smith for work completed on the 103 Jefferson Street Demolition in the amount of \$1,024.00 from app#A.1440.414. Account balance is \$6,739.46

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 Barton & Loguidice for project#115.012-Jefferson Street Gateway Improvement in the amount of \$1,934.70 from app#H.5020.300

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 setting a Public Hearing date for Local Law#2 of 2019 to amend Chapter 226 of the Village Code entitled, "Taxation"

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados setting the date for Wednesday, 4/17/19 at 6:00pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,310,330.44

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

Mayor Sommers-yea

Trustee Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-abstain, there was no time to review the bill pay and some of the items being paid are not budgeted for.

Trustee Massey-yea

Trustee Sabatino-yea

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados to into Executive Session at 7:40pm to discuss the following:

Litigation

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

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Mayor Rue to come out of Executive Session at 8:05. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino to close the meeting at 8:05pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk