

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, February 19th, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Sommers opened the meeting at 6:04pm.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Sommers-Present

Trustee Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Massey-Absent

Trustee Sabatino-Absent

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-on:

1. Resolution authorizing payment to Glenn Smith from app#A.1440.414 (Engineer-Professional Services) in the amount of \$1,264.25 for work completed on the Cold Spring Sewer District. Account balance is \$8,603.15 after expense

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

Mayor Sommers-yea

Trustee Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Massey-absent

Trustee Sabatino-absent

Approval of minutes from the January 24th & February 5th, 2020 Village Board Meetings

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

Mayor Sommers-yea

Trustee Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Massey-absent

Trustee Sabatino-absent

Manager's Report

Mayor Sommers spoke regarding the proposal from Satellite Biz regarding the use of payments via credit/debit cards in the Village of Monticello. He stated that he has spoken with John Dresch from

the company who is willing to come and do a presentation to the Board, they will only charge a 3.25 percent fee which is the responsibility of the person paying the bill. He stated that the majority of all the other municipalities uses this company and is please with their service.

BJ Gettel from the building department spoke and stated that they currently use the program in the Town of Bethel and it is extremely easy to utilize and those paying the bill find it very efficient and she highly recommends it for the Village.

Trustee Nikolados stated that he agrees that the Village needs to come into the 21st century and we are probably one of the few municipalities without this capability, so something needs to be done. My issue is that we are not able to accept American Express due to the many benefits that taxpayers. He also stated that the more options available for taxpayers to pay through more credit cards including American Express would be better. Many people utilize American Express because of the great benefits and we should allow that option.

Trustee Rue commented that she agrees on having options available, but the fee's that will be incurred by the tax payer will be greater due to American Express than the other credit card options and not many people have or use that card. We've been through this already a few years ago and we were not able to find any reasonable rates for American Express and then we didn't do anything else with it. Now we have another opportunity and we can't keep letting it pass because of this issue of this one card.

Mayor Sommers stated that he agrees, the Village is one of the only municipalities that do not use credit card for collection and I know that we are missing out on so many payments because of that. Anyone that utilizes this form of payment anywhere else understands that they bear the expense, but most place offer payment through Mastercard and Visa, which most people have. We do not need to keep waiting on this, this company is offering a minimal rate that the Village will not be responsible for and we get the benefit. To me, it's a win, win for all.

Satellite Biz-Credit & Debit Card Payments

A motion was made by Mayor Sommers with a second by Trustee Rue to accept the proposal from Satellite Biz for Credit & Debit Card Payments for the Village, this is not a binding contract and the 3.25 percent fee will be incurred by the person making the payment. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

- Mayor Sommers-yea
- Trustee Nikolados-yea
- Trustee Rue-yea
- Trustee Massey-absent
- Trustee Sabatino-absent

Resolution authorizing the payment of Village Bills in the amount of \$168,150.41

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-yea
- Trustee Massey-absent

Trustee Sabatino-absent

Resolution authorizing Budget Transfers for Fiscal Year ending July 31st, 2020

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-yea
- Trustee Massey-absent
- Trustee Sabatino-absent

Resolution authorizing an Emergency Purchase of a Smith & Loveless Impeller Seal System for the Shaker Heights Pump Station in the amount of \$1,799.65 from Hydra-Numatic (Sole Source Provider) from app#G.8120.233-Treatment/Disposal for the Sewer Department. Current account balance is \$9,793.48 before purchase

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

- Mayor Sommers-yea
- Trustee Nikolados-yea
- Trustee Rue-yea
- Trustee Massey-absent
- Trustee Sabatino-absent

Resolution authorizing payment to Computer Doctors in the amount of \$1,184.27 for service calls for the Building Department from app#A.3620.403-Code Enforcement Contracts/Software Maintenance. Current account balance is \$0.00 after expense

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-yea
- Trustee Massey-absent
- Trustee Sabatino-absent

Resolution authorizing payment to Lawson in the amount of \$1,729.20 for the purchase of Degreaser for the Wet Well at the Sewer Department in the amount of 55 gallon drums from app#G.8120.421-Sanitary Sewers. Current account balance is \$10,798.20 after purchase

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-yea
- Trustee Massey-absent
- Trustee Sabatino-absent

Resolution authorizing payment to Schmidt's Wholesale in the additional amount of \$1,640.72 for the purchase of the Boiler and Fittings from app#A.1620.421, resolution was previously passed in the January 24th Emergency Meeting in the amount of \$7,500.00, this is the additional amount. Account balance after purchase is \$26.24

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

- Mayor Sommers-yea
- Trustee Nikolados-yea
- Trustee Rue-yea
- Trustee Massey-absent
- Trustee Sabatino-absent

Resolution authorizing the Mayor/Manager to sign a Lease Agreement with Kristt Company for a Kyocera TA-3553ci Color Copier in the amount of \$126.00 a month for a 5-year lease

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

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- Trustee Massey-absent
- Trustee Sabatino-absent

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Rue to go into Executive Session at 6:41pm to discuss the following:

Possible Litigation

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

- Mayor Sommers-yea
- Trustee Nikolados-yea
- Trustee Rue-yea
- Trustee Massey-absent
- Trustee Sabatino-absent

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Rue to come out of Executive Session at 7:04pm. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Sommers-yea
Trustee Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-absent
Trustee Sabatino-absent

Kaufman Tax Issue-62 Park Avenue

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Rue to waive the additional penalties and interest incurred on tax parcel 115.-2-8.1 in the amount of \$2,955.93 for the 2018 and 2019 taxes. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Sommers-yea
Trustee Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-absent
Trustee Sabatino-absent

Markisic Water Bill-21 Spring Street

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados to waive \$283.78 in penalties on a Water, Sewer & Sanitation bill. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Sommers-yea
Trustee Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-absent
Trustee Sabatino-absent

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Nikolados to close the meeting at 7:06pm. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Sommers-yea
Trustee Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-absent
Trustee Sabatino-absent

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk