

Board of Trustees Budget Work Session Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, June 17th, 2020

5:30pm

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Sommers called the Work Session to order at 5:30pm

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Sommers-Present
Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Nikolados-Present
Trustee Sabatino-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Also Present:

Michael Davidoff, Village Special Counsel
Richard S. Baum, Deputy Special Counsel
Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk
BJ Gettel, Building Department
Gary Lasher, Village Treasurer

Executive Order Compliance:

Mayor Sommers acknowledged that we are compliant with all Covid-19 Health Pandemic regulations and Executive orders issued by the Governor of NYS in respect to conducting this Village Board Meeting via Video Conferencing with the Zoom App.

Motion to accept the agenda

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

Village Board Meeting 20/21 Budget Work Session

Mayor Sommers stated that he and the Treasurer, Mr. Lasher, are continuing to work on the 20/21 Village Budget along with the rest of the Board. They have met with all of the Departments and have whittled everything down as much as possible. As of right now, they are working to stay below the tax cap because all of the deadlines have passed to move in that direction, so we cannot go over that. We are looking to be at a 1% tax increase. We are also working at trying to fill a deficit right now and hoping to be able to keep everyone employed, so there will not be any pay increases across the Board. In light of the current Pandemic, the Board passed a resolution a few meetings back allowing for a three installment tax payment with a different penalty schedule to assist the property owners in the Village. He encouraged the Board members to give ideas or ways to try to lessen the deficit and also stay under the 2% tax cap.

Trustee Massey asked where monies can be taken from under the Police Department for the Youth. Isn't there supposed to be some monies allocated in their budget for the Youth and if not how can we make that happen? We need the police and Youth to have positive interactions and I thought that there was lines in their budget set aside for the youth.

Trustee Rue questioned why there was an 8% increase in the budget. She stated that has to be reduced, monies have not been properly moved, money that has already been used is still listed as available, and General Fund money has not been properly moved or allocated. We have already passed the Tax Cap deadline of June 1st, so we are stuck with the 2% increase only.

Trustee Nikolados asked why has there been a decrease in the rent for Mobil Medic of \$7,000.00, there contract needs to be reviewed. He also asked how are we going to spend the \$225,000.00 Grant that was received for the TSC, have the VLT numbers been confirmed and has there been any talks of revenue sharing.

Mayor Sommers stated that none of these monies have been determined yet and the State is trying to figure out they are going to get these monies to give.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Massey to go into Executive Session at 5:58pm at Village Hall with Social Distancing enforced. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Sabatino to come out of Executive Session at 6:40 pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino to close the Work Session at 6:41 pm. Upon the call of the roll, all were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk