

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020

6:15pm

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Mayor Gary Sommers

Moment of Silence

Mayor Sommers called for a moment of silence for George Floyd

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
Richard Manley-Building Department
Rudolph Brodowsky-Water Department

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.

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.

Approval of the minutes from the May 20th, 2020 meeting

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

Manager's Report

Tax Billing

Mayor Sommers made everyone aware that the Village will be going to a three (3) installment tax payment for this upcoming 20/21 fiscal year only due to the current economic condition in the Village and Country as a whole, hopefully, this will ease some of the financial burden on the

tax payers in the Village, a resolution has been written by our Attorney laying everything out in detail.

Municipal Offices Re-Opening

The Village will be re-opening to the Public on Monday, June 15th at 8:30am, everyone entering the building must wear masks or a face covering at all times and there will only be two (2) people allowed in the lobby at one time, social distancing rules will be enforced.

Spring Clean Up

We are also looking to do our Spring Clean Up beginning on June 15th into the following week to give our constituents an opportunity to get their items together, we will follow the same rules as always with curb-side pick-up for our seniors and handicapped. There is also a resolution on the agenda for this.

Building Department Report

Complaints and unpaid fees are up. Of the 236 open complaints, 45 of them can be closed once the fees have either been paid or they are levied.

I am happy to report that we are now accepting credit cards. That is Discover, Master Card, and Visa. I am in the process of training everyone. Please be patient.

There is a new fire safety inspector that has joined the team. He is a retired Fire Inspector from the City of Middletown with lots of experience and we welcome him to the team. His name is Adam McCarey. We look forward to working with him.

The team has started doing fire safety inspections again. Gas Stations are on the list for tomorrow. Once they are completed then we will be doing the re-inspections. In between, rentals will be done. I am still waiting for the Governors' Office for guidance. The vacant rentals we can start to do.

Reminder with the season upon us, any complaints have to be put in writing in order for us to act upon them. That is the law. If you have a problem, call me or make an appointment to see me. I am pretty flexible.

We want everyone to have a safe season.

Resolution authorizing the payment of Village Bills in the amount of \$142,568.05

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

Resolution authorizing the purchase of Manhole Risers from Chemung Supply in the amount of \$2,568.00. Proper appropriation will be determined by the Treasurer

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

Resolution authorizing going out to bid for the Annual Bids for the Water, Sewer, Highway & Sanitation Departments. Bid opening date to be set for Thursday, June 25th, 2020 at 2:00pm and Thursday, July 1st, 2020 at 2:00pm

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

Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an amendment to the memorandum for and on behalf of the Town of Thompson and Village of Monticello for the provision of Sewer Treatment services and to allow for an extension of the Cold Spring Sewer District

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

Resolution in support of the Acquisition and Redevelopment of 498 Broadway aka Broadway Theatre by the Sullivan County Land Bank Corporation

A motion was made by Trustee Nikolados with a second by Trustee Sabatino.

Jill Weyer, Executive Director, Sullivan County Land Bank, was present and stated that she is before the board requesting their support for the redevelopment of 498 Broadway. They know that there are some violations on the property and would like to Village to work with them regarding the fees and other issues that may arise until they can find a secure buyer for the property.

Michael Davidoff, Village Special Counsel, spoke and stated that he is in favor of this acquisition and feels that it is a good thing being that this property has sat vacant for years and is a huge eye-sore on the our major fairway of Broadway. He stated that supporting this acquisition will allow for much needed repairs to be completed to get the building up to par for an interested buyer.

Trustee Nikolados stated that he is also in support of this, it does take time and is not an overnight process, but the land bank is doing a great job with the properties that they have already been given. They have been successful at finding good secure buyers and developers to take over the properties and the Village should be willing to work with them regarding any fees or violations in order to get the property sold and back on the tax roll.

Trustee Rue stated that she was under the impression that this resolution was only asking for support, she wasn't aware that the support entailed the property violations and other things.

Trustee Massey stated that another property doesn't need to come off the tax roll until a secure buyer is found, the Village needs all of the money they can get and constantly pulling properties off the roll and giving them to the Land Bank and then the Land Bank wanting the property violation and or fee's waived is not fair to the Village, we are constantly losing; at least we are getting tax money right now and the Building Department has to fine the current owner for any and all violations which they will be responsible to pay. It's not fair what is happening, we can't keep giving away the Village.

Mayor Sommers and Trustee Sabatino stated that Trustee Massey is right, we are constantly giving the Village away and not getting anything in return and the Village needs all of the finances it could get right now.

Mayor Sommers continued on to say that according to the Building Department there is a \$100.00 violation fee right now and those fees will probably increase as time goes on due to the current state of the building.

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

Mayor Sommers-nay

Trustee Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Massey-nay

Trustee Sabatino-nay

Resolution authorizing the purchase of a High Pressure Pump for the wells from Maltz Sales, Inc. in the amount of \$1,162.00 from app# F.8320.233-Source of Supply-Equipment. Current account balance is \$48,813.00

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

Resolution setting the dates for the Village's Annual Spring Clean-Up from Saturday, June 15th, 2020 through Tuesday, June 23rd, 2020; handicapped and senior curb-side pick-up will begin on Monday, June 22nd, 2020. All persons entering Village Hall will be required to wear a face-mask

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 of the Village of Monticello allowing for the payment of Village Real Property taxes in 3 (three) installments for the 20/21 fiscal year, 1st Installment must be paid by August 31, 2020 and must include a payment of 50% of the tax due without interest plus any re-levied amounts (i.e., water, sewer, sanitation, property maintenance); the second payment of 25% of the total Village Real Estate tax will be due by November 30, 2020 with interest of 3.5%; and the final 25% of the Village Real Estate tax will be due on February 28, 2021 with interest of 3.5%

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

RFP Garbage Compactors

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

Public Comments

Mayor Sommers announced that due to the current situation regarding the Personnel Matter in the Village, the Village Clerk was inundated with an overwhelming amount of Public Comments that was received by the deadline of 12:00 noon and we will not have time to acknowledge them, so they will be noted in the minutes of who they were from as follows:

Tiffany Dusche
Kennetha Corley
Jacqueline Forbes
Tracy Meddaugh
Andrew Lopez
Janacia James
Michael Coney
Jessica Morgan
Luis Rivera
Kenisha Haynes
Liza Macentee
Crissy Staten
McKenzie Greene
Carlos Lozado
Matthew Sze
Ninira S.
Dee Murdock
Dayna Halprin
Bryan Warren
Heather Rasmussen
Donald Gardeski
Lisa Caloro
Cindy Linden
Janine Grim
Jessica & Robert Baker
Kindra Larry

Jesse Conklin
Willis Martinez
Patrice Tanner
Ashley Holloway
Marisa Zable
Rebecca Matthews
Kieana Stuehmer
Sarah Accarino
Sylvia Hummel
Elijah Maldonado
Rebekah Creshkoff
Jessica Roda
Chad Washington
Kevin Ramirez
Sienna Tate
Dania LaScola
C Zeer
Akiba Moishi
Zack Howard
Barbra Bivins
Doug Brown
Valerie Goetz
Shane Baer
Daniella Solorzano
Dalton Maxwell

There was also a comment received from Honorah Wohl regarding the Noise Ordinance in the Village of Monticello.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Sabatino to close the meeting at 7:02pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk