

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, October 6th, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by Mayor George Nikolados.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Sabatino-Absent

Trustee Banks-Present

Also Present:

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

Michael Davidoff, Village Special Counsel

Chuck Brodowsky, Water Department

Jay Sherb, Highway Superintendent

Gary Lasher, Village Treasurer

Motion to accept the agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue to accept the agenda with the following two add-ons:

1. Resolution amending the Justice Court application for the JCAP Grant from the September 22nd, 2021 meeting to include the wording not to exceed \$30,000.00

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

Approval of the minutes from the September 22nd, 2021 meeting

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

Public Hearing-Proposed Local Law #6 of 2021 to amend Chapter A290 of the Village Code, entitled, "Schedule of Fees" for the increase in quarterly Water, Sewer & Commercial Sanitation Rates in the Village of Monticello

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to open the Public Hearing at 6:03pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Mayor Nikolados explained that this Public Hearing is to increase the quarterly water & sewer fees and the commercial sanitation fees only and gave to floor to the Water Superintendent & Treasurer for further explanation.

Chuck Brodowsky, the Water Department Superintendent, stated that the Village is losing a lot of

money and the rates definitely need to be increased. Water and Sewer rates have not been changed in more than 5 years and with all of the new improvements to the sewer department and now the improvements that going to happen with the Water Department, the Village is not even breaking even.

Village Treasurer, Gary Lasher, stated that in regards to the Commercial Sanitation, we are not even recouping half of what we should, were not even making enough to cover the tipping fees at the Landfield. Before we weren't charged for recycling, but now we are being charged for it, along with the fuel, man power and everything else, we are losing. Water and Sewer Rates will have to be doubled and the Commercial Sanitation will increase by \$200.00 and change. So, the new water rate will go from \$52.25 to \$100.69, sewer will go from \$43.11 to \$84.58, commercial sanitation rates will be as follows: 1x per week-\$585.00, 2x-\$885.00, 3x-\$1,285.00, 5x-\$1,515.00, 6x-\$1,715 and for additional containers: \$495.00, \$595.00, \$695.00 & \$795.00.

The floor was opened to the Public three (3) times and the following people spoke:

Gordon Jenkins-against, water & sewer rates are high enough, no one knew about Public Hearing

Dr. Vanessa Dumas- Village as a whole needs to change, huge drug problem

Trustee Rue-against, everything keeps going up, no prior discussion with the Board regarding the water and sewer rates, only a brief discussion about sanitation

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue to close the Public Hearing at 6:17pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution adopting Local Law #6 of 2021 amending Chapter A290 of the Village Code, entitled, "Schedule of Fees" for the increase in quarterly Water, Sewer & Commercial Sanitation Rates in the Village of Monticello

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-abstain

Trustee Massey-nay

Trustee Sabatino-absent

Trustee Banks-yea

Mr. Lasher stated, Mayor if I may interject, we mentioned the commercial sanitation, but everyone that spoke from the Public and Board only focused on water & sewer rates. I think we need to re-open the Public Hearing and have a fair discussion regarding the commercial sanitation.

Village Attorney, Michael Davidoff, agreed.

Public Hearing Re-Opened

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Massey to re-open the Public Hearing at 6:23pm to discuss the Commercial Sanitation only. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

Mayor Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-nay

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

Mr. Lasher stated that I have already stated what the new numbers will be and I just want everyone here to know that these number aren't made up or just fell from the sky, but this is something that has been worked on for over a year by BJ, Jay, Chuck, Rochelle, George and myself, along with the Sanitation workers, taking notes, keeping counts, running numbers. Jay took it upon himself to speak to other municipalities and even call private companies that haul sanitation to see what they offer and what they charge and found out that we are pretty much on target with the residential sanitation, but the other rates, especially the commercial sanitation is where we are too low and losing the most.

The floor was opened to the Public three (3) times and the following people spoke:

Isaac Loeffler-against, unreasonable, hurting business owners
Jay Sherb, DPW Superintendent-must be done, we are losing out greatly especially with the commercial sanitation
Dr. Vanessa Dumas-moved back to make a change in the community
Trustee Banks-for it, these rates haven't been increased in a long time and with new business' opening, we should be able to recoup a lot more
Michael Davidoff-stated that from his understanding, as Mr. Lasher stated, these numbers were studied for a whole year, so it's nothing that just came up tonight

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Massey to close the Public Hearing at 6:40pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution adopting Local Law #6 of 2021 amending Chapter A290 of the Village Code, entitled, "Schedule of Fees" for the increase in Commercial Sanitation Rates Only in the Village of Monticello

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-nay
Trustee Massey-yea
Trustee Sabatino-absent
Trustee Banks-yea

Mayor/Manager Report

Mayor Nikolados stated that he is happy to report that a house is going up by the Land Bank on Park Avenue. So that's a property that will be back on the tax rolls soon.

Building Department Report

	09-2021	09-2020	09-2019	Difference
Permits Issued	12	21	31	-43%
Income	\$1,220.00	\$7,375.00	\$4,825.00	-83%
Valuation of	\$33,000.00	\$148,000.00		-78%

Construction

Certificate of Occupancy or Compliance	2	1	0	100%
Open Permits	165	126	28	31%
Unpaid	\$2,090.00	\$2,987.00	\$0.00	

Complaints Issued	62	43	33	44%
Violations Pd	\$1,528.03	\$2,609.50	\$2,950.00	-41%
Municipal Search Pd	\$2,550.00	\$1,720.00	\$1,040.00	48%
Total Income Complaints	\$4,078.03	\$4,329.50	\$3,990.00	-6%

Muni Search	22	17	9	29%
Unpaid	\$27,332.82	\$9,508.78		187%
Open complaints	454	287		58%
Closed Complaints	23	38		-39%

Fire Safety Inspections

Completed	19	61	17	-69%
Income	\$387.50	\$21,553.75	\$3,070.00	-98%
Unpaid	\$4,090.14	\$3,780.00		8%
Total Income	\$5,685.53	\$33,258.25	\$11,885.00	-83%
Total Unpaid	\$33,512.96	\$16,275.78		106%

Resolution authorizing the payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$370,406.88

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

Resolution amending the September 22nd, 2021 bill pay from \$315,679.35 to \$499,397.08

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

Resolution setting a Public Hearing date for Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 at 6:00pm for Proposed Local Law#7 of 2021 to amend Chapter 252-Vehicles and Traffic, section 18 of the Village Code, entitled, "All-Night Parking" and to amend section 19 of Chapter 252, entitled, "Parking Prohibited at All Times in Certain Locations"

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

Resolution setting a Public Hearing date for Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 at 6:00pm for Proposed Local Law #8 of 2021 to amend Chapter 216, Article 1-Storage and Collection Regulations, section 4 entitled, "Rubbish", Deleting the old language and adding new language

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Sullivan Overhead Doors in the amount of \$6,750.00 for the purchase of a Motorized Thermaseal Garage Door for one of the bay doors in the Old Firehouse from app#A.1620.421 (Buildings & Ground-Maintenance/Repairs). Current account balance is \$6,704.66

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

Resolution setting the date of Saturday, October 16th- Saturday, October 23rd, 2021 for the Village's Annual Fall Cleanup. Handicapped and senior pick-ups will begin on Monday, October 18th curbside only and will end Friday, October 22nd at 12:00 noon

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

Resolution authorizing the Cyber Security Insurance Proposal from Westwood Insurance Group in the amount of \$8,238.41 annually and authorizing the Mayor to sign the attached agreement

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Schmidt's Wholesale, Inc in the amount of \$1,115.40 for Manhole Risers for the 2021 Paving Season for the Sewer Department from app#G.8120.421 (Sanitary Sewers-Repairs/Maintenance). Current account balance is \$26,664.87

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Kristt Kelly Office Systems in the amount of \$1,199.00 for the annual service agreements for the Village Copiers in the Building Department, Clerk's Office & Treasurer's Office from app#A.1670.403(Shared Services-Equipment Maintenance Contracts). Current account balance is 5,412.00

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Montague Tool & Supply in the amount of \$1,078.93 for the purchase of a Chop Saw for the Highway Department from app#A.1640.206 (Central Garage-Tools). Account balance after purchase is \$4,921.07

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

Resolution authorizing the purchase of a CAM Superline 7 x 20 Angle Frame Equipment Trailer from Trailer Superstore.com in the amount of \$8,699.00 for the Water & Sewer Department from

app#F.8320.233 (Source of Supply-Equipment) & app#G.8120.233 (Sanitary Sewers-Equipment Purchase). Account balances are \$80,000.00 & \$111,091.80 respectively

Tabled

Add-Ons:

Resolution amending the Justice Court application for the JCAP Grant from the September 22nd, 2021 meeting to include the wording not to exceed \$30,000.00

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

Resolution setting a Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #9 of 2021, to amend Chapter A290, entitled, "Schedule of Fee's" to increase the Water & Sewer Rates in the Village of Monticello on Wednesday, October 20th, 2021 at 6:00pm

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

Executive Session-Personnel Matter

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue to go into Executive Session at 7:29pm for the following:

Personnel

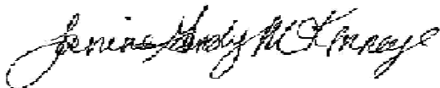
Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to come out of Executive Session at 8:20pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Massey to close the meeting at 8:20pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk