

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, November 3rd, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm by Mayor George Nikolados.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Sabatino-Present

Trustee Banks-Present at 6:34pm

Also Present:

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

Michael Davidoff, Village Special Counsel

Richard S. Baum, Deputy Special Counsel

Jay Sherb, Highway Superintendent

Gary Lasher, Village Treasurer

Chuck Brodowsky, Water Superintendent

Motion to accept the agenda

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

1. Resolution authorizing payment to Affordable Tree Care in the amount of \$3,000.00 for the Emergency Removal of 8 Trees from app#A.1620.421
2. Resolution authorizing payment to the Village Clerk for the 2022 Village Election that will be handled in house at time and a half of her regular salary

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

Approval of the minutes from the October 20th, 2021 meeting

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

Presentation & Discussion-Kristen Motel-Cannabis Law

Attorney, Kristen Motel was present from Cutty & Fader and gave a presentation in regards to the new Cannabis Laws, the Villages options and the Village responsibility in regards what they can and cannot regulate. She advised the Board to hold a Public Hearing as soon as possible to make the Public aware of the Village options to either participate or not and their responsibilities regarding what regulations can be made and what cannot be regulated.

Cannabis Law Options Public Hearing

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Sabatino to set a Public Hearing date for Wednesday, December 8th, 2021 at 6:00pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Discussion-Transfer of Sureway Taxi Medallions

Christina Bruno from We Care Travels was present and stated that she is looking to buy Sureway Taxi's medallion as Mr. Putter is closing down his business. She currently has a business in Loch Sheldrake and will be willing to rent a parking lot or space from someone if need be to have her cars in the Village. She stated that she completed the application which everyone should have and the only thing missing is the car information, which she cannot complete until the deal is finalized. She said that she also has cars in Liberty and is hoping to obtain his business there also.

The Mayor made her aware that the Board has to look into things and will hope to have an answer for her at the next meeting on the 8th of December.

Discussion-Comolo LLC-Annexation Petition

Jay Zeiger and Joel Kohn was present and stated that they are here on behalf of the owner. He wishes to annex into the Village, he has four parcels that are landlocked and are buildable, but they are outside of the Village line and located in the Town of Thompson. He is aware that he would need the Village's water and sewer, so he is willing and ready to annex the property. They already presented this to the Town Board and are waiting on a decision from them. But felt the need to come present to the Village Board in the meantime to get their input.

Mr. Davidoff made the applicant aware that when the Town is ready, a joint public hearing would need to be held and that would have to be set up in advance.

Mayor Nikolados stated that the Village would be in favor of the annexation as it would add to or tax base and water and sewer.

Mr. Zeiger thanked the Village and stated that he will meet with the Town again and hopefully they can get things moving forward.

Mayor/Manager Report

Mayor Nikolados thanked the Highway Superintendent and his crew for the pipe job that they completed on Gipson Street. He stated that by the work being done in-house, it saved the Village a lot of money and it was done right and complete. No that our guys were able to do this, we can save money on things like this if it ever comes up again and do it in-house.

Building Department Report

No Report

Resolution authorizing the payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$118,587.71

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Montague Tool & Supply Co for a Little Wonder 29KP Leaf Loader in the amount of \$7,011.00 from app#CL#8160.423 (Sanitation-Truck Repairs). Current account balance is \$57,947.50

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

Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2021 Pequea-TR102088S Trailer in the amount of \$10,000.00 from Marshall Machinery-Honesdale. \$8,910.72 will be paid by the surplus check received and the balance of \$1,089.28 will be split between the Water and Sewer Department in the amount of \$544.64 each from app#F.8340.459 & G.8120.421 respectively

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue.

Trustee Massey asked what is the trailer for.

The Water Superintendent, Chuck Brodowsky, stated that it is for them to store and transport equipment for the Water Department, they have nowhere to store things right now and no way of transporting equipment.

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

Resolution authorizing the Village Mayor to sign a Deed to transfer property to Gloria Cahalan and merge the parcel with the parent parcel

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

Mr. Davidoff made everyone aware that this is a piece of property that has gone into the auction several times and no one buys it because it is too small to build or do anything on it, so the current owner of the adjacent lot at 88 Lloyd Lane asked if she could merge the lot with the parent lot and the Village agreed. Ms. Cahalan has agreed to pay all open and back taxes on this lot.

Mayor Nikolados stated that this is a win-win for the Village, we will finally be getting rid of this piece of property and it is taxable. Although she is not purchasing the property from us, she will be paying any and all open taxes for the parcel and paying taxes going forward.

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

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

Resolution authorizes the settlement of the small claim action by payment to William Mulvey in the sum of \$3,000.00 in full satisfaction of his claims and any possible supplement claims

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Sabatino-yea
Trustee Banks-yea

Resolution setting one meeting date per month for the winter months for the Village Board, Special and/or Emergency Meetings will be called as necessary. The dates of these meetings will be Wednesday, December 8th, 2021, Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 and Wednesday, February 9th, 2022

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

Trustee Banks stated that he is not in favor of this resolution. The Village has a lot of business to handle and needs to be meeting as much as possible. Meeting once a month until March is not a good idea. He stated that he understands that there will be Special and Emergency meetings called as necessary, but we should still continue the regular meetings twice a month.

Trustee Rue stated that this has been done since 2008 when she got on the Board and the Village still ran and business was still conducted, that the allowance for the Emergency & Special meetings. We have always done this.

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

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

Resolution authorizing the Village Clerk to Publish the Notice Designating the office(s) to be filled and the terms thereof before November 15th, 2021 in the local newspaper for the March 15th, 2022 Village Election in accordance with the NYS Election Law §15-104(3)(a)

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 Village Clerk to divide the Village into five (5) Election Districts in accordance with the NYS Election Law §15-110(5) for the March 15th, 2022 Village Election. All districts will vote at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center and the polls will be open from 12pm-9pm

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Add-Ons:

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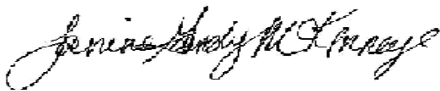
Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Sabatino with a second by Trustee Banks to close the meeting at 7:33pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk