

Board of Trustees Re-Organization Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, April 6th, 2022

6:00 pm

Call Meeting to Order

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

Pledge to the Flag

Swearing in of Re-Elected & Newly Elected Officials as Village Trustees:

Re-Elected Trustee Rochelle Massey was sworn in by the Village Clerk, Janine Gandy-McKinney
Newly Elected Trustee Gordon Jenkins was also sworn in by the Village Clerk, Janine Gandy-McKinney

Roll Call

Mayor Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Banks-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Jenkins-Present

Motion to accept the agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Banks and a second by Trustee Rue with the following add-on:

1. Resolution authorizing the Village Mayor to sign the Ambulance Service Agreement with Mobilmedic EMS

Upon the call of the role, all were in favor.

Public Hearing-Proposed Local Law #1 of 2022- To adopt a Local Law to Change the Zoning of Property Located on the North Side of Starr Avenue and on the East Side of Fraser Avenue from R1 to RM

A motion was made by Trustee Banks and a second by Trustee Massey to Table this Public Hearing until Wednesday, May 18th, 2022. Upon the call of the role, all were in favor.

Motion to go Out of Order

A motion was made by Trustee Massey and a second by Trustee Rue to go Out of Order. Upon the call of the role, all were in favor.

Trustee Massey stated that after an interview process with five other candidates, she make this resolution appointing the best candidate she feels out of the five candidates and with the most experience in business and his history with growing up in the Village and living here his entire life:

Resolution Appointing James Snowden as Village Manager with a salary of \$85,000.00

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

Trustee Banks stated that he feels that this was not done correctly. The entire Board should have been involved in this process and that the entire Board should have been part of the interview process. Why wasn't the Mayor, nor me part of the interviews? When and where

were they held? I have no issue with Mr. Sowden, he is a good person and I feel that he can handle the job, but this position should have been properly advertised and the interview process should have taken place properly. You all constantly speak about things not being done correctly or illegally and then you all go and do this. It's wrong and needs to be done correctly. This should be tabled for now and all the other candidates should be properly interviewed by the whole Board and if Mr. Snowden is the best out of the five, then so be it; but I do not agree with it being done this way.

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

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

Motion to go Back in Order

A motion was made by Trustee Rue and a second by Trustee Massey to go Back in Order. Upon the call of the role, all were in favor.

Approval of minutes from the March 16th, 2022 meeting

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

- Mayor Nikolados-yea
- Trustee Rue-yea
- Trustee Banks-yea
- Trustee Massey-yea
- Trustee Jenkins-abstain

Mayor Appointments

w/Board Approval-Two (2) Year Appointment

Village Clerk	Term Expiration
Janine Gandy-McKinney	April 2024

Treasurer	<i>(Hold-over)</i>	Term Expiration
Gary Lasher		April 2020

w/Board Approval-One (1) Year Appointment

Village Attorney	<i>(Hold-over)</i>	Term Expiration
Drew, Davidoff & Edwards		April 2020

Deputy Village Attorney	<i>(Hold-over)</i>	Term Expiration
Richard S. Baum		April 2020

One (1) Year Appointment

Deputy Mayor

Michael Banks

Term Expiration

April 2023

Manager

All Manager Appointments were put on hold

w/Board Approval-Five (5) Year Appointment

Planning Board Members

Jeffrey Sternberg (Hold-Over)

Term Expiration

April 2015

w/o Board Approval-Five (5) Year Appointment

Monticello Housing Authority

Myrtle McKinney-Allen (Hold-Over)

T'shara D'Das (Hold-Over)

Julian Dawson (Hold-Over)

Term Expiration

May 2018

May 2018

May 2018

Five (5) Year Term

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Howard Pearlman (Hold-Over)

Steven Melendez

Term Expiration

May 2018

April 2022

One (1) Year Term

Village Engineer-Glenn Smith

Village Auditors-Cooper, Arias & Nieman

Official Newspaper-Sullivan County Democrat

Police Surgeons- Drs. Shazaad & Garfinkel

Health Officer-Dr. Garfinkel

Police Chaplains-Rabbi Chanowitz, & Pastor Ramero

Official Banks-JP Morgan Chase Bank, Key Bank, Catskill Hudson Bank of Sullivan County, Wayne Bank, Jeff Bank & TD Bank

Police Veterinarian-Dr. Scott Quick

Term Expiration

April 2020

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Resolution authorizing the payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$477,555.92

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Banks-yea

Trustee Massey-nay

Trustee Jenkins-nay

Resolution setting the date, time and place of the regular Village Board Meetings for the 1st & 3rd

Wednesdays of each month at 6:00pm in person at Village Hall

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

Resolution regarding the Procurement of all Goods and Services by the Departments of the Village of Monticello

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

- Mayor Nikolados-yea
- Trustee Rue-yea
- Trustee Banks-yea
- Trustee Massey-yea
- Trustee Jenkins-abstain

Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to allow employees to attend Seminars and Conferences which will benefit or further the interest of the Village not to exceed \$1,500.00

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

Resolution authorizing payment in advance of audit claims for Public Utilities, Fuel, Postage, ADP for Payroll related services, Town of Thompson bills, the Sullivan County Treasurer for Tipping Fee's only, and the Medicare Reimbursements Checks not to exceed \$30,000.00

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

- Mayor Nikolados-yea
- Trustee Rue-yea
- Trustee Banks-yea
- Trustee Massey-yea
- Trustee Jenkins-abstain

Resolution directing the Annual Audit of the Village Justice Court Records by the Village Independent Auditors by a bid process

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

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

Resolution adopting Investment Policy for the Village of Monticello

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

Resolution designating the TD Bank as the depository for the Justice Court and authorizing the Village Justice and acting Village Justice to have sole authorization of the accounts therein

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

- Mayor Nikolados-yea
- Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Banks-yea
Trustee Massey-nay
Trustee Jenkins-nay

Resolution designating the JP Morgan Chase Bank, Catskill Hudson Bank of Sullivan County, Wayne Bank, Jeff Bank & TD Bank as the depositories for the Village and authorizing the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Treasurer, Deputy Village Treasurer and Village Manager have sole authorization of the accounts therein

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

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

Resolution authorizing the bidding process for the Village's Highway, Sanitation, Sewer & Water Departments annual bid items for fiscal year ending July 2023; bid opening date to be set for Thursday, May 12th, 2022 at 2:00pm for the Highway & Sanitation Department and Thursday, May 26th, 2022 at 2:00pm for the Water & Sewer Department

A motion was made by Trustee Rue and a second by Trustee Massey to Table. Upon the call of the role, all were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the Village's Annual Spring Litter Pluck for Saturday & Sunday, April 23rd & 24th, 2022 from 9am-2pm

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

Resolution authorizing the Emergency Purchase of Sewer Computer Software from Kaman Automation (sole source provider) in the amount of \$1,058.40 from App#G.8130.421(Treatment/Disposal-Repair/Maintenance)

A motion was made by Trustee Massey and a second by Trustee Jenkins to Table. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Sullivan County Labs (sole source provider) for Water Testing for the Water Department in the amount of \$5,518.00 from app#F.8320.482(Source of Supply – Testing). Current account balance is \$7,101.00

A motion was made by Trustee Massey and a second by Trustee Jenkins to Table. Upon the call of the role, all were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the purchase of furniture, office & security equipment in the amount of \$7,358.95 from the JCAP Grant for the Justice Court

A motion was made by Trustee Massey and a second by Trustee Jenkins to Table. Upon the call of the roll, the vote went as follows:

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

Resolution authorizing the purchase of Culvert Piper to repair West Broadway & Moon Manor in the amount of \$15,456.00(state bid) from the CHIPS monies from Town & County Bridge & Rail

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a question and a second by Trustee Jenkins to Table.

Trustee Rue asked what this was.

Mayor Nikolados responded that this work was completed by the Highway Department. We bought all of the necessary equipment and we were able to do the work instead of bidding it out and renting the equipment. We saved thousands of dollars by doing the work in house.

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

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

Resolution authorizing payment to CEJJ, Inc in the amount \$1,592.48 for repair parts for Sanitation Truck#10 from app#CL#8160.421(Sanitation-Repairs & Maintenance). Current account balance is \$4,866.31

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

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Chemung Supply Corp-Evolution Edges in the amount of \$1,225.00 from app#A.1640.421 (Central Garage-Repair/Maintenance) for a Spreader Chain for Truck #7. Current account balance is \$20,973.84

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea
Trustee Rue-yea
Trustee Banks-yea

Trustee Massey-yea

Trustee Jenkins-nay

Resolution setting the dates for the Village of Monticello Annual Spring Cleanup from Saturday, April 30th - May 7th, 2022 from 8am-2pm M-F and 8am-12pm Sat, Senior and Handicapped curbside pick-up will be begin on Monday, May 2nd, 2022

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

Resolution authorizing the Correction of Errors by the Village Clerk regarding the 2021 Village Tax Roll for the Assessed Valuation in regards to the property exemptions for all of the properties currently owned by the Sullivan County Land Bank

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Banks-yea

Trustee Massey-nay

Trustee Jenkins-nay

Resolution agreeing to the assessment reduction from \$268,700.00 to \$158,400.00 for 214 State Route 17B aka SBL#102.-2-1 and authorizing payment in the amount of \$4,130.37 to 214 State Route 17B, LLC from app#A.0250 for their 2019 & 2020 taxes

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Banks-yea

Trustee Massey-nay

Trustee Jenkins-nay

Resolution authorizing payment to Peak Power Systems (sole source provider) in the amount of \$2,566.68 from app#G.8120.421 (Sanitary Sewers-Repairs/Maintenance) for the Emergency Repair of the Crystal Street Pump Station. Current account balance is \$8,168.07

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Banks-yea

Trustee Massey-yea

Trustee Jenkins-nay

Add-On:

Resolution authorizing the Village Mayor to sign the Ambulance Service Agreement with Mobilmedic EMS

A motion was made by Trustee Banks and a second by Trustee Rue. Upon the call of the roll, the vote

went as follows:

Mayor Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Banks-yea

Trustee Massey-yea

Trustee Jenkins-abstain

Resolution authorizing the Village of Monticello to partner with the NAACP for the Juneteenth Event on, Saturday, June 18th, 2022

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

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue to go into Executive Session at 7:06pm to discuss 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 Mayor Nikolados to come out of Executive Session at 7:50pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Mayor Nikolados to close the meeting at 7:51pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk