

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, June 1st, 2022

6:00 pm

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mayor George Nikolaos.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Nikolados-Present

Trustee Rue-Present

Trustee Banks-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Jenkins-Present

Also Present:

Michael Sussman- Village Special Counsel

Richard S. Baum-Deputy Village Special Counsel

Motion to accept the agenda

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

Approval of Minutes from the May 18th, 2022 Regular Meeting

Tabled

Mayor Report

There was no report

Discussion-Rental Properties-Contact Numbers in Case of Emergency

Trustee Massey stated that as it stands right now, we do not have records of local people for rental units that are in charge in case there is an emergency with the property. We need to have someone on file that we can get in touch with.

Trustee Banks stated that each rental property owner should designate someone that lives on the property or have someone available within a 15 to 30 minute response time to handle any and all emergencies.

Mr. Sussman stated that according to the Village Code, this is already written on the books, it's a matter of enforcement.

Trustee Banks stated that maybe changes need to be made to the initial rental application so that the owner has someone designated. If they don't they shouldn't be issued a permit or the permit should be deemed incomplete until all the information is present.

Discussion-Enforcement of the Noise Ordinance

Trustee Massey stated that this continues to be a problem and no one is doing anything about it. A law was put on the books and then amended and it is still not being enforced.

Mr. Sussman interjected that again, a law is on the books, but there is a lack of clarity, there is no decibel amount stated or any type of parameters for enforcement, which makes it almost impossible for anyone to enforce, so the current law on the books needs to be amended and then enforced. He stated that he will look more into it and the Board and Police Chief will have to sit down and come up with a proper decibel number and other small changes that will make the law more stringent to include fines and so on.

Discussion-Enforcement on Keeping Construction Sites Clean

Trustee Massey stated that his is another item that is not being enforced, but is on the books or probably needs to be changed.

Mr. Sussman stated that again, another law is on the books, but needs enforcement.

Discussion-Making Fireworks Illegal for 2022

Trustee Massey stated that this needs to be a Local Law. She stated that it is terrible the way that people are just doing whatever they choose and the Village should be able to do something about it.

Mr. Sussman stated that he has to look more into it, but he believes that state law allows fireworks, but the Village may be able to put a time limit on it in accordance with the noise ordinance, but the Village cannot disallow fireworks completely.

Discussion-Removal of Penalties and Sewer charges on the water bills for 11 Smith St & 33 Edward Avenue

Trustee Banks recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

Mayor Nikolados stated that this is something that needs to be discussed with the Account Clerk that does the water/utility billing and she is not present, so this will have to be addressed during the Village business hours.

Discussion-NYS Clean Slate Bill

Trustee Banks stated that he apologizes for the last minute notice, but he just got the information and the state is working on a bill that allows for offenders of crimes committed at a young age to be wiped off their records after a certain amount of years considering that they have been an upstanding citizen since the crime took place and/or their release of said crime. They are only looking for the Village's support, there's not money or anything like that they simply just need a resolution of support to get this bill passed.

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Jenkins in Support of the NYS Clean Slate Bill. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$401,960.06

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Massey. 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 the Water, Sewer & Sanitation amount of \$25.00 and above to be levied on the 2022/2023 tax bills

Tabled

Resolution authorizing the Emergency Repair and Service for the Flush Truck in the amount of \$5,605.95 by TAM Enterprises for the Sewer Department from app#G.8120.233(Sanitary Sewer-Equip Purchase). Current account balance after purchase is \$104,985.85

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

Resolution setting the salary for Lifeguards in the Village of Monticello at \$20.00/hour for the 2022 Summer Season

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

Resolution authorizing the 2022/2023 Highway, Water & Sewer Bids to the lowest bidders for the products as listed in the attached schedule "A"

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

Resolution authorizing the re-bid of various Chemicals that were not bid on for the Water Department. Bid opening date to be set for Thursday, June 23rd, 2022 at 2:00pm

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

Resolution authorizing the appointment of Special Counsel, Michael Sussman, Esq. to represent the Village of Monticello retroactive to May 18th, 2022

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-nay, commented that this is a Mayoral appointment and the appointment that was presented by the Mayor was rejected and no one else should have made the appointment.

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Banks-nay, due to salary increase, Village is looking to cut salaries of employees already working, so how can a new person be hired and make \$500.00 more per month than what was budgeted for, also this is a Mayor's appointment and the Mayor's appointment was rejected.

Trustee Massey-yea

Trustee Jenkins-yea

Resolution authorizing an RFP for the Salt Shed located at 2 Plant Drive to be paid out of the CHIPS monies

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 Police Chief to reach out to other agencies for assistance with the Crime in the Village of Monticello

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

Manager Report

There was no report

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Jenkins to go into Executive Session to discuss the following at 7:37pm:

Personnel & Contracts

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

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue to come out of Executive Session at 8:50pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Jenkins to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk