

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

6:00 pm

**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 Banks-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Jenkins-Present

**Also Present:**

Michael Sussman- Village Special Counsel

Richard S. Baum-Deputy Village Special Counsel

James Snowden-Village Manager

**Motion to accept the agenda**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Massey with the following additions:

1. Resolution authorizing the purchase of concrete blocks for the Salt Shed from Dick's Concrete in the amount of \$7,800.00 from the CHIPS monies
2. Resolution authorizing the purchase a new Pickup Truck bed body for the Sanitation Departments Pickup Truck from Robert Green in the amount of \$1,500.00
3. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Park Mor Cylinder for the Sanitation Department for the spar truck that can't be used without replacing the cylinder from Holtz industries in the amount of \$1,068.00
4. Resolution authorizing the purchase of Catch Basins and Risers in the amount of \$2,970.00 from the CHIPS monies

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

**Approval of minutes from the May 18<sup>th</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup> & June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meetings & the June 22<sup>nd</sup> & June 28<sup>th</sup> Special Meetings for the 22/23 Village Budget**

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

**Mayor Report**

Mayor Nikolados thanked the Monticello Rotary Club along with the Town of Thompson and the Village Highway Department for their assistance with getting the DeHoyos Park Pavilion completed.

**Discussion-Bricks for the Salt Shed**

Mr. Snowden the Village Manager made the Board aware that this discussion item is one of the add-ons, these blocks are needed for the Salt Shed, all of the information is attached and the lowest bidder came in thousands less than the others, so we need to go with him.

**Resolution authorizing the purchase of concrete blocks for the Salt Shed from Dick's Concrete in the amount of \$7,800.00 from the CHIPS monies**

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-nay  
Trustee Jenkins-yea

**Resolution authorizing the payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$264,042.28**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with 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-nay  
Trustee Jenkins-nay

**Resolution accepting the lowest bid for the Electrical work for the DeHoyos Park Pavilion**

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-nay  
Trustee Jenkins-yea

**Resolution awarding the lowest bidders for the re-bid of the Water Department Chemicals**

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 re-adopting Local Law #1 of 2022 changing the Zoning of the right corner of Fraser Avenue and Starr Avenue from R1 to R2**

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

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the vote went as follows:

Mayor Nikolados-abstain

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Banks-nay

Trustee Massey-yea

Trustee Jenkins-yea

**Resolution authorizing the rescinding of the settlement for Justin Dawson in the amount of \$6,000.00 in the May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting**

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

Trustee Banks stated that he feels that we are getting a good deal, even though Officer Dawson should be paid in full. He also stated that for the fact that Officer Dawson protects our Country and risks his life to keep us safe, for that alone, this should be a no brainer. With the legal fees that we are going to end up paying to fight this, we will come out just paying him the six grand and being done with it. This is why we can't keep good employees because we treat them like crap and do whatever we need to make the bad ones happy. This is crazy that this is even a debate. We don't even have a policy or anything in place so how can we deny this, there's nothing to base it on.

Mayor Nikolados stated that he agrees with Trustee Banks, there was word going around that the DA was involved and I spoke with her today and she informed me that she did not speak to anyone or give any advice.

Trustee Jenkins stated that he also served in the armed forces and understands the situation and thanked Officer Dawson, but said that he has to listen to the lawyer and go with the advice they are being given which is not to pay it.

Trustee Rue stated that she wants to make it clear that her vote is based upon the advice of the attorney which is not to pay. I asked Mr. Sussman to sit with the Village Manager and come up with a policy, so that in the future we have something to go by, but at this time, all we can do is go by the Mayor's advice and that is what my vote is based on.

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 Emergency Purchase of Homa Pump for the Sewer Department from Emmons Metro LLC not to exceed \$7,000.00 from App#G.8120.233(Sanitary Sewers-Equipment Purchase). Account balance after purchase is \$98,033.87**

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 purchase of a AC Switch Box for the Police Department & Village Hall in the amount of \$1,980.00 from Power Generator Services, LLC(sole source provider) from app#A.1620.421(Buildings & Grounds-Repair/Maintenance). Current account balance is \$16,028.77**

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 the paving of DeHoyos Park by the Highway Department not to exceed \$8,000.00 from app#A.7020.421 (Recreation-Repairs & Maintenance)**

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

**Resolution authorizing payment to Gorman Bros Inc in the amount of \$4,681.12 for the Fiber Matting of the Village's Part of Crystal Street from app#A.5110.229(CHIPS)**

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 the purchase a new Pickup Truck bed body for the Sanitation Departments Pickup Truck from Robert Green in the amount of \$1,500.00**

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with 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-nay
- Trustee Jenkins-nay

**Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Park Mor Cylinder for the Sanitation Department for the spar truck that can't be used without replacing the cylinder from Holtz industries in the amount of \$1,068.00**

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

- Mayor Nikolados-yea
- Trustee Rue-yea

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

### Resolution authorizing the purchase of Catch Basins and Risers in the amount of \$2,970.00 from the CHIPS monies

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-nay  
Trustee Jenkins-nay

### Manager Report

Mr. Snowden stated that he would like to make the following appointments:

Appointment of Stacey Walker as the Deputy Village Clerk effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Appointment of Bonnie Carnell as the Deputy Village Treasurer effective August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Appointment of Deshawn York to the Monticello Housing Authority to fill one of the holdover positions effective immediately

DeHoyos Park and Dillion Park is almost complete, again we are finishing the electrical work, we are having a hard time getting a hold of NYSEG, but Stacey has been diligent in staying on top of that. As far as Dillion Park is concerned, we are still looking for Lifeguards, I had a lead on two line up, but they declined the job. I've spoken to other municipalities and they are paying more than what we are offering and they still cannot get Lifeguards, so it's not just us.

Also, I spoke with the Attorney and he said that for the rental of the park, renters need to supply a \$1Million dollar insurance policy to cover if something happens, this way the liability is not on us and the individual that rented the park is responsible. I am making you all aware that will be added to our fee schedule and now be on our rental applications for the park.

Also, we need to increase the fees for renting the park and stuff. Everywhere else is getting \$400 and \$500 hundred dollars and all we are getting is \$50. That's not even enough to cover our overhead, if something breaks down, \$50.00 is not even a drop in the bucket. We must look at our fees and look to find a way to cover ourselves. This is another way that we are losing money and not recouping anything.

Concerning the brush pick-up, Jay and I continue to get calls about this brush. It's actually on us, we did not do it right and we did not notify the public first, so we need to either put it on

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our quarterly water bills that brush will be picked up twice a year or something. It's not fair to them and we can't abruptly stop something that we have been doing all along without proper notification. Many of them are elderly and don't even have a way to remove the brush themselves, so we'll keep picking it up for now.

We also need to set a fee for those contactors that dump behind DeHoyos Park. If they are being paid to do the work by the homeowner, then the contractor can afford to pay to dump. All these fees will be paid through a permit give out by the Clerk, it can be a one-time fee for the year or a fee each time they dump, but we have got find a way to get a handle on all of this and start collecting money.

Everyone keeps coming to us because we are not charging for stuff like other municipalities do and we are the only one's losing. All of these "freebees" are part of the reason why we are in the financial shape that we are in, we don't charge for anything. All other municipalities charge whether you are a resident or not, yes less if you are a resident, but they still charge and this way when things get destroyed, there's money to cover it and right now as you all know, we are in a deficit. Any way we can get funds coming into this Village, we need to do it.

### **Executive Session**

There was no Executive Session

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Massey with a second by Trustee Jenkins to adjourn the meeting at 7:04pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



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Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk