

Board of Trustees Budget Work Session Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, June 14th, 2023

6:00 pm

Call Meeting to Order

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

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Nikolados-Present
Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Rue-Present
Trustee Jenkins-Present

Trustee Banks-Present

Also Present:

James Snowden-Village Manager
Antoinette Williams-Village Attorney
Michael Sussman-Special Counsel

Motion to accept the agenda

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

2023/2024 Budget Work Session

The Board worked on the 2023/2024 Tentative Budget.

Discussions included where finances could be decreased. Current “wish lists” given in Tentative Budget is currently at a 56% Tax Increase, which is impossible to do and under the NYS Tax Cap, taxes cannot be raised above 2%.

Expenses such as purchases of trucks, loaders and other large equipment may not be possible to purchase in this budget due to the lack of funds and the current 3+ million deficit that we are already facing in the General Fund. Water and Sewer Funds are okay due to the increase in the water bills last year. The General Fund is the one that is lacking and is in need of repair.

There was also a brief discussion of increases for employees, which as of now, looking at the current budget will be almost impossible to grant. The Village Manager stated that everyone should be given a 2% raise across the Board and then look at bigger increases next year. The Board stated that due to contract negotiations and the back-log of years in the PBA Contract, the Village will possibly not be able to recover, they are hoping to come to a feasible agreement that does not send the Village over the edge.

Mayor Nikolados asked that for the next meeting on the 21st that the Board receive a Payroll Schedule and

Resolution authorizing the Village Manager to sign the Farmer's Market Contract beginning from June 29th, 2023-October 28th, 2023 from 10am-1pm daily

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

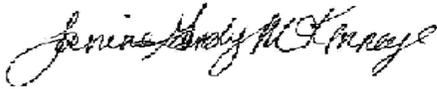
Resolution setting the next Budget Work Session date for Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 at 6:00pm with all of the Department Heads in attendance

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

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to close the meeting at 7:30pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk