

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, June 7th, 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 Rue-Present

Trustee Banks-Present

Trustee Massey-Present

Trustee Jenkins-Present

Also Present:

James Snowden-Village Manager

Antoinette Williams-Village Attorney

Motion to accept the agenda

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

Approval of Minutes from the May 17th, 2023 Meeting

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

Mayors Report

Mayor Nikolados reported that the County of Sullivan will be having a County Collection Event on this Saturday, June 11th, 2023. The flyer will be posted down stairs and you can get copies from the Clerk.

Roy Richards-SEQR for Water Treatment Plant Project

Mayor Nikolados asked that this item be tabled until the next meeting due to Mr. Richardson being up in Canada assisting with the fighting of the forest fires.

Resolution authorizing the payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$135,176.47

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 re-bid of the Village of Monticello Highway and Sanitation annual items. Bid date set for Thursday, June 29th, 2023 at 2:00pm

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 setting a Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #1 of 2023, adding Chapter 131, entitled, "Constabulary" on Wednesday, July 5th, 2023 at 6:00pm

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

Trustee Banks asked for an explanation on this.

Mr. Snowden responded that this was requested by the Village Justice, Judge Solomon. This way it will alleviate having to pay an officer over time for sitting in the Courts. Even if there is a security guard present, you will still need an officer there because a security guard is limited. If we have a constable, they are considered as a peace officer and can carry a gun and also arrest and their salary is set by the Board. They are also not subject to the PBA, they are totally separate and their focus will be the Courts. Chief Mir and I discussed it and he is also in agreement with this. Right now, we do not have this in our Code, so that's why it is before you all because a local law needs to be created.

Chief Mir stated that this would be an asset to the Village because now, the officer that was used in the Courts and was being paid overtime, is now freed from that and will put another officer out on the streets. So, this would be a good thing for the Village.

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Robert Green Auto & Truck, Inc. (emergency purchase) in the amount of \$1,092.00 for the purchase of two (2) Absorbers for PD Car #23 from app#A.1640.421 (Central Garage-Repairs/Maintenance). Current account balance after purchase is \$2,563.05

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

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Trustee Massey-nay

Trustee Jenkins-yea

Resolution authorizing payment to Schmidt's Wholesale, Inc. (emergency purchase) the amount of \$2,516.54 various parts for the Rte 42 Pump Station for the Sewer Plant from app#G.8130.233 (Treatment/Disposal-Equipment Purchase). Current account balance before purchase is \$29,319.74

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 payment to Yoely's Heating & Cooling for the Emergency Repair of the Police Departments AC Unit in the amount of \$2,081.00 from app#A.1620.203 (Building & Grounds-Village Hall). Current account balance after purchase is \$4,802.97

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

Trustee Banks commented that he feels this is a waste of money and he understands the urgency of it, but he feels there is a better and cheaper way by just buying several units and placing them throughout the PD instead of constantly putting money into this 20 year plus unit.

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

Mayor Nikolados-yea

Trustee Rue-yea

Trustee Banks-nay

Trustee Massey-nay

Trustee Jenkins-yea

Resolution authorizing payment to Safety Instruments in the amount of \$1,495.00 for a Single Sensor Gas Detector with backup Battery for the Water Department from app#F.8320.233 (Source of Supply-Equipment). Current account balance before purchase is \$50,315.89

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 payment to Barton & Loguidice in the amount of \$25,118.10 for Profession Services completed for the Water Systems Improvement Project from app#F.8320.484 (Source of Supply-Engineers)

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A motion was made by Mayor Nikolados with a second by Trustee Rue to Table this item until Mr. Richardson, from Barton & Loguidice, is present to give an explanation. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the Repair Estimate for the New Battery for the Generator in the Sewer Department in the amount of \$1,414.80 from Peak Power Systems(sole source provider) from app#G.8130.233 (Treatment/Disposal-Equipment Purchase). Current account balance before expense is \$27,904.94

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 awarding the Water & Sewer Department Bids to the lowest bidders

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

Resolutions setting up Work Session(s) for the Village of Monticello Board of Trustees for the 2023/2024 Village Budget on Wednesday, June 14th, June 21st & June 28th, 2023 at 6:00pm

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 two (2) Public Hearing Dates for the 2023/2024 Village Budget on Wednesday, June 21st & June 28th, 2023 at 6:00pm

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

Managers' Report

Re-Appointment of Judge Glass

Mr. Snowden re-appointed Leo Glass as the Acting Village Justice until March 31st, 2024.

Appointment of Yakov Mandelovics

Mr. Snowden appointed Yakov Mandelovics as a Community Liaison

Splash Pad

The information came in for the Splash Pad. We received a grant and there will be in-kind services that we will have to discuss in Executive Session, They are looking to utilize 75 gallons of water per minute.

Dillon Park Pool

The Pool has been vandalized. We are trying to find a way to resolve the issue that is the least expensive. We are also looking into getting some type of surveillance over there, so that we can stop some of this tearing up of our recreational sites.

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Cat Sanctuary

The Cat Sanctuary is coming along thanks to Mayor Nikolados, Trustee Jenkins and myself. I will be coming to you all in the next few weeks asking that the Board pass a resolution for volunteers.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to go into Executive Session at 7:45pm to discuss the following:

Personnel & Forensic Audit Preliminary Report

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

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to go come out of Executive Session at 9:00 pm

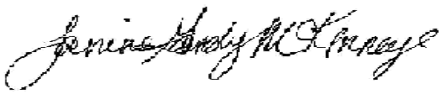
Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

There was a discussion in regards to the findings of the Forensic Audit. Mayor Nikolados made everyone aware that this is the Preliminary Draft, once the official and final one is done, that one will presented to the Public.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Banks with a second by Trustee Rue to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk