

Board of Trustees Meeting Emergency Minutes

Village of Monticello

Friday, January 19th, 2024

2:00 pm

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm by Mayor Nikolados.

Pledge to the Flag

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 with a second by Trustee Rue. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution authorizing the Village Clerk to divide the Village into five (5) Election Districts in accordance with the NYS Election Law §15-110(5) for the upcoming March 19th, 2024 Village Election and designating the Monticello Fire House at 23 Richardson Avenue as the Polling Site for registered voters from 12pm-9pm

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

Trustee Jenkins stated that he completely disagrees with moving the Polling Place for voters to the Monticello Fire House. He stated that the same thing was done when he ran for Mayor and is it disenfranchising the Black vote. He stated that he was just at a meeting with Former Attorney General, Eric Holder, and this same thing was discussed. He stated that this is a shame, because you all know that people will not be able to get to the firehouse because it's all the way across Town and a lot of people walk to vote and this is wrong. We've always had it at the Neighborhood Facility and now because it's three black people running, you move it. You all need to be ashamed of yourselves.

Trustee Banks replied that he take offense to this statement because he himself is a black man and what Trustee Jenkins said is highly offensive. He stated that basically Trustee Jenkins is stating that Black people don't have cars or money for cabs, which is crazy to say about his own race. If people want to vote and their vote to count, they will get to the polls. He stated that he lived in NYC where people walked for miles to vote and stood in lines for hours in all types of weather to vote; this is barely half a mile across town, handicapped accessible and large enough so people do not have to stand outside especially if the weather is nasty. Plus in today's time, no one likes using public bathrooms, let alone sharing it with another sex and it's only one stall. There will be people there working all day and people coming in and out, you expect them to wait on line to use the bathroom also, no, now that's crazy and a huge inconvenience. From the sounds of it, it sounds like you're being racist against the handicapped and your own people and

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you're wrong for that! You are dead wrong for that Gordon and you should be ashamed of yourself!

Mayor Nikolados responded that the Village has always used the Firehouse as a polling location until COVID. He stated that he's voted there since he moved into the area and was became old enough to vote. He also stated that the Fire house, is handicapped accessible where the Neighborhood Facility is not, there is no handicapped parking, it will be in the middle of March and we have no clue what the weather will be and even if it's nice outside, it will still be muddy and unsafe. Also because your former Village Manager ripped the bathrooms out, there is no place for people to use the bathroom and downstairs in the Neighborhood Facility is only one unisex bathroom and it is not handicapped friendly. Also the space is not big enough for all five districts. How are the handicapped, people in wheelchairs and those that use walkers supposed to get to the bathroom? Also the back entrance is not even accessible for the handicapped, so what they don't get to vote now? How is that fair, now that's discrimination. The Firehouse is double almost triple the size of that one available room in the Neighborhood Facility and remember, everyone still has to be six (6) feet apart, and that space cannot accommodate that either. The Firehouse has been used before and with the current state of the Neighborhood Facility, it will be going out to bid any day now, and we will be having to make all of these changes at the last minute, its' better that we do all of this now so we are secure, no matter what happens and everyone can be accommodated.

Trustee Massey said you all are wrong! You're doing this to be spiteful. But go head, y 'all already got the votes, vote it.

Trustee Rue commented, the Neighborhood Facility is completely messed up by the former Village Manager and it's going to be a lot of people there. We used the Firehouse before and I don't see a problem now. George just call the vote!

Trustee Jenkins asked has the Firehouse answered yet.

Mayor Nikolados said yes, and they said yes, we can use their facility.

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

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Resolution authorizing payment in the amount of \$20,000.00 to NYMIR for the Village deductible in the amount of \$10,000.00 each for the following lawsuits, Frank S. Drayton v. Village of Monticello, & Ronald Singer v. Village of Monticello

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

Trustee Jenkins stated that he is not voting for these cases as he was not on the Board and have no clue what happened or why they were settled. He also questioned how much were these cases settled for, I heard one person got \$50,000.00 or more, which is a same. These cases should have gone to trial. That's why the Village is broke now, we just give money away.

Mayor Nikolados stated the amount received by the Plaintiff's is not important, the fact of the matter is that they were settled and the Village never paid their deductible to the insurance company. He also stated that as I recall, there were many more lawsuits during your terms as Mayor Gordon, so these few that have come before us now is minimal compared to prior one's on your watch. But, that's beside the point, the matter at hand is that the Insurance Company needs to be paid their deductible.

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

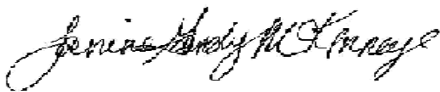
Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Rue with a second by Trustee Banks to close the meeting at 2:17pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk