

# Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

6:00 pm

## **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:09pm by Mayor Massey.

## **Pledge to the Flag**

## **Roll Call**

Mayor Massey-Present

Trustee Jenkins-Present

Trustee Hutchins-Present

Trustee Davis-Present

Trustee Barbarite-Present

## **Also Present:**

Michael Sussman, Special Counsel

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

## **Motion to accept the agenda**

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins to accept the agenda with one (1) add-on. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

## **Approval of minutes for the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Meeting**

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

## **Mayors Comments**

No Report

## **Discussion- Employee Health Insurance**

Mr. Sussman updated the Board that the Union exhausted their 30-day response time frame from the Boards presentation. He stated that he did reach out several times to no avail and just learned a few days ago that they were surveying the workers. The Board has been patient and waited far more than 30 days to give the Unions time to respond. In my legal opinion, the Board can move forward with whatever decision they choose. I know that there are deadlines and requirements that have to be met under the law and you all need to move forward not to jeopardize those timelines. I was actually told that the Union would like to push this off until the next contract, which will be in 2 years, 2026. Meanwhile the Board struggles to keep all of the employees on NYSHIP covered, partially due to the negligence of the prior administration not keeping up on the payments and leaving this new Board with the bad and due to rising cost of NYSHIP.

Just to brief the new Board member, Mr. Barbarite, a few months back the Board entertained the possibility of retaining new health insurance for the current employees that are on NYSHIP due to our budget deficit and the rising cost of NYSHIP. MVP came in with a lesser plan that is equal and/or better, they did a presentation before the Board and the Board had decided to go with them. We had to give the local Collective Bargaining Units a 30-day window to either respond with another plan or reason to reject the Boards desire and here we are month(s) later, past the 30 days and we are just now hearing from the Union. The Board has done their due diligence and this is

where we are now Trustee Barbarite. I know that all new employees must take MVP, that was already negotiated with the unions, but any existing employees are on NYSHIP.

**Discussion-Basketball Program at St. John St. School**

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Davis to Table this item until Executive Session. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

**Resolution authorizing payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$129,739.73**

A motion was made by Trustee Barbarite with a second by Trustee Jenkins to pay the Village bills. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

**Resolution setting a Work Session for the Village Board to discuss the Affordable Housing Proposal on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 4:30pm**

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins.

Special Counsel, Mr. Sussman, made the Board and Public aware that this is a meeting that is open to the Public. I was requested by the Board to write up a proposal to address the homelessness in the Village and I have presented the information to the Board. It is a work in progress and will continue to be worked on. Mayor Hochul has budgeted monies to assist homelessness in the local areas, but it is important to have a plan and these are the first steps that we are taking to get the ball rolling for this area. We must seize this window of opportunity and make a difference in this area. This is a work session the Public can come and hear the discussion and the proposal.

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

**Resolution authorizing Village Engineer to be hired to provide Engineering Services for the new pool**

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins to Table this item until Executive Session. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

**Resolution requesting RFP's for a company to do a survey of DeHoyos Park**

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

**Resolution in Support of the Halloween Parade & Festivities being sponsored by Reach for the Stars-Nonprofit Organization in the back Neighborhood Facility (TSC) parking lot on Saturday, October 26th, 2024 at 3:00pm**

A motion was made by Trustee Jenkins with a second by Trustee Hutchins with a question.

Trustee Hutchins questioned the use of bathrooms.

Mayor Massey responded that the bathrooms are not available and are under construction. Port-O-Potties will need to be rented for this event.

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

**Resolution authorizing a 30-day Advance Notice Waiver for DCG Kitchen and Catering LLC dba Starters, located at 400 Broadway, in the Village of Monticello for their Liquor License application**

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

**Resolution authorizing the Emergency Quote and purchase of a CCW Impeller for station SN 16-4130-W to replace the broken Impeller for the Thompson Pump Station from Hydra-Neumatic Sales Co (sole source provider) to provide in the amount of \$2,076.17 from app#G.8120.421 (Sanitary Sewers-Repairs/Maint). Current account balance before expense is \$28,725.94**

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

**Resolution authorizing the purchase of a SonicWall Firewall Appliance Multi. 370 Series Spec to Customer needs from Dell via Computer Doctors in the amount of \$1,365.20 each for the Police Department from app#A.3120.206 (Police-Computer Equipment), Village Hall from app#A.1670.403 (Shared Services-Equip Maint Contracts) and \$881.00 from the Sewer Department from app#G.8110.234 (Software Update) all from State Bid. Account balances before expenses are \$5,285.65, \$5,637.42 & \$10,000.00 respectively**

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

**Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Dell Business i7/I TB SSD/16GB DDR5/ Wireless KB and Mouse/Windows 11 PRO/MS Office Home and Business/Dell Pro Support Plus 3 Year Warranty in the amount of \$1,547.26 from Dell Computers (sole source) from State Bid via Computer Doctors replace the Village Clerk's current computer from app#A.1410.403 (Clerk Contractual Expense). Account balance before the expense is \$3,000.00**

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a question and a second by Trustee Jenkins.

Trustee Hutchins asked if all the computers in the Village will be updated and can the old one's be refurbished and put in the TSC or somewhere for the Public to use.

The Village Clerk responded yes, I budgeted for mines to be done this fiscal year and our Computer Administrator agreed that mine should be upgraded first because I have the most information on my computer and if something happens to my computer the Village will be lost. In regards to them being refurbished, I am quite sure they can be, Computer Doctors can answer that better than me and I would think it depends on what you want to use them for, basic stuff, I'm quite sure they should be fine.

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

**Add-On:**

**Resolution authorizing daily mileage logs for all Village Vehicles and prohibits the use of Village Vehicles out of the Village Boundaries unless for Village purposes/business**

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

**Executive Session (if necessary)**

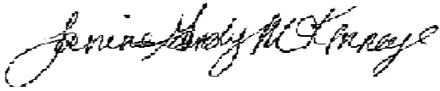
A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Davis to go into Executive Session at 6:51pm for possible litigation. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Davis with a second by Trustee Barbarite to come out of Executive Session at 8:30pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Davis to close the meeting at 8:32pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:



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Janine Gandy-McKinney  
Village Clerk