

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, August 21st, 2024

6:00 pm

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Mayor Massey.

Pledge to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor Massey-Present

Trustee Jenkins-Present

Trustee Hutchins-Present

Trustee Davis-Present

Also Present:

James Snowden, Village Manager

Michael Sussman, Special Counsel

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

Appointing of New Village Trustee

Mayor Massey appointed, John Barbarite as Trustee to fill the vacancy left by her Mayoral win in the March until March of 2025. Mr. Barbarite was sworn in by the Village Clerk.

Motion to accept the agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Davis to accept the agenda with the following add-on:

1. Resolution authorizing the Village Special Counsel to appeal the PERB decision regarding a Village employee

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

Approval of Minutes for the August 7th, 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

On a high note this week, let me say that most of the building and land owners have complied with requests towards maintaining their properties. Their efforts towards the upkeep of this community should be commended. I want to give a special shout-out Asisa Health Center located at 353 Broadway and owners of 47 John Street and the Waverly Avenue neighborhood. Kudos to the owners of 303, 335 and 407 Broadway, your determinations have not gone unnoticed. Every one of you should remember our new slogan is GET INVOLVED, BE PRESENT and ACTIVE in your community!!

Since our last newsletter, here's what we have been working towards:

1. The New York State Swim Grant has been submitted and we are still awaiting a response.

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2. July 7th - I met with Mr. Liddle, Commissioner of Health and Human Services as well as other community leaders in regards to the homeless population.
3. July 19th- I attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the crosswalk on East Broadway.
4. July 26th -I attended a meeting with RSS (Rehabilitation Support Services) a new community group which supports the homeless population.
5. July 30th - I met with a few property owners regarding the situation of their property. We had a successful outcome.
6. August 1st - I held the 1st Annual Luncheon with the Mayor. I had the pleasure to cook and serve the seniors of our community.
7. August 6th - I met with every organization within the community, the Federation for the Homeless, Division of Community Resources, Action Towards Independence, Catholic Charities, SALT (Sullivan Allies Leading Together). We discussed advocacy, securing housing, drug intervention, litter left behind, etc. We will be following up in the future.
8. August 12th - Along with Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, we walked and explored the places where individuals who are experiencing homelessness live.
9. August 14th - I met with a group of gentlemen who are very interested in taking on the affordable and low income-housing needs of the community.

Reminders:

1. There is no overnight parking on Broadway. All resident vehicles will be ticketed or towed and fined daily.
2. The Village Hall is closed from 12-1pm daily.

FYI:

The Bag Waste Reduction Law, passed after the Democrats took control of both houses of the Legislature in 2019. It was part of an effort to curb litter and minimize greenhouse emissions caused by plastic bag production. The state Department of Environmental Conservation later announced enforcement would begin in October. This plastic bag law will be enforced within the village and the fine is \$500.00.

I have been continuously litter-plucking which should involve all community members. However, I am exceedingly finding multitudes of plastic bags flying around. I want to stress the importance of maintaining the appearance and integrity of the visuals of the town, so we all have to work together to maintain it.

In addition, I stress once again that garbage and recycling containers should have lids and be placed at the rear of the building. This will reduce the amount of litter blown with the wind across our neighborhoods. If they are kept in the front, then they should be enclosed within a structure.

Workers, I still continuously say, you are responsible for the maintenance of the Village and Town. This is the job that you have been entrusted with. You need to be aware of your responsibilities and uphold them. It is tax-payer money that funds your salary.

Please remind all residents to scoop their poop.

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Dates to remember:

June 20th- September 26th

Sullivan Fresh Monticello Farmers Market
Cornell Cooperative Extension
Every Thursday 10 am-1 pm
Behind the Ted Strobel Recreation Center
10 Jefferson Street
Accepts SNAP and EBT

August 22nd 8 pm

Temple Shalom
Beehive- the musical \$36
Shadowland Theatre- Ellenville, NY

September 12th 6:30 pm

Community Conversations
Registration Required
Topic: Incarceration- Punishment vs Rehabilitation
Crawford Public Library
479 Broadway

Ongoing

Weekly AA/NA Meetings
Ted Strobel Center
7-8:30 pm

Managers' Report

Mr. Snowden appointed Attorney David Maho as the Acting Village Justice.

He also gave a report on the Building Department and their progress regarding fire inspections, rental inspections and violations.

Lastly he presented Roy Richardson from Barton & Loguidice, who gave an update on the Water Plant and the Budget.

Mr. Richardson made the Board and public aware that the total cost of the Water Improvement project will be around \$18-19M dollars. He stated that we currently have \$12M dollars in grants and low-interest rate loans, but there is still another \$6M dollars needed. He encouraged the Board to continue to seek out grants and assistance from our Assemblywoman, Aileen Gunther and Congressman Molinaro to get the rest of the necessary funds.

Presentation-Andy Kambourelis-Genesis LED

Andy Kambourelis was present and gave a presentation on Electric Charging Stations for the Village for electric cars. He stated that the program has already been implemented in South Fallsburg and they would like to implement it here also.

Resolution authorizing payment of the Village Bills in the amount of \$256,906.23

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

Resolution authorizing the increase of garbage can to \$50.00 per can for all garbage cans in the Village of Monticello which is a \$0.72 increase from the current \$49.28

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

Resolution authorizing payment to Trittech Software Systems for the purchase of the Comnetix Live Scan System for the Police Department in the amount of \$13,881.32 from app#A.3120.206(Police-Computer Equipment) from the 2024/2025 Budget

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 payment to AmChar Wholesale Inc for the purchase of Ammunition for the Police Department in the amount of \$1,452.10 from app#A.3120.431 (Police Ammunition). Current account balance before expense is \$1,683.90 in the 2023/2024 Budget

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 payment to Campbell Supply Company for the purchase of a 2025 Freightliner 108SD for the Highway Department in the amount of \$129,582.00 from CHIPS-Extreme Winter Recovery. The current CHIPS balance is \$261,089.00, the balance after the purchase will be \$131,507.00

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

Resolution authorizing an Emergency Purchase from BDP Industries and payment in the amount of \$3,206.70 for the purchase of a Wet End for a Progressive Cavity from app#G.1940.400 (Sewer-Reserved Sewer Project). A balance after purchase is \$45,141.91

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

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins at 6:45pm to go into Executive Session for a Personnel matter. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Barbarite with a second by Trustee Jenkins at 7:19pm to come out of Executive Sessions. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Add-On:

Resolution authorizing the Village Special Counsel to appeal the PERB decision regarding the Sherb matter

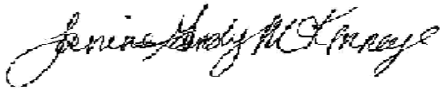
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A motion was made by Trustee Barbarite with a second by Trustee Hutchins. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Davis with a second by Trustee Jenkins to close the meeting at 7:23pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janine Gandy-Mckinney".

Janine Gandy-Mckinney, Village Clerk