

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, April 16th, 2025

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

Trustee Barbarite-Present

Also Present:

Michael Sussman, Village Special Counsel

James Snowden, Village Manager

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

Approval of minutes from the March 19th, 2025 Regular Meeting & the April 2nd, 2025 Re-Organizational Board Meeting

March 19th, 2025 Regular Board 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.

April 2nd, 2025 Re-Organizational Board 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.

Public Hearing-“Laketricity Solar Panel Farm”-Introduction of Solar Energy to the Village Residents

The following notice was read into the minutes:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Monticello will be continuing the Public Hearing on Wednesday, April, 16th, 2025 6:00 pm at **Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701** to introduce the following:

“Laketricity Solar Energy”

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE this is an introductory meeting for the village residents to hear about the program and ask questions. No local laws and/or regulations are being passed.

Dated: Friday, March 14, 2025

By Order of the Village Board of the
Village of Monticello, New York

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins to open the Public Hearing at 6:05. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Lilly Hasset and Angele Ewane were present and presented the information regarding possibly using a portion of Kiamesha Lake for a solar farm to the Village residents and Board.

The floor was opened to the Public and the following people spoke:

Trustee Hutchins

Trustee Barbarite

Special Counsel Sussman

Village Manager Snowden

Helen Jersey

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins to keep the Public Hearing open until further notice. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Massey reminded everyone of the Spring Clean-Up taking place on Monday, May 5th through Friday, May 9th, everyone please have your items out. The Village will be picking up for everyone this time.

Manager's Report

Mr. Snowden gave the following report:

There will be an Easter event on Saturday, April 19th, from 2-5pm for the children hosted by Reach for the Stars behind the TSC in the parking lot. There will be an easter egg hunt, a DJ, face painting, and other activities all geared towards the children.

We are now in budget mode. I have been instructed by the Mayor to keep all departments at a bare minimum to try to meet our budget obligations. With the soaring increase in everything from electricity, insurance, fuel, heating oil, chemical for the water and sewer plants and plus the increase in the sanitation tipping fees at the County, we are looking some difficult times trying to balance our budget; but I'm confident that this team will be successful with balancing the budget and keeping all the service intact for our residents here in the Village.

Special Counsel along the Mayor, myself, the Highway Superintendent and Chief Lindsay had a meeting with NYMIR, our former insured, who has agreed to sit down with us to see our progress on the issues that the former administration was asked to rectify and they did not.

The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and I had a meeting with Kelly Allegra, a representative from the Governor's Office. She had reached out to us at the request of the Mayor, regarding the problems in this Village. Our concerns were expressed regarding the infrastructure, the upcoming budget, a youth center, clean water, water & sewer treatment plants and bail reform. She had answers for most of our questions and said she would get back to us. She also left us with her contact information.

Finally, we have received bids on striping and sealing our outdoor basketball courts which will be submitted to the office of Paula K, our Assembly woman as she requested.

Thank you.

Discussion-proposed Local Law #5 of 2025 amending Local Law #7 of 2024, adding §202-15, "Enforcement of Village Building Permit Requirement" set for a Public hearing at 6:15pm on May 7th, 2025

Mr. Snowden commented that they are still working on this amendment to make sure that everything aligns with the Village Code.

Resolution authorizing payment of the Village Bills

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 setting a Public Hearing for Local Law #6 of 2025-A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in the General Municipal Law Section 3C of NYS" on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 6:45pm

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 Computer Doctors in the amount of \$1,189.95 for the purchase of a new computer for the PT Account Clerk from app#A.1680.401 (Shared Services-Office Supplies). Account balance after expense is \$3,369.24

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 the Village Clerk for work completed for the 2025 Special Village Election in the amount of \$1,500.00 from app#A.1450.414 (Elections-Contract Labor). Account balance after expense is \$2,870.00

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 Village Manager to sign the facilities Agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension for the annual Farmer's Market set up in the back of the TSC

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 Dr. Sean Wall-Carty for, the Village Grant Writer, work completed on grants for the Village in the amount of \$3,550.00 from app#A.8692.400(Grants Admin: Consultants). Account balance after expense is \$12,475.00

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 Delaware Engineering DPC for the Municipal Water System Evaluation Study in the amount of \$6,653.00 from app#T.0032.698(Escrow-Village Water Study). Account balance after expense is \$23,215.10

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 Glenn Smith PE for work completed on the Village Water Study in the amount of \$1,416.00 from app#T.0032.698(Escrow-Village Water Study). Account balance after expense is \$21,799.10

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 payment to Glenn Smith for work completed for New DeHoyas Park Pool in the amount of \$5,440.25 from app#A.1440.414(Engineering-professional Services). Account balance after expense is \$8,489.05

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

New Business-Letters regarding Village water:

Trustee Barbarite stated that the Board has received two (2) water services requests. One is from the Town and the second one is with the Adelar. The Town would like the Village to create a water district for the area's located in the vicinity of Walmart, Shop-Rite the Garnett Health Urgent Care. Adelar is asking the Village to release that other 400,000 gallons for the old Concord site. He stated personally, he doesn't feel that the Village is in a position to meet either desire and that the Village Special Counsel should write a letter to both requesters stating the same.

Mr. Sussman stated that he feels that there is some confusion here. Are they looking to do the creation of the water district themselves, or are they requesting that we do it, secondly, what was in the previous contract for Adelar and what is the Villages obligation to them.

The Board and Mr. Sussman concluded that a letter needs to be drafted on behalf of the Board regarding the need for the Village to protect and provide for those developers in the Village, which is our priority, especially due to the fact that are resources are already limited for residents.

Legal Update from Special Counsel:

1. The US Postal Service lease has been completed and the Clerk should be receiving all of the signed documents any day now. As you are all aware the post office wanted to lease

parking lot space for their vehicles. Resolutions were passed allowing it and now the lease agreement is complete.

2. The Mayor has to sign the easement agreement for the property that you all agreed to sell a few weeks ago and there was an easement that was part of that agreement, I have filled in the necessary information and I am leaving it with the Clerk for the Mayor's signature.
3. Hoffman Litigation, remember the prior administration signed on to purchase a backhoe for \$173,000.00 that there was no money for and before the equipment hit the Village grounds, Mr. Snowden intercepted and refused the equipment. Which led to the current litigation before us. Hoffman is now are now willing to settle the argument for \$23,000.00 in opposed to the 173,000.00. I have not accepted that offer because I wanted to discuss it with you all. When I asked what they did with the equipment, they disclosed that they sold it to someone else for \$160,000.00, so according to them, this is amount is what they lost for holding on to the equipment because they are the middle-man. I don't believe they suffered any loss in my opinion and I am waiting to hear from their attorney with the "claimed loss" information.
4. Lawsuit has been filed in regards to the little girl that ran out into the street in one of the complexes and was struck by a police car. From what I know, things are just beginning, but again, these are all things that the public and you all need to know and be aware of.
5. Corley litigation moving slowly, nothing new from his attorney. I don't know how he even has a case if there was a Civil Service test required that he never took because he was in fact already retired when the test was given. I have given his attorney this information and have not heard anything since that time.
6. 3 PERB Arbitrations:
 - a. Health care change grievance from NYSHIP to MVP and providing comparable insurance, which the Board has the right to do and have done, employees feel that they were slighted and things were not done properly, claims of insurance denial by new carrier and other issues, which I, nor Mr. Snowden or the Village Clerk has not been made aware of.
 - b. Another grievance was filed for the freezing of past accruals. The employees feel that the Time Audit is stopping them for using their time, when in fact everyone has been allowed to use their time that was given to them on august 1 according to the union contract, but they want their time carried over from the previous years which may or may not be accurate due to insufficient records from the previous administration.
 - c. Attorney Heffner from the PBA has presented litigation on behalf of Mr. Rohner due to his termination that he feels was not legal. I have met with the Police Chief in length regarding this case and the evidence is pretty clear and concise, so I'm not sure what is being defended, but I will keep you all and the Public aware as things develop.

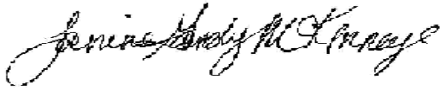
Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins to close the meeting at 7:05pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Janine Gandy-McKinney".

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk