Board of Trustees Emergency Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday, May 7th, 2025

4:00 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 Barbarite-Present

Also Present:

Michael Sussman, Village Special Counsel James Snowden, Village Manager

Motion to go into Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins to go into Executive Session at 4:03pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Davis to come out of Executive Session at 6:05 and go into the regular meeting. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Motion to accept the regular meeting agenda with the following amendments:

- 1. To go out of order for the Public Hearings and do item # 7 the New Roads public hearing first and to adopt it, which is item #8 if the Board so chooses before item #5, the PUD public hearing and to have the Clerk amend the times as noted
- 2. Remove item #21 off the agenda

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

<u>Public Hearing for Local Law #3 of 2025 amending the Village Code Section 220-58 by adding Section 220-58D, entitled, "New Roads"</u>

The following notice was read into the minutes:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Monticello be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 6:00pm at Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701 to discuss the following:

Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law#3 of 2025 to amend Village Code Section 220-58 by adding Section 220-58D, "New Roads"

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the economic significance of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws will be reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws are available for review at Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701.

Dated: Friday, April 25th, 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 Davis to open the Public Hearing at 6:07pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Trustee Barbarite stated that this amendment is for any and all new developments that are coming into the Village to make sure that the new roads being built are wide enough for tow cars to pass and also for emergency vehicles to be able to get through.

The floor was opened to the Public three (3) times and no one spoke.

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins to close the Public Hearing at 6:09pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution adopting Local Law #3 of 2025 amending the Village Code Section 220-58 by adding Section 220-58D, entitled, "New Roads" and authorizing the Clerk to file the necessary paperwork with the State

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

<u>Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #2 of 2025, adding Section 280-59 entitled, "PUD-Planned Unit Development" in the Village of Monticello</u>

The following notice was read into the minutes:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Monticello be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 6:12pm at Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701 to discuss the following:

Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #2 of 2025, adding Section 280-59 "PUD-Planned Unit Development" in the Village of Monticello

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the economic significance of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws will be reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees incident to and

as a part of said public hearing. Copies of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws are available for review at Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701.

Dated: Friday, April 25th, 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 6:13pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Joel Kohn and Tom Shepstone was present and stated that the Board passed the law last year setting up the regulations for Planned Unit developments, aka "PUD" in the Village of Monticello. We are here now to actually present the first PUD to the Village that would be located on Hamilton Road & along rt 42, a portion of this project is located in the town, but the majority of the property is in the Village. Our client has spent a lot of funds to come up with a very beautiful plan that would benefit the Village and its residents. The plan would be built in phases, that would contain mixed uses for single, two- family and multi family living with also commercial entities. We would have parks, sidewalk for walkability along with nature trails and everything. This property would be situated along the back of Shaker Heights, we would continue the road to the Village standards, all codes would be following and this would be great source of revenue for the Village. Or course, if the Village board decides to pass this local law for this first PUD, the hard work will then stat with the Planning Board.

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

Leo Glass
Olga?
Dianna Curbelo
Yakov Mandelovicz
Parrish Martin
Helen Jersey
Shawn Fitzgerald Jr.
Alicia Santiago
Ella Snowden
Larry Boggs

Annette Foy

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Barbarite to leave the Public Hearing open until the next meeting on May 21st, 2025 due to an Incomplete being received from the County Planning Department. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution adopting Local Law #2 of 2025, adding Section 280-59 entitled, "PUD-Planned Unit Development" in the Village of Monticello and authorizing the Clerk to file the necessary paperwork with the State

Tabled

<u>Public Hearing for Local Law #4 of 2025 amending Article IV of Chapter 226 entitled, "Taxation" adding sections 226-22.1-226-22.12 "Authority to Enter into a Tax Installment Agreement, Commencement, Copies of Agreement"</u>

The following notice was read into the minutes:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Monticello be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 6:30pm at Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701 to discuss the following:

Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law#4 of 2025, Amending Article IV of Chapter 226 entitled, "Taxation" section 226-22.1-226-22.12 "Authority to Enter into a Tax Installment Agreement, Commencement, Copies of Agreements"

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the economic significance of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws will be reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws are available for review at Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701.

Dated: Friday, April 25th, 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 6:41pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

The Village Clerk explained that this proposed local law is to allow residents that occupy their residence the ability to go into a tax installment agreement if they have delinquent taxes. The County is no longer doing foreclosures for Village's so now it is up to each Village to set up their guidelines and regulations regarding delinquent tax collection.

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

Olga?

Yakov Mandelovicz

Mattie Anderson

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins to close the Public Hearing at 6:46pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution adopting Local Law #4 of 2025 amending Article IV of Chapter 226 entitled, "Taxation" adding section 226-22.1-226-22.12 "Authority to Enter into a Tax Installment Agreement, Commencement, Copies of Agreement" and authorizing the Clerk to file the

necessary paperwork with the State

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

Public Hearing for Local Law #5 of 2025 amending Local Law #7 of 2024, adding section 202-15, Enforcement of Village Building Permits"

The following notice was read into the minutes:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Monticello be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 6:45pm at Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701 to discuss the following:

Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #5 of 2025 amending Local Law #7 of 2024, adding §202-15, "Enforcement of Village Building Permit Requirement"

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the economic significance of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws will be reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws are available for review at Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701.

Dated: Friday, April 25th, 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 6:48pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

The floor was opened to the Public three (3) times and no one spoke.

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Barbarite to close the Public Hearing at 6:49pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution adopting Local Law #5 of 2025 amending Local Law #7 of 2024, adding section 202-15, entitled, "Enforcement of Village Building Permits" and authorizing the Clerk to file the necessary paperwork with the State

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

<u>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"</u>

The following notice was read into the minutes:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Monticello be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 at 7:00pm at Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701 to discuss the following:

Public Hearing for Proposed 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"

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the economic significance of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws will be reviewed by the Village Board of Trustees incident to and as a part of said public hearing. Copies of said proposed Regulations & Local Laws are available for review at Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701. Dated: Friday, April 25th, 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 Davis to open the Public Hearing at 6:50pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Trustee Barbarite stated that he understands everyone's frustration with today's prices and you are getting less. No one is saying that taxes will be raised, but we have to have this local law in place to cover ourselves. We have union contracts that are in place until 2026 and some longer that we cannot get out of with yearly increases, some up to 6%, we are still paying NYHIPS insurance bills that are millions are owed on, and they don't even provide insurance to our current employees, that's why we switched to something comparable. Thank those that sat in these same seats before us for that, they didn't pay the health insurance bills. We pay almost 1 million dollars in electricity yearly and with their 40% hike, that may double, fuel, food prices, everything is going up. We have to keep the Village running and give you all good service for the things we provide and I believe that despite everything going on in the world, we provide good service to our residents. How much will the taxes go up, we have no clue or even if they will go up. But you must remember, if they go up for you, I will receive the same increase and will bear your same burden because I too am a village resident. We are doing the best we can with what we have, the prior administration left us in a pit to die and we are doing our best to crawl out of that pit.

The floor was opened to the Public and the following residents spoke: Leo Glass

Yakov Mandelovicz Mattie Anderson Parrish Martin Olga?

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

Resolution adopting Local Law #6 of 2025, "A Local Law authorizing a property Tax Levy in excess if the Limit Established in the General Municipal Law Section 3C Of NYS"

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

Mayor's Appointment:

Village Treasurer- Martha Daza

Mayor Massey appointed Martha Daza as the new full-time Treasurer for the Village.

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins and second by Trustee Davis authorizing the salary of \$78,000.00 and authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Ms. Daza stating the same. Upon the call of the roll, all present was in favor.

Village Registrar of Vital Statistics-Marilee Calhoun

Mayor Massey appointed Marilee Calhoun as the Village Registrar of Vital Statistics.

Manager's Report

No Report

Resolution authorizing payment of the Village bills in the amount of \$84,970.24

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 amending the Village Code, Chapter A290, entitled "Fee Schedule" to add a fee of \$250.00 for Mortgage Satisfaction notes issued by the Village

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 finalizing the Employment Contract between Chief Lindsay and the Village of Monticello with all of the necessary amendments and authorizing the Village Manager to sign said contract

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 emergency quote and payment to PN Alarms in the amount of \$2,490.00 to repair the Alarm Panel in Village Hall from app#A.1620.203(Building & Grounds-Village Hall...). Account balance after expense is \$6,669.26

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 quote and payment to PN Alarms in the amount of \$2,610.00 to install camera surveillance at the Salt Shed by the Sanitation Department from app#CL.8160.421(Sanitation-Repairs & Maintenance). Account balance after expense is \$1,828.50

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

Resolution authorizing a 30-day Advance Notice Waiver for D Nelly's Latin Restaurant Corp., located at 500 Broadway, in the Village of Monticello for their Liquor License Application

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 quote for the purchase of a Leak Detector from GPRS (sole source provider) in the amount of \$13,655.00 from app#F.1990.400(Water-Contingent Account). Account balance before expense is \$33,850.00

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 Monte A Klein, Esq for matter of the Village of Monticello and Monticello PBA, Inc. in the amount of \$4,600.00 from app#A.1420.404(Attorney Litigation). Account balance after expense is \$31,830.60

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 Peak Power Systems in the amount of \$1,158.03 from app#G.1940.400(Reserved Sewer Project) for updates to the Generator in the Sewer Department. Account balance after expense is \$62,992.50

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 Dataworks Plus, LLC (sole source provider) in the amount of \$19,600.00 for the RICI Plus Livescan and Mugshot System from app#A.3120.206(Police-Computer Equipment). Account balance after expense is \$28,049.79

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 Grainger (sole source provider) in the amount of \$1,427.60 for the purchase of a Submersible LVL Transmitter for the Sewer Department from app#G.8130.233(Treatment/Disposal-Equipment Purchase). Account balance after purchase is \$38,940.08

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 Rymar Landscaping in the amount of \$20,000.00 from app#G.1990.400(Sewer-Contingent Account) for the Manhole Replacement on Floral Drive. Account balance after expense is \$5,000.00

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 the quote for the repairs to the 2011 Ferris Mower for the Highway Department from Small Engine Warehouse (lowest quote) in the amount of \$2,404.80 for the Highway Department from app#A.5110.232(Street Maint-Equipment & Vehicle...). Current

account balance is \$28,192.70

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 Progressive Preferred Ins. Co in the amount of \$14,513.76 for the Sanitation Trucks from app#CL.1910.400(Sanitation-Unallocated Insurance). Account balance after expense is \$15,131.76

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

Mr. Snowden stated that this increased due the garbage trucks.

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

Resolution authorizing payment to the Office of the State Comptroller Justice Court Fund in the amount of \$3,900.00 for the Share of Fines Collected for February 2025 from app#A.2610(Fines & Forfeited Bail). Account after expense is \$64,254.76

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 NYSHIP in the amount of \$233,316.62 from the following app#CL.9060.800(Sanitation. Hospital & Medical Insurance) \$14,866.25, 162,959.83 from multiple accounts in General Fund, \$30,567.40 from multiple accounts in the Water Fund and \$24,923.14 from multiple accounts in the Sewer Fund

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 in the amount of \$3,605.00 for Chemung Supply Corp (sole source provider) from app#G.8120.421(Sanitary Sewers-Repairs/Maint) for the purchase of Manhole Risers for the Sewer Department. Account balance is \$7,123.04

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 Schmidt's Wholesale Inc. in the amount of \$2,211.74 for repairs to the TSC Bathroom from app#A.1620.421 (Building & Grounds-Repairs/Maintenance). Account balance after expense is \$10,128.42

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

Mayor's Comments

Many of you may not be aware but May has been designated as Mental Health Awareness Month. The theme this year is <u>Turning Awareness into Action</u>. It emphasizes the fact that everyone can help to improve mental health well being by engaging with the community as a social-action goal. It is time to move beyond long-held outdated beliefs move towards awareness and embracing meaningful action. It is also the time to prioritize your own mental well being, fostering your community and encouraging open dialogue through thoughtful and intentional steps. It is also the time to create lasting, positive changes.

In addition, May has also been designated Asian & Pacific American Heritage month. It aims towards reflection and celebration of the role Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have played in our shared history, culture, and achievements of the United States. This month was created to honor the first Japanese immigrants to the United States, who arrived on May 7, 1843, and to celebrate the many Chinese immigrants who completed the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869.

Since Spring and Summer are approaching. it Is time to do some Spring Cleaning!

Remember to:

- 1. Keep Grass mowed
- 2. Hedges trimmed
- 3. Yard free debris
- 4. Control weed and wild plant growth
- 5. Keep sidewalks clear
- 6. Ensure cars are parked correctly
- 7. Maintain in good repair and structurally sound all accessory constructions (detached garages, walls, fences) These actions will ensure a beautiful Monticello!!!

We have Village clean-up dates scheduled for May 5,. through May 9". We expect the community to come out and support this effort in full force. As of this date, all debris should be placed in front of residences. Mind that there will be no tires, no hazardous materials, no batteries, no electronics and no oil accepted. Please refrain from including these materials in your rubbish tum-in.

The new garbage violation tickets will soon be available and will be issued by the Building Department.

On a high note:

Recently, John, James and I met with representatives of Governor Hochul's office. At this meeting, we discussed issues regarding the Village's water and sewer treatment plant, renovations to the Village Hall and the proposed recreation and youth center.

Now down to business:

Rabies remains a health concern in Sullivan County, and Sullivan County Department of Public Health encourages all residents to vaccinate their pets against rabies.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and commitment. Together, we can progress and achieve for the Village of Monticello. I look forward to keeping you updated as we take on more projects moving forward and to hearing your thoughts and ideas along the way.

FYI:

I am pleased to announce that we have applied for funding in the form of grants through both Kirsten Gillibrand's and Josh Riley's office for a Monticello Youth Empowerment Center as well as the construction of a new Monticello Village Hall Hub.

New Events

- 1. Center for Workforce Development: Applications are now available for Sullivan County's Summer Youth Employment Program. Please note that the deadline to apply is Friday, May 9th. Applications can be obtained on the SYEP website.
- 2. A free Rabies Clin1e will be held at the Morningside Park Pavilion, in the Town of Fallsburg, on June 18th, 2025, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. There is also an additional clinic being held on June 3rd at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Ongoing Events

- 1. Have a hot cup of FREEDOM! Join Vct2Vct of Sullivan County for coffee and camaraderie every Monday at ATI from IO-1 lam at their location at 309 East Broadway, Monticello.
- 2. Weekly AA/NA Meetings-Ted Strobel Center 7-8:30 pm
- 3. Behavioral Health Services for Youth. Astor Services Satellite Clinic. Online Providers. Monticello School District. Location: Monticello High School and St. Johns Street Building. Parental Consent necessary.
- 4. Sullivan 180: The 2025 Community Resource Guides are here! As a reminder, this valuable guide to our community's wide variety of resources is always available and kept up to date on the Sullivan 180 website www.sullivan180.org
- 5. The Veteran Caregiver program continues monthly from ATI. Rental assistance funding remains available for those in recovery from substance use disorders.
- 6. Community Services Now Offering Mental Health Services to Children Ages 5 and up in an effort to meet the demand for mental health services for children across the county, we are now accepting referrals for children beginning at age 5. Call (845)292-8770 for more information and to schedule appointments.

Help Wanted

- 1. Center £or Workforce Development: Applications are now available for Sullivan County's Summer Youth Employment Program for ages I 4-20. Applications can be obtained on the SYEP- website:
- 2. https:Sullivan.ny.gov/Departments/WorkforcedevelopmentYouthScrv1ccs/SYEr
- 3. Child Protective Ca5eworkers at DSS The Child Welfare team at DSS is looking for a few more caseworkers to join the team to enable them to expand services and supports into local school districts in lime for the start of the next academic year. Civil service exams are offered weekly for this position. A bachelor's degree or RN and driver's license arc required for the position.

- 4. Hepatitis C Care Coordinator- Cornerstone Health Services.
- 5. Public Health-Healthy Families is seeking a bilingual family support worker This position requires only a HS Diploma and is a wonderful opportunity to help new mothers and babies.

Again, let me reiterate that we must all make volunteering a personal priority. The initiative with Catholic Charities Foundation that was looking for volunteers to restock the food pantry has not garnered much of a buzz. I implore you all to get out there and commit to serving your neighborhood in need. This event is held every Wednesday from 9-1. As we work towards all of our planned initiatives, I encourage everyone to our community to get involved. You can stay informed by attending the board meetings. Whether it's getting involved in local activities, volunteering, or simply supporting one another, every effort contributes to the strong sense of community that defines Monticello.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Davis to close the meeting at 7:25pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Submitted by:

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

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