

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Village of Monticello

Wednesday July 16th, 2025

6:00 pm

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm 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

Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

Motion to accept the agenda

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins with the following changes:

1. Removing item #17
2. Move item #10 to #6
3. Move items#15 & #16 to #7 & #8
4. Motion to close the PUD Public Hearing before #12

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

Approval of minutes from the June 30th, 2025 Special Meeting

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

Presentation-Marshall & Sterling

Representatives were present from the Marshall & Sterling Insurance Group. They gave a presentation on changing the narrative of the Village in order to get better rates on our commercial policies. They stated that due to the fact that our renewal date is August 1st, decisions will need to be made in order for them to get things going and reaching out to insureds and getting documents signed if the Village decides to use them as our brokers.

Public Hearing for proposed Local Law #10 of 2025, Abolishing Chapter 229 entitled, "Taxi Cabs"

The following notice was read into the minutes:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Monticello be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 16th, 2025 at 6:00pm at Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701 to discuss the following:

Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #10 of 2025, Abolishing Chapter 229 entitled, "Taxi Cabs"

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, July 11th, 2025

By Order of the Village Board of the
Village of Monticello, New York
Janine Gandy-McKinney, Village Clerk

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:26 by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

The floor was opened to the Public three (3) times and the following people spoke:

Village Clerk, Janine Gandy-McKinney asked if the Village was also abolishing the Hack Licenses that are need for drivers to drive taxi?

Attorney Sussman responded that you cannot get rid of pieces of a law it's either all or nothing because they are intertwined. If we get rid of the taxi regulations for the companies, that automatically dismisses the fees and need for the Village to regulate the drivers.

The Board agreed that the whole section needs to be abolished and all fees removed from the Village fee schedule.

A motion was made by Trustee Davis with a second by Trustee Hutchins to close the Public Hearing at 6:27pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Public Hearing for proposed Local Law#11 to Amend section 19 of Chapter 252 to include "No Parking on Either Side of Nelshore Drive and Spring Street except on Sundays"

The following notice was read into the minutes:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Monticello be holding a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 16th, 2025 at 6:15pm at **Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, New York 12701** to discuss the following:

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Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law #11 of 2025, to Amend Chapter 252, "Vehicles & Traffic" section 19 to include "No Parking on Either side of Nelshore Drive & Spring Street Except on Sundays"

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.

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The Public Hearing was opened at 6:17 by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

The floor was opened to the Public three (3) times and the following people spoke:

Trustee Hutchins asked that the part of "except on Sundays", be removed from the proposed Local Law. He stated that the Board does not want any parking on these streets period. He stated that each home or property on these streets have driveways or parking lots that need to be utilized and if they are not being used then they will be handled accordingly by the law enforcement.

The Board agreed.

Yankel Mandelovitz spoke on the need for parking for the Shul that is located on Nelshore for 15 to 30 minutes of prayer that takes place daily twice a day and that it is not fair to put these regulations in to prohibit that. He stated that they souls at least be able to park on one side of the street and that they are willing to have someone there monitoring the parking to make sure that emergency vehicles can get through.

The Board responded that it has become a major safety concern and these streets are not wide enough to have vehicles parked along them and emergency vehicles through them. It's a huge safety hazard and it's not fair to the residents on that street to have cars parked blocking their driveways even it's for 2 minutes.

Another attendee of the Shul on Nelshore, Chaim, stated the same regarding allowing the parking for a very minimal amount of time and it's not a lot of people at once, its people coming in and out, a flow of traffic.

Trustee Jenkins commented that again, we have to consider everyone's safety in the Village, any type of emergency can break out during the same times of this traffic and you don't have time to try to

locate people to move cars, and then if the emergency vehicles come plowing through, that will be an even bigger issue.

A motion was made by Trustee Davis with a second by Trustee Hutchins to close the Public Hearing at 6:27pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Mayor's Comments

Hello neighbors and summer visitors! Today I want to address road conditions and summer safety. Parking laws will be enforced at a stricter rate. Those who decide to park in front of a hydrant seem to be unaware that they impede resources necessary in case of a fire and they pose a significant danger to the community at large. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, traffic fatalities are more common in summer than in the winter.

Whether it is a distracted teen driver or an individual speeding through stop signs, it seems summer driving comes with its own set of risks. Here are some tips to help avoid issues:

1. Obey traffic signals and stop signs (Running stop signs carries a civil penalty and demerits on license)
2. Share the road safely
3. Do not text and drive
4. Knowing the bike laws
5. Fast-paced loud music, podcasts or audiobooks can increase arousal and negatively affect driving performance. In addition, they can demand high cognitive processing and cause fatigue and distraction.

FYI:

Every July, Disability Pride Month invites us to celebrate people with disabilities and those with different abilities. These individuals should be honored and celebrated. Pride, in this context, is not about ignoring the barriers that still exist. Rather, it is about facing them head-on, without apology and without internalizing the idea that people with disabilities must change to belong or be cured or pitied. Individuals need to be respected, included, and heard. This month is more than a symbolic event. It is a cultural and political movement rooted in advocacy and resilience. It inspires the voices of people with disabilities, challenges outdated perceptions, and reclaims disability as a vital, visible part of human diversity.

July is also designated as National Make a Difference to Children's Month. It allows the community to recognize how making a difference in children's lives can lead to a better society in the long run. The focus is directed towards parents, teachers, care providers, and the general public who care about children. Therefore, try to change the lives of children. Whether they are your own, your neighbors, or the kids who are friends with your children. You can start by trying to understand the problems plaguing them. It could be as simple as helping with homework or just taking some time out of your schedule to spend with them. It could also be a more complex situation like mental/physical issues or financial strains. Whatever the case is, start helping a child and making a difference

in their lives by finding different ways to reach out. If the issue is something you cannot cope with, you can contact the appropriate people (counselors or a welfare organization) who possess the skills and resources to assist. Taking the first initiative is a start, so don't feel intimidated by the impossibility of aiding a child.

Lastly, let us take the time to celebrate National Ice Cream month and July 16th as National Hot Dog Day.

Reasonable Community Rules Related to Absentee Owners and Seasonal Residents:

Keep your AC on at a certain level to avoid conditions which would encourage mold growth.

Be mindful of water consumption and if necessary, engage a caretaker to check on the unit at regular intervals. This will ensure that the unit's condition is maintained and there is adequate access for pest control and other services/inspections as needed.

In the case of absentee landlords, both landlords and residents are required to provide updated contact information which the Village may use in case of an emergency.

Animals are to be kept on a leash at all times when they are outside of their homes and owners are to clean up after their animals. Residents must always control their animals without disturbing others. Residents with assistance animals must comply with the Independent Living Pet/Assistance Animal Policy.

All property in and around the surrounding Village is to be respected.

In regard to Housing Units, remember to:

1. Keep grass mowed
2. Trees trimmed
3. Yard free of debris
4. Control odious weed and wild plant growth
5. Keep sidewalks clear
6. Ensure cars are parked correctly
7. Maintain and keep good repair all structures sound, all accessory units i.e. (detached garages, walls, fences)

These **actions** will ensure a beautiful **and safe** Monticello!

Again, let me reiterate, make volunteering a personal priority. The initiative with Catholic Charities Foundation that was looking for volunteers to restock the food pantry welcomes your help. I implore you all to get out there and commit to assist your neighbors in need. This event is held every Wednesday from 9-1. As we work towards a better community, I encourage everyone (whether permanent or seasonal) to get involved. You can stay informed by attending the board meetings. Whether it's local activities, volunteering, or simply supporting one another, every effort contributes to the strong sense of community that defines Monticello.

Ongoing Events

1. Have a hot cup of FREEDOM! Join Vet2Vet of Sullivan County for coffee and camaraderie every Monday at ATI from 10-11am 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.
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 for Workforce Development- Applications are now available for Sullivan County's Summer Youth Employment Program for ages 14-20. Applications can be obtained on the SYEP- website sullivanny.us/Departments/Youthbureau.com
2. Child Protective Case Worker 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 time 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 are required for the position.
3. Hepatitis C Care Coordinator- Cornerstone Health Services.
4. Public Health-Healthy Families is seeking a bilingual family support worker & this position requires only an HS Diploma and is a wonderful opportunity to help new mothers and babies.

Finally, let me again reiterate that we must all make volunteering a personal priority. The initiative with Catholic Charities Foundation that was looking for volunteer 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 neighbors in need. This event is held every Wednesday from 9am -1pm.

As we work towards all of our planned initiatives, I encourage everyone in 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.

Manager's Report

There was no report from Mr. Snowden

Discussions-

- A. DeHoyos Park Fees-Mr. Sussman has written a proposed local law that was read into the minutes as follows:

181-4 - Regulations for the Use and Enjoyment of DeHoyos Park

1. The following regulations are established to ensure the orderly, equitable, enjoyable and safe use of DeHoyos Park.
2. These rules shall apply to all person using, entering, and/or participating in activities
3. within DeHoyos Park, a public facility owned and maintained by the Village of Monticello.
4. DeHoyos Park is open each day between dawn and dusk. Residents and non
5. residents of the Village are welcome to use the park in a manner consistent with these rules and regulations.
6. No buses, whether school or charter buses, may enter or drop passengers at the park without a permit issued by the Village Manager.
7. Any proprietor or owner of any such bus is required to reserve entry into the park and seek a permit at least 72 business hours in advance of proposed use though the Village Clerk for this purpose.
8. In reviewing any such request for use by a bus, the Village Manager shall consider.
9. the number of persons on said bus, the park's capacity and prior permitted uses of the park on the day/time in question.
10. Between June 15 and September 15, no bus with a capacity of 30 or more persons shall be permitted to enter DeHoyos Park before 3:30 pm.
11. Any group of twelve or more person must obtain a permit from the Village Manager before entering the park.
12. Organized events, whether conducted by individuals, for profit or not-for-profit organizations, shall require a permit from the Village Manager. An application for such a permit shall be filed at least 72 hours in advance of the proposed use with the Village Clerk. In reviewing said request, the Village Manager shall consider the number in the applying group, the park's capacity and prior permitted uses of the park on the day/time in question.
13. For each permitted use, as defined above, the applicants identified above shall pay a fee of \$250.00 which fee shall cover the projected costs of park upkeep, maintenance and trash removal.

14. No commercial activity, vending, solicitation or product or service endorsements are permitted within the park, provided candidates for public office or referendum initiatives may solicit signatures for petitions within the park.

15. Those using the park shall refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages; possessing or using glass containers and fireworks or explosive devices, carrying any form of weapon, whether a firearms, knife or other dangerous instrumentality, and playing loud or amplified music, whether live or through a DJ or other recorded device.

16. Dogs are permitted in the park but must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet at all times. Those bringing dogs into the park are responsible for the immediate removal and proper disposal of dog waste.

17. These regulations shall be enforced by the Village Police Department and the Building Department.

18. Penalties may be imposed by the Village Justice Court upon proper and due notice and the opportunity to be heard and consistent with Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article 1, sections. 1-16 of the Village Code.

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins and a second by Trustee Jenkins to set a Public Hearing date for August 6th, 2025 at 6:10pm. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

B. Dog's Barking-Referred for Mr. Sussman to review

C. Banner Signs-Referred to Mr. Sussman to review

D. New Wave Energy Lawsuit-Mr. Sussman stated that he will set up a meeting with New Wave to discuss a payment plan.

Closing the Public Hearing for the Proposed PUD-Planned Unit Development-Hamilton Road

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Jenkins to close the PUD Public Hearing at 6:45 pm on July 16th, 2025. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

SEQR- Part 2-Impact Assessment for the Proposed PUD- Planned Unit Development-Hamilton Road

SEQR was completed and found No Significant Impact.

Resolution of Negative Declaration for Local Law#9 of 2025, adding Section 280-59 entitled, PUD-Planned Unit Development" in the Village of Monticello

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 of Adoption for Local Law #9 of 2025, adding Section 280-59 entitled, PUD-Planned Unit Development" in the Village of Monticello

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 of Adoption for Local Law #10 of 2025, Abolishing Chapter 229 entitled, "Taxi Cabs"

and all fees in Chapter A290 of the Village Code

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 of Adoption for Local Law #11 to Amend section 19 of Chapter 252 to include “No Parking on Either Side of Nelshore Drive and Spring Street”

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 purchase from Sunbelt Rentals in the amount of \$1,976.60 for the purchase of a Lift to weld the Sleepy Hollow Stand Tank and making the payment from app#F.8320.233(Source of Supply-Equipment). Current account balance after expense is \$35,021.03

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 Chemung Supply (sole source provider) in the amount of \$3,605.00 for the purchase of Manhole Risers for the Village Streets that were blacktopped from app#G.8130.421(Treatment/Disposal-Repair Maintenance). Current account balance after expense is \$3,914.48

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 BDP Industries (sole source provider) in the amount of \$1,711.60 for the purchase of a Lower Press Belt for the Sewer Department from app#1940.400(Reserved Sewer Project). Current account balance after purchase is \$59,289.25

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 return of the Bond paid by Meadowbrook(Rabbi Katz) in the amount of \$75,000.00 from app#T.0033.681(Bond: Meadowbrook) contingent upon an approval letter from Village Engineer, Glenn Smith, stating the work is complete

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 a Letter of Support for the Sullivan County Comprehensive Plan application

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 a Letter of Support for 2025 New York Main Street Program application for assistance prepared and to be submitted by RUPCO

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

Trustee Barbarite stated that this building has continued to be an eyesore in the Village for the last 20 years. He stated that he understands that something has to be done with the building, but putting an apartment in it without the necessary number of parking spaces or having parking 300ft away in a municipal lot is totally senseless. You expect a mother with little kids to walk that far with bags of groceries and or laundry, that's not fair or reasonable. He stated that the planning Board had no right to allow them to come before them and also the Zoning Board passed a variance that was not in their pre-view. This is a Village Board issue and should have come here first to decide how the parking was going to be mitigated and then the Village Board should have referred it to the Planning Board and then it should have gone from there. The Planning Board overstepped and should have denied the plan.

A motion was made by Trustee Barbarite with a second by Trustee Jenkins to Table this item until there is a concrete discussion with the developers, RUPCO, before anything else takes place. Upon the call of the roll, all present were in favor.

Resolution authorizing payment to the Sullivan County Landfill for the April-June Tipping Fee's in the amount of \$217,412.59 from app#CL.8161.400(Landfill: Contractual...)

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a question and a second by Trustee Jenkins. Trustee Hutchins asked if this payment included the new 25% increase issued by the County?

The Village Clerk responded yes it does.

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

Resolution awarding the lowest bid for the New DeHoyos Park Pool to Blue Harmony Pools in the amount of \$565,000.00

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

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session

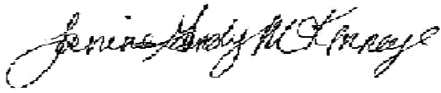
Motion naming Marshall & Sterling as the new Insurance Brokers for the Village and authorizing the Village Manager, Deputy Mayor and Mayor to move forward with all the necessary paperwork.

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

Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Hutchins with a second by Trustee Barbarite to close the meeting at 7:08pm. 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