

VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 26, 2014

President LaVerne Crooks called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Present: LaVerne Crooks, Teresa Dunlap, Rene Nicholson, Laura Curry, William Loveland and Doreen Sies arrived at 6:35 pm. Also present: Clerk DaNean Naeger. Absent: Randy Halvorsen

A motion was made by Rene Nicholson, seconded by Teresa Dunlap and carried by voice vote to approve the agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Discussed financing for the proposed Well#1 rebuild/repair. CTW quote was presented that indicated the shape the well was in and a cost estimate for repairs to the pump/piping. Cost estimates from Bart Nies, Delta 3 Engineering were presented and came in at \$270,000 plus \$13,500 for maintenance of pump/piping. It was noted the equipment is corroded and the well could go down at any time. The time it takes to get the plans drawn up, DNR approval, bids and apply for a grant in the fall; the project won't be completed until 2015. The pump could fail and there is a potential that it will need to be done twice. The well will be down for approximately three months while construction is in progress, will need to rely on well#3. A couple of changes to the current proposal have been suggested: change from shingles to metal roof and from wood construction to masonry brick. This could increase the cost to an estimated \$300,000. Grant could average up to 40% not including engineering costs of the project. Clerk and Bart Nies are looking at the possibility of getting some assistance from the colleges' to do the masonry work. Per the village's auditor, the water utility has the cash on hand to do this project without taking out financing. If choice to borrow, it does not go against the village's general obligation debt.
- b) Discussed financing of proposed street project, N Monroe Street. LaVerne Crooks indicated he has been talking with Delta 3 in regards to the sewer rates. He indicated the rates will need to go up just to get out of the red. If the board decides to do the street project, the costs will need to be calculated into the rates for ongoing sewer repairs. Sewer rates will be discussed further at the April 2nd board meeting. LaVerne Crooks asked if there was any way to patch the road to get by – answer no, the base to the road is gone. It was also brought to the board's attention the need for Lake Street to be redone, along with utilities being replaced. Doing N. Monroe Street project would decrease the villages borrowing power to less than \$500,000 and does not leave a lot of room if an emergency should arise.

Motion made by Curry to go ahead with the Well #1 project as listed along with modifications and not proceed with the N. Monroe Street project at this time but will table it until later in the year, seconded by Loveland. Motion carried 5-1 with Sies opposed. It was noted to hold off on further engineering work at an estimated cost of \$25,000 - \$30, 0000 for the street project at his time.

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Adjourn

A motion was made by Curry, seconded by Nicholson to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

Submitted by DaNean Naeger, Village Clerk/Treasurer