

VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES  
OCTOBER 21, 2014

President LaVerne Crooks called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Present: LaVerne Crooks, Teresa Dunlap, Larry Strause, Laura Curry, William Loveland and Doreen O'Brien. Also present: Clerk DaNean Naeger. Absent: Robert Harvey

Pledge of Alliance.

A motion was made by Curry, seconded by O'Brien and carried by voice vote to approve the agenda.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a) Discussed 2015 Budget. Clerk reviewed the publication of the budget. Indicated that the levy limit is capped at \$482,096. If the Village decides to increase taxes further, State Shared Revenue will be reduced that amount. Net new construction is at 1.844%. Due to the truck loan and variable interest rate, debt increased by \$34,000. With the increase in debt property taxes will increase 8.65%. Currently there are no funds set aside for capital purchases – not even for the refuse truck or fire equipment. As the budget stands, it is in balance. The board needs to decide if they want to do N Monroe Street project. This is estimated at \$983,000 and would bring the Village's general obligation borrowing to \$679,293. The Village's equalized tax rate would increase from \$4.35 to \$4.90.

Revenues were reviewed. Noted that transportation aids took approximately \$6,900 cut from the State. Finance Committee decided not to increase any of the license/permit fees to increase the revenue. No recommendations were given on how to increase revenue for the Village.

Expenses were reviewed. Community Center budget was eliminated with the assumption it will be sold. If not, funds will need to put back in to cover these. Overtime for employees have been cut from the budget except in water/sewer utilities due to weekend mandatory overtime work. Police budget was cut significantly to help balance budget. Fire and EMS budget were kept the same as last year. Purchase of a street sweeper was cut and budgeted for contracting of services. PW Committee rec'd a new mower, currently have \$7800 in reserves. Indicated that this could wait another year but would like more funds set aside for it. Street maintenance account has been cut by \$5,000 to help cover overages. Crooks talked with Jeff W, Green County Hwy Dept. in regards to the bridges. An estimated of the cost to fix the bridge on County C was not given but indicated the Village could use matching funds at the County to help cover this expense if needed next year. The surveying of the Highland Cemetery funds were cut, recommended to change the area of flat monuments to regular monuments so that the remainder of the lots can sell before expanding the cemetery. Updating of the Comprehensive Plan was budgeted over a two year period. Discussed cutting GCDC by \$1,000 to \$2,220 and placing that money into capital purchases for fire equipment.

N Monroe Street project was discussed in length. Motion made by Strause to sit on the reconstruction of N Monroe Street for another year and relook at it for the following year, remove it from the 2015 budget. Seconded by Loveland. Motion carried.

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Motion made by Curry to recommend approval of the 2015 budget as stands with the deduction of \$1,000 to GCDC and place it in Capital Equipment for fire and removal of N Monroe St project. Seconded by Loveland. Motion carried.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Curry, seconded by Loveland to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by DaNean Naeger, Village Clerk/Treasurer