

VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO BOARD MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

President LaVerne Crooks called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: LaVerne Crooks, Teresa Dunlap, Greg Bettin, Larry Strause, Robert Harvey, Doreen O'Brien

Absent: Rene Nicholson

Also present: Clerk DaNean Naeger, Brian Grossen – PW Supervisor, Kevin Komprood – PW Director @ 7:11 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Strause and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2015 regular board meeting.

**Hearings, public appearance & citizen comments:** Christine Blumer requested the use of the board room for a music bake sale/fundraiser on October 22-24, 2015 (8am -7pm Th & F, Sat 7-2). Motion made by Dunlap to allow the music students with parent chaperones to use the Village Board Room. Seconded by Bettin. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports**

Robert Harvey Finance Report –

- a) Motion made by Harvey to approve Sept invoices CKS#14538-14568 + Manual in the amount of \$68856.49. Seconded by O'Brien. Motion carried.
- b) Motion made by Harvey to approve Sept payroll Vouchers #V604-618 in the amount of \$11,007.07. Seconded by O'Brien. Motion carried.
- c) Motion made by Harvey to approve Budget Resolution #2015-0916. Seconded by O'Brien. Roll call vote: Harvey – I, Strause – I, Bettin –I, O'Brien – I, Dunlap –I, Crooks – I. Motion carried 6-0.

Doreen O'Brien Personnel Report –

- a) Motion made by O'Brien to approve Resolution #2015-0916A Setting Base Wage & Fringe Adjustments for 2016. Seconded by Dunlap. Roll call vote: O'Brien – I, Dunlap –I, Harvey –I, Strause – I, Bettin –I, Crooks –I. Motion carried 6-0.

Teresa Dunlap Public Works Report: None

Larry Strause Public Safety/Library/Fire: None

Rene Nicholson Park & Rec –

- a) Recommendation of Summer Recreation Agreement with the Monticello Public School. Clerk presented first draft of agreement along with Village attorneys concerns. School to provide proof of insurance and a schedule of the use of the park. Village to maintain scheduling of the field. Does the Village want to take the rec program back if the school is not able to commit in 1-2 years or if funding runs out? Requested funds to be set aside for a batting cage (\$900-1,500 plus cement work \$5,000). How much of the funds will be given to the school? Answer around \$10,000. Scoreboard needs to be replaced - Question if the wording should state “maintain at Village’s discretion”. (Est. cost of new \$15,000) Motion made by Strause to have school representatives attend the October 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting to discuss further. Seconded by Dunlap. Motion carried.

**Administrative Report** by DaNean Naeger. Village Office will be closed Thursday, Sept. 24 & Friday, Sept. 25 to attend the Treasurer's conference in La Crosse.

**President's Report by LaVerne Crooks**

**Unfinished Business**

- a) **PSC Water Rate Increase.** Auditor contacted the PSC to get a firm response on how the increase of public fire protection will affect the General Budget. PSC indicated the law does not make an exception for rate increases. If the public fire protection goes up, the general levy expenses must come down to cover the increase. Given this, the Village submitted the rate increase with minimal to no increase in the public fire protection. It was also noted when submitting the rate increase the Village did not get approval to build the Well #1. Delta 3 recently submitted the paperwork to get approval.
- b) **Mike Gengler's request for purchase of property in TID.** Clerk provided correspondence from Village's attorney on this issue. Mount Pleasant Township is looking at purchasing TID property from a private owner. Village has no property left to sell and doesn't have authority over who private owners sell land too. Issue if they are able to sell to a non-taxable entity, answer yes given the TID expires January 2016 and the Village should have enough funds to pay off the TID loan. Per Attorney if they want to purchase it they can. PILOT agreement is difficult to get unless both parties agree.

**New Business**

- a) Motion made by Strause to approve the **Street Opening to TDS Telecom for utility work** in the alley behind 218-238 N Main St. Seconded by Bettin. Motion carried.
- b) 8:05 p.m. Bart Nies, Delta 3 Engineer – **Change order #2 for the Well#1 project.** September 13<sup>th</sup> was completion date. Well up and running August 15<sup>th</sup>. Change orders include split face block on gable ends; wash sink; extra snow guards at well & shop; difference in actual vs. estimated crushed base; and credit for gas in generator for a total of \$2,134.98. Motion made by Dunlap to approve change order #2 for the Well#1 project in the amount of \$2,134.98. Seconded by Bettin. Motion carried.
- c) Motion made by Dunlap to approve **CCJ application for payment No. 5 & Final on Well House #1 project** in the amount of \$25,335.23 (includes change order #2) contingent on lien waivers. Seconded by Bettin. Motion carried. Other concerns with the Well#1 – excessive heat in the well is coming from the transformer. Code does not require an air conditioner and so none was planned or put in. The shop transformer is also connected so the panel is bigger and the heat is excessive (pump room and not the chemical room). Cost to install a condenser is \$4,000. A standing air conditioner ranges between \$250 - \$350 and are non-vented and big enough for this area. Public Works Committee to discuss. PSC water rate increase was put in for this project and the engineer did not send for a certificate. After talking with Peter from PSC, paperwork was sent in and Clerk received a copy of it.
- d) **Discuss N Monroe Street project/surveying.** ITA & PERF through the DOT have been sent in for doing N Monroe Street in 2016. Option to do the engineering work in 2016 and construction in 2017. Would like to get the surveying done prior to snow fall as the cost increases. To conduct a Street & Boundary survey is estimated to cost \$8,000 from Staedtler

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Ave parking lot to the end of N Monroe Street. If you would like the construction to start in 2016, would need to start right away so that bids can be placed by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Dunlap to start the survey in 2015, plans in 2016 and construction work in 2017. This would be from Staedtler Ave. to the end of N Monroe Street. Seconded by O'Brien. Motion carried. Place on calendar, Client Appreciation will be held on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Steve's Pizza in Platteville, upstairs. Invite should be coming shortly and need to RSVP.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by O'Brien, seconded by Harvey to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by DaNean Naeger, Village Clerk/Treasurer