

VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO BOARD MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 17, 2016

President LaVerne Crooks called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present: LaVerne Crooks, Larry Strause, Greg Bettin, Doreen O'Brien, Teresa Dunlap, Rene Nicholson

Absent: Robert Harvey

Also present: Clerk DaNean Naeger; PW Supervisor Brian Grossen, Stephen Scanlan

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by Dunlap and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2016 regular board meeting with a change of 24 or 30 foot to inches.

**Hearings, public appearance & citizen comments:** None

**Committee Reports**

Finance Report –

- a) Motion made by O'Brien to approve Feb invoices CKS#14856-14890 + Manual in the amount of \$342,026.65. Seconded by Nicholson. Motion carried.
- b) Motion made by O'Brien to approve Feb payroll Vouchers #V804-818 in the amount of \$11,742.87. Seconded by Nicholson. Motion carried.
- c) Motion made by O'Brien to recommend Resolution #2016-0217 2015 Budget Resolution. Seconded by Nicholson. Roll call vote: Strause -I; Bettin -I; O'Brien -I; Dunlap -I; Nicholson – I; Crooks -I. Motion carried 6-0.
- d) Motion made by O'Brien to approve operator license to Benjamin Makos, seconded by Nicholson. Motion carried.

Doreen O'Brien Personnel Report – None

Teresa Dunlap Public Works Report: None

Larry Strause Fire/Public Safety/Library- None

Rene Nicholson Park & Rec – None

**Administrative Report** by DaNean Naeger – None

**President's Report by LaVerne Crooks:** Received notice that Mediacom has renewed their cable franchise agreement with the State through 2019.

**Unfinished Business**

- a) PSC Water Rate Increase Public Hearing will be held Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 10 am at Village Hall. Update on PSC investigation – need for contracts. The Village has had a 73% increase in operating expenses since the last water rate case was completed in 2001. The

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average residential customer who uses 3,000 gallons of water per month will increase from \$15.28 to \$27.00 or 77% (not including the public fire protection charge), and will increase from \$19.33 to \$33.75 or 75% (including the public fire protection charge). The funds will be going towards operating expenses and capital improvements. Playing catch up, could ask for a smaller increase over a couple of years.

PSC requested an explanation of why the Well House project was not approved prior to construction. Need for contracts from Engineer was recommended. Should get a list of services provided and a cost from the Engineer. Recommend to have the Public Works Committee develop a list of services requested by the Village for comparison of contracts.

- b) Review sump pump discharge ordinance. To have Public Works Committee discuss further.
- c) Ordinance #2016-0217 Amending Section 6-2-2 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Monticello, Relating to Appropriation of Sidewalk Costs. Changes to add the Village Board may pay a portion of the costs if deemed in the best interest of the village. Board determine that they would like to leave the ordinance as is, 100% paid by property owner. Ordinance failed due to a lack of a motion.
- e) Motion made by Bettin to send letter of interest for the Cool & Connected Federal Planning Assistance for Broadband and Sustainable Community Development. Seconded by O'Brien. Dan Sales has experience in writing grants and has provided a draft letter of interest – board reviewed. Qualifications for the grant fit Monticello (small/rural area with economic challenges). This is just the application phase – Greenwoods State Bank & Tri-Insure are going to send a letter of support.

**New Business –**

- a) Motion mad by Dunlap to approve Ordinance #2016-0217A Creating Section 3-2-15 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Monticello, Relating to Special Assessment Payments – Installments – Interest. Seconded by Bettin. Roll call vote: Nicholson – I; Dunlap -I; O'Brien - I; Bettin-I; Strause -I; Crooks -I. Motion carried 6-0. Allows for five or ten equal annual installments (dependent on special assessment cost). Discount of 2% if paid within 30 days of invoice. Unpaid balance accrue interest at a rate of 2% per annum greater than the rate at which the village borrowed funds. Previous special assessments: 2007 - E WI & E Park Ave C&G– 0% interest if paid within 30 days, 10% added to tax roll – no installment plan offered; 2010- S Monroe/N Main C&G, Sidewalks – 5.25% interest, 5 or 10 year installment plan.
- d) Discuss N Monroe Street Special Assessments. Special assessment covers curb & gutter, sidewalks, and steps. Installment and interest plan will follow above ordinance just passed. Motion made by Dunalp to have Delta 3 provide a contract for the N Monroe Street project. Seconded by Nicholson. Motion carried.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by O'Brien to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by DaNean Naeger, Village Clerk/Treasurer