

VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2017

President LaVerne Crooks called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: LaVerne Crooks, Larry Strause, Greg Bettin, Stephen Scanlan, Teresa Dunlap, Rene Nicholson

Absent: Robert Harvey

Also present: Clerk DaNean Naeger, 26+ citizens

Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Strause, seconded by Nicholson and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2017 regular board meeting.

Hearings, public appearance & citizen comments:

- 1) Leoara Miller – Chief of Police: Presented a petition with 261 signatures to have the board hire Szvon Conway as the next Chief of Police. Three qualifications he should be chosen: 1) approachability- given years of service, involved with school functions and community events, people trust him and feel comfortable with him 2) personality – comments given from citizens 3) common sense – over 17 years of service to this community, these qualifications cannot be trained – Conway possesses them.
- 2) Mick Mclain – General Comments on past meetings: Provided a spreadsheet of issues and resolution? Involved EMS proposal, N Monroe Street, pool budget and police outlay. Feels there is secrecy or lack of reporting/public information.
- 3) Sue Sinnett – Chief of Police and retirement community for the Village. Agreed with the comments made by Leoara Miller about Szvon Conway for Police Chief. She trusts him and feels the citizens need someone working for them. Retirement community – recommends it being located at the end of N Main St. Aware it is township land/ Siegenthaler’s and feels ‘we’ should contact Twinning Valley to see who was the beginner of this type of community and how to get one. Assisted and condo living like they have in Monroe.

Committee Reports

Finance Report –

- a) Motion made by Bettin to approve January invoices CKS#15563-15600 + Manual in the amount of \$669,214.65. Seconded by Nicholson. Motion carried.
- b) Motion made by Bettin to approve January payroll Vouchers #V1318-1331 in the amount of \$10,637.66. Seconded by Nicholson. Motion carried.
- c) Possible recommendation on contract for codification of ordinances. Break down of costs for the three codification companies were provided. Base rate General Code (\$13,170); Municode (\$12,450) and Code Publishing (\$10,925) with varying costs for supplement service, internet placement and payment. Bettin noted would like to get more information from the representative from General Code who is being invited to the next meeting to answer questions and would make a recommendation at that time.

Personnel Report – Police Chief applications have been reviewed and two will be brought to the Village board in closed session at the next meeting for review.

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- a) Motion made by Dunlap to approve Interim Police Chief amended contract with Thomas Erb. Seconded by Strause. Motion carried. The changes include providing benefits (WRS and life insurance) and \$19.00/hour vs \$22.50/hr. without benefits.

Teresa Dunlap Public Works Report – None

Larry Strause Fire – None

Larry Strause Public Safety – None

Stephen Scanlan Library – Events: Coloring session, movie, adult game night, book discussion, jewelry making, and spinning session.

Rene Nicholson Park & Rec – None

Administrative Report by DaNean Naeger. Listening session for State Senator Jon Erpenbach and Representative Sody Pope will held on Saturday, February 18th from noon-1 p.m. at the Monticello Village Hall.

President’s Report by LaVerne Crooks –

- a) Motion made by Nicholson to appoint Dawn Pederson to the Park & Recreation Committee as a citizen. Seconded by Strause. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business –

- a) 215 E Lake Carroll Property. Village’s attorney provided a memo that indicated the Village Board questioned fining the owner at 215 E Lake Ave for every day that he is in violation of the Village Ordinance as a public nuisance. There is nothing in the state statues nor in the Village Ordinances that allows for a fine to be imposed for a nuisance. Provided two options – abatement per WI State Chapter 823 to obtain an injunction against the nuisance and a court process for obtaining a warrant to abate the nuisance and be awarded costs. Or if the village wishes to pursue razing, rather than abatement then WI State 66.0413 is the applicable statue as the Village does not have an ordinance on this issue. The statue was reviewed. Attorney recommended getting a letter report of title on the property if the village choses the razing option. Majority would like to pursue the razing option but question how much it is going to cost. Motion made by Bettin to get a letter report to see if there are any judgements. Seconded by Dunlap. Motion carried. If no judgements, pursue getting bids for the razing.
- b) Sewer Income Survey. Dunlap indicated she has taken the list of residents that have not returned their survey and split it into five parts to cover the village. Looking for volunteers to go door to door to deliver and explain the need for the survey. Questioned if the board wanted to include apartments – if so, the number returned would be increased due to having to have 80% of all surveys sent out returned and must meet the LMI of 51%. Currently at 59% returned with a LMI of 33.33%. The volunteer can help them fill it out if needed and they can give back to you or provide them an envelope to mail back to Delta 3. Confidentiality was stressed. This survey helps the village in getting a grant to help with the cost of upgrades needed to the WWTP. Consensus was to include

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apartments. Will need to pick up surveys/envelopes at Dunlap's residence as the surveys are number for the area you would be covering. Grant request must be submitted by the end of March, would like to have surveys completed by the first of March.

New Business –

- a) Motion made by Scanlan to approve Resolution #2017-0118 Recommending that the Green County Board of Supervisors Commission a High-Speed Internet Committee to Encourage Faster, More Reliable Internet Options within Green County. Seconded by Bettin. Roll call vote: Scanlan -I; Dunlap -I; Nicholson -I; Strause -I; Bettin -I; Crooks -I. Motion carried 6-0. Scanlan provided the history behind this resolution.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Strause, seconded by Nicholson to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by DaNean Naeger, Village Clerk/Treasurer