

VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2017

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

Present: Robert Harvey, Larry Strause, Greg Bettin, Stephen Scanlan, Teresa Dunlap, Rene Nicholson

Absent: LaVerne Crooks

Also present: Clerk DaNean Naeger, PW Supervisor Brian Grossen, 16+ citizens

In the absence of the Village President, Clerk Naeger opened the meeting and asked for motion to appoint an acting Village President for the meeting. Motion made by Nicholson to have Teresa Dunlap run the meeting, seconded by Harvey. Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Scanlan, seconded by Nicholson and carried by voice vote to approve the agenda. Clerk noted under public appearances #2 Dan Freitag will not be appearing.

A motion was made by Strause, seconded by Scanlan and carried by voice vote to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2017 regular board meeting and March 6, 2017 special board meeting.

Hearings, public appearance & citizen comments:

- 1) Jim & Susan Steinmann – 554 S Main St regarding terrace trees. Provided background of the home. Is currently restoring the home. In June 2015, they invested \$3,200 in removing dead limbs from the trees. After some storms, they observed a large crack in one of the trees. In Spring 2016 the tree was removed at a cost of \$2,600. They understand that the trees on their property and in the terrace, were there responsibility. They assumed it was there responsibility to replace the trees and repair the landscaping and invested \$2,500 in two small trees and bushes. They received a notice from the village to remove the trees summer 2016. Presented pictures of newer plantings on the terraces. Would like the refining of the landscape ordinance to allow restorative planting of low-level native landscape, non-invasive bushes and decorative trees that will not spread over the roadway in the terrace area. They are requesting to retain the terrace landscaping and trees. They have planted an evergreen and red maple trees. Willing to incorporate a deed restriction if needed to guarantee performance of any subsequent owner to maintain the landscaping and if it creates an unsafe condition, to remove it at the owner's cost if requested by the village. It was noted that the maintenance of trees in the ordinances should be looked at and updated if needed. Motion made by Bettin to allow Steinmann at 554 S Main St to keep the landscaping and trees and to maintain it the to the way the village ordinance says it should be. Seconded by Nicholson. Motion carried.
- 2) Katie Pederson – request for waiver to allow three dogs. Requesting a waiver to allow a third dog into their home at 209 W Coates Ave. Current ordinances limits to two dogs per residential lot. Noted current dogs are licensed. Other two dogs are under 10# each, the new one weighs 35#. Aware of flight risk and will always be on harness/collar. Dogs are kept in the house. Board felt she was a responsible pet owner. Motion made by Scanlan to approve waiver to Katie Pederson to have three dogs. Seconded by Nicholson. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Robert Harvey Finance Report –

- a) Motion made by Harvey to approve March invoices CKS#15681-15705 + Manual in the amount of \$230,258.58. Seconded by Nicholson. Motion carried.
- b) Motion made by Harvey to approve March payroll Vouchers #V1384-1397 in the amount of \$10,011.24. Seconded by Nicholson. Motion carried.
- c) Motion made by Harvey to approve operator license to Chad Ryan. Seconded by Strause. Motion carried.

Greg Bettin Personnel Report – Still trying to contact Rock County Sheriff’s Dept. If unable to contact in next couple of days will call Personnel Committee meeting to discuss next action.

Teresa Dunlap Public Works Report – Putting in a LED light next to the post office. Citizens to provide feedback to board members.

Stephen Scanlan Library Report – Indicated Library Board had a personnel manual that was prior to 2013 and acted on this information. They all have new manual.

Larry Strause Fire – Losa plan (retirement) was discussed. Representative to come to the village board to further discuss. Approved purchase of three sets of turn out gear at \$2200 each. New brush truck will be in service March 11th, old brush truck to go out for bids. Increased cleaning to \$9.50/hr. May 20th will be the annual pork roast.

Larry Strause Public Safety –

- a) Motion made by Strause to approve Ordinance #2017-0315 Amending Ordinance 7-1-13(c)(29) of the Municipal Code Relating to Prohibiting chickens in residential zoned area. Seconded by Scanlan. Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Nicholson – I; Scanlan -I; Bettin -I; Strause -I; Harvey -I; Dunlap -I. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made Harvey to table Creating Ordinance 7-1-23A of the Municipal Code of the Village of Monticello, Green County, Wisconsin Relating to Keeping of Chickens until Village Attorney and look at it. Seconded by Scanlan. Motion carried. Questions asked as to why the 25ft from buildings and does the entire area need to be fenced in.

- b) Postponed Resolution #2017-0315A Fee Schedule (indicating fee for chicken permit).

Rene Nicholson Park & Rec – None

Administrative Report by DaNean Naeger. None

President’s Report by LaVerne Crooks – None

Unfinished Business –

- a) Update on broadband internet with the County. Scanlan reported it has been one month the Green County Board has been working on broadband internet. Indicated need to raise \$10-15,000 to do GIS mapping of Green County. Asking all 22 municipalities to

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contribute \$750 along with a letter of recommendation to get the process started. Indicated the infrastructure is already in place. County has three towers and others are putting up towers and it is possible the County could use these towers. Indicated municipalities that could use fiber optic lines cost is \$20-30,000/mile to install. State has \$15.5 million to go towards broadband but will only be used for construction. Looking at Lafayette County who has wireless a total of 25 megs, 3 up and 3 down.

- b) Resolution #2107-0315 Appoint an Impartial Hearing Officer. To go back to Personnel Committee to find a hearing officer.

New Business – None

Adjourn

A motion was made by Scanlan, seconded by Nicholson to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by DaNean Naeger, Village Clerk/Treasurer