

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2019
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The first of the bi-monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday February 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, New York. Mayor Neil Dwyer called the meeting to order and led in the pledge to the flag. Emergency exits were announced.

Present: Mayor Dwyer; Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Also present: Chief Melchiorre, Admin. Sergeant Amatetti, Sergeant Krauss, Attorney Terhune, Village Clerk Baxter and Deputy Clerk Zahra

Absent: Trustee Conklin (personal)

MINUTE APPROVAL: MEETINGS OF JANUARY 3rd & 15th:

On a motion by Trustee Houle seconded by Trustee Behringer, the Minutes of the January 3rd 2019 Meeting were approved.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None

On a motion by Trustee Alley seconded by Trustee Behringer, the Minutes of the January 15th 2019 Meeting were approved.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS / MODIFICATIONS:

On a motion by Trustee Houle seconded by Trustee Alley, with all in favor, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorized the Treasurer to make the following fund transfers / modifications to balance the budget:

From:	Description	To:	Description	Amount	
A.1110.453	Court Equipment Maint	A.1110.431	Court Telephone	2,000.00	At the Judge's request
Budget Modifications					
A.1560	Safety Inspection Fees	A.1440.450	Engineering Contractual	9,038.00	Raise Revenue/Expense lines re safety inspection fees collected re engineering
A.2115	Planning Board Fees	A.8025.450	Plan Bd Enginner Contract	1,264.00	Raise Revenue/Expense lines re planning board fees collected/engineer contractual
A.2705	Gifts & Donations	A.7550.410	Celebrations General Exp	10,000.00	Raise Revenue/Expense lines re T.Monroe/Harriman contribution to fireworks
A.2705	Gifts & Donations	A.7110.410	Parks General Expense	500.00	Raise Revenue/Expense lines re donation park bench
A.2770	Miscellaneous Revenue	A.7550.454	Parks General Maintenance	706.66	Raise Revenue/Expense lines re residential lawn mowing

RESIGNATION: BRENDAN PLUNKETT, P/T CROSSING GUARD:

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Alley, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board accepted the resignation of Brendan Plunkett, P/T Crossing Guard, of the Monroe Police Department. Due to health reasons Mr. Plunkett has retired effective 1/23/19. The Board wished Mr. Plunkett a speedy recovery and good health in the future.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None

APPOINTMENTS: PART-TIME DISPATCHERS / CAMERON GOMAS & JORDAN TETREAUULT:

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Behringer, it was:

RESOLVED, the Village Board approved the following appointments for the position of part-time Dispatchers. Both have successfully completed background investigations and drug and physical screenings:

Cameron Gomas, 93 McBee Court, Monroe, NY 10950
Jordan Tetreault, 1856 Route 565, Glenwood, NJ 07418

Mr. Gomas' effective start date is 2/11/19 and Ms. Tetreault's effective start date is 2/6/19, with both beginning at an hourly rate of \$18.73/hour:

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None

BUILDING DEPARTMENT SURPLUS / DISPOSAL: ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Houle, it was:

RESOVLED, the Board of Trustees approved the request of Building Inspector Cocks and declared the following Building Department electronic equipment surplus and of no value, and authorized its removal from inventory and disposal as junk:

1. Dell monitor # CN-OMN008-71623-3 85-0697
2. IBM monitor # 23G6174
3. Brother 1270 fax machine # C27266088
4. HP Laser Jet 1022 printer # VNB3H80858
5. Olympia EC 4000 desktop calculator # 24013836
6. HP Laser Jet SL printer # VM000029
7. HP3180 fax machine # CN8CABZOPQCB820-64001
8. Dell laptop with port (VM LAP3) # CN-OUY14148643 -82K-2098
9. APC UPS backup # 3B098X29848
10. APC UPS backup # PB9834429803
11. Gateway Solo Laptop # 0019441234

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None

CLERK'S DEPARTMENT SURPLUS / DISPOSAL: ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Alley, it was,

RESOVLED, the Board of Trustees approved the request of Village Clerk Baxter and declared the following Village Clerk's electronic equipment surplus and of no value, and authorized its removal from inventory and disposal as junk:

1. HP Laserjet P1505 S/N #CN3K41313
2. Hewlett Packard desktop printer C2037A S/N #USFC464616 (Vof M # 35 or 1653)
3. HP Laserjet 1022 S/N #B3H80836
4. IBM 6789 typewriter (V of M #38 or 958)
5. IMB 6789 typewriter (V of M # 87 or 40)
6. Dell Optiplex 3010 Computer & keyboard Service Tag #7GC58Z1
7. Dell Optiplex 3010 Computer & keyboard Service Tag # 7GCV8Z1

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle
Nays: None

MONROE JOINT PARK RECREATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT / KAYEL CONKLIN:

On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Behringer, it was:

RESOVLED, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of Park Commission Chairman, John Battaglia, and appointed Kayel Conklin, 380 Spring Street Monroe, NY to the Monroe Joint Park

Recreation Commission to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Ann Marie Morris in December 2018. Mr. Conklin will fulfill a 5 year term, 2/2019 – 2/2024.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle

Nays: None

2019 VILLAGE OF MONROE SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT APPLICATION CONTINUED:

(See Minutes 12/18/18, 1/3/19, 1/15/19)

At the January 15, 2019 Board Meeting Mayor Dwyer reiterated that the Village of Monroe is considering the modification of its special events application to require a minimum of 30 day submission date prior to the event to allow for ample time for the necessary departments to review and approve the applications. During the meeting, the Trustees had the opportunity to go through the application and ask questions regarding what was being proposed in the revised application. Mayor Dwyer requested that the Trustees submit their comments in writing to him by Friday, 1/18 so changes could be prepared for the next meeting. Discussion followed.

Mayor Dwyer stated that the Board had an opportunity to review it and its time to get it done. The Village Clerk is in possession of 7 event applications that need to be submitted for approval. Mayor Dwyer stated that it was suggested by the Clerk, and he agreed, that holding a workshop with the Building and Police Departments, a onetime event, to trim it down. Mayor Dwyer continued that he finds it cumbersome and Trustee Houle agreed. Mayor Dwyer added that to Sergeant Amatetti's point, he also agreed that they don't always allow enough time for the Department's to review the application. Some of the events are pretty simple, but others are more detailed, and public safety is paramount in everything that they do. Mayor Dwyer asked the Board if they want to take the proposed application and modify to a minimal whereby they would be able to get these applications processed with the caveat that the applicants be told that there is 30 day period between when the application is submitted and when it is approved.

Trustee Alley asked why the Board would not move forward with applications that have been submitted prior to this change and Mayor Dwyer responded that they may have to do that. There is only one that may be an issue because it is 45 days out, all the other events are still out a ways. Trustee Alley added that it seemed to her that until the Board passed a new policy or permit that the old one would be in place up until that time. Mayor Dwyer agreed but added that he still wanted to see the new one get off the ground.

Trustee Alley asked what prompted the complete restructuring of the event application and what is the Board trying to achieve. Mayor Dwyer responded that that there isn't a sufficient amount of time in most instances to process an application, including when the Village itself wants to host an event and is slow to submit their application, like what happened with their recent Winter Festival. Mayor Dwyer stated that the existing application works with some modifications. The Trustees agreed.

Trustee Houle offered to meet with Trustee Alley, the Building Department and the Police Department and hash out the details and come up with modifications to the existing application. Village Clerk Baxter interjected and stated that since she is the one accepting the application and processing it, she would like to be part of the meeting as well. Trustee Houle agreed and stated she would organize a meeting date and time.

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT:

(See Minutes 7/24/18)

On July 24, 2018, Claudia Maroney, Frontier Communications Director of Operations, made a presentation to the Board of Trustees to discuss possibly entering into a cable franchise agreement with the Village of Monroe to offer their new product, Vantage TV, to the residents as an alternative to Optimum or satellite. During the presentation it was discussed that there were some local issues with Frontier service, specifically to Village Hall, that needed to be looked in to. Mayor Dwyer agreed with Ms. Maroney that competition is the driver. He also stated that there is more to this agreement that needs to be done in regards to the product and legal issues, and the Village would continue to review it. Discussion followed.

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Behringer, it was:

RESOLVED, following review and approval of documents by the Village Attorney, the Board of Trustees approved the Village of Monroe Cable Franchise Agreement with Frontier Communications of New York, Inc., which has been approved by the Village Attorney. It is further

RESOLVED, Mayor Dwyer is authorized to sign the Frontier Franchise Agreement.

A copy of the full text of this Franchise Agreement is available for inspection on the Village's website and at the Office of the Village Clerk, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, NY during business hours Monday to Friday.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, and Houle
Nays: None

INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL LAW #3 OF 2019 – AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 185 “TOWING” (PERSONAL CHECKS):

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Alley, it was:

RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law, titled “AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 185 OF THE VILLAGE CODE, “TOWING,” is hereby introduced by Mayor Dwyer before the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe, County of Orange, State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed Local Law be laid upon the desk of each member of the Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees shall hold a public hearing on said proposed local law at the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, New York at 7:00PM on February 19, 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Clerk shall publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the Village of Monroe no later than five (5) days prior thereto.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, and Houle
Nays: None

INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL LAW #5 OF 2019 – AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 43 “VEHICLE & TRAFFIC” :

Mayor Dwyer stated that this particular chapter pertains to weight restrictions and a couple of pieces that need to be resolved. One piece is clarify that the Rt. 208 North Main entrance comes all the way down to Spring Street and continues on to end at Freeland, and that is currently not identified in the local law. Mayor Dwyer continued that the second piece is to request the Police Department to provide some guidance regarding local deliveries only, which has been a bit confusing, and we need to clean up. Mayor Dwyer continued that those two pieces will be ready for publication tomorrow.

Attorney Terhune interjected and stated that the Board would need to introduce that at the next meeting, as she did not have the specific language. Attorney Terhune added that as soon as Mayor Dwyer got her that language, she will draft the local law which seemed pretty straightforward. The public hearing could be set at the next meeting of 2/19, and held at the 3/5 Board Meeting. Attorney Terhune stated that they had discussed it but didn't get anything finalized and Mayor Dwyer responded that was on him.

Resident John Karl interjected that Spring Street ends just after King Street in the Village of Monroe and then goes in to the Town of Monroe. There is a little stretch of that road in the Town of Monroe that connects it to Freeland Street. Mr. Karl stated that he was not sure if Mayor Dwyer was aware of that and Mayor Dwyer responded that he was not. Trustee Houle suggested that perhaps the Police Department could help identify the street names. Mayor Dwyer tabled this matter till the 2/19 Board Meeting.

REQUEST TO TRAVEL – NYSBOC TRAINING 4/9/19 THROUGH 4/11/19 – JAMES COCKS AND DEBBIE PROULX:

Building Inspector Cocks submitted a memo informing the Board that both he and Assistant Inspector Proulx would like to attend the NYSBOC Spring Seminar on Tuesday 4/9/19 through 4/11/19 from 7:30AM to 3:00PM at the Rockland Fire Training Center located at 35 Fireman's Memorial Drive, Pomona, NY. This is a mandatory training to maintain their certifications and will fulfill a minimum of 19 out of their required 24 hours that are needed each year. If registered before 2/15/19, the early bird fee is \$275 per person, and after 2/15/19 the fee is \$300.00. The amount will be allocated from budget line A3620.4720, and the Village truck will be utilized for transportation. The office will be managed throughout the day through cell phone and any priority inspections are performed after 4PM when they return to Monroe. Discussion followed.

Mayor Dwyer stated that he hoped to have additional information so they could deal with this at tonight's meeting. Mayor Dwyer added that at a previous meeting the Board had advised that they were

not going to shut down the Building Department. This is a 3 day event and the Board needs to weigh in on how to move forward. Mayor Dwyer stated that he did reach out through counsel and there are other opportunities to go to other training events. Trustee Houle agreed and stated that she believed that they learned at the previous meeting that their certification is based on a calendar year, so seeing as though we are in February, there is ample time for each member of the Building Department to satisfy these 24 hours of certification. Trustee Behringer asked if there was a calendar available that shows all the courses offered so they could plan ahead. Mayor Dwyer stated he went online and found information this evening and found other opportunities, and there is one with a very similar time line in Poughkeepsie and also in Westchester, but does not know if there are any differences between the courses. Mayor Dwyer does not want to negate the opening or closing of the department by sending them up to Lake Placid for \$1,200.00.

Mayor Dwyer continued that they need to have a really frank discussion with the Building Department that they need to plan their year in advance, present it to the Board, when and what they plan to attend to get their accreditation, and let the Board approve it for the year. Mayor Dwyer added that he thought he made it very clear to Building Inspector Cocks in November. They only had two months to get it done and they allowed it to happen at that time, that one time. He thought he acknowledged that. Trustee Houle stated that they need to have a conversation with the Building Department. She also asked the question that if they are members with the Rockland County Chapter of the NYSBOC, does that mean that they can only attend classes at that location. Mayor Dwyer stated no. He continued that at one time he was a member there just so he could have a better understanding of what makes them tick. He went to many locations to attend classes and there are many opportunities. Mayor Dwyer is not saying they should send them to Waterloo, NY but perhaps Westchester, Poughkeepsie or Kingston.

Trustee Alley asked if there is anything that sets this seminar apart from the others. Mayor Dwyer responded he didn't believe so, he just knows that this is what they chose for their in-service credits. Mayor Dwyer added that it would be different if they had multiple employees like the Town of Monroe. Supervisor Cardone interjected and stated that when their Building Department shut down for the day it was a nightmare. Mayor Dwyer agreed, there is no need to shut down an entire department, there are times that Clerk Baxter is in this building alone and he doesn't get that. It's a small building, but still. It's just not good business. Mayor Dwyer tabled this matter until another conversation could be had with the Building Department.

AMENDMENT TO SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH VALUE PAYMENT SYSTEMS:

On a motion by Trustee Alley, seconded by Trustee Houle, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the amendment to the service agreement between Value Payment Systems and the Village of Monroe to utilize their services for on-line water payments, eliminating their current provider, PayPal, and the additional steps that currently take place to process e-checks from our residents to the Village's bank account. There will be no cost to the Village. Residents who choose to pay by credit card online will be subject to a 2.75% convenience fee and residents who pay by e-check will pay a flat fee of \$1.95. Value Payment Systems currently processes the Village's online credit card payments for taxes, water rents, building department inspection fees, planning board fees, etc. It is:

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Mayor to sign the amended service agreement with Value Payment Systems.

Mayor Dwyer asked the Board if they had any questions or concerns and trustee Alley stated that she is in support of the change as long as it makes it easier on all parties. Village Clerk Baxter stated that this change would not impact the Clerk's Office, only the Finance Department.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle

Nays: None

O'TOOLE VENTURES LLC STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY 30 DAY WAIVER REQUEST:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Alley, it was:

WHEREAS, O'Toole Ventures LLC, located at 15 Stage Road Monroe, NY, has applied for a permit to sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday, March 17, 2019 between the hours of 8AM to 10AM with the New York State Liquor Authority as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe takes no exception to the approval of the Liquor License and hereby waives its right to a thirty (30) day hold on the license application for O'Toole Ventures LLC;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees waive its right to require a thirty (30) day hold on the O'Toole Ventures LLC license application.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle

Nays: None

PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION NO. 2 – FREEMAN HOMES SUBDIVISION CURB REPLACEMENT PHASE # 2:

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Alley, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of Lanc & Tully and approved Payment No. 2 submitted by A-Tech Concrete Co., for the Freeman Homes Subdivision Curb replacement project phase # 2 in the amount of \$4,997.50. Work was completed on this project September 6, 2018 and accepted by DPW Supervisor John Linderman on September 24, 2018. Is it further

RESOLVED, Mayor Dwyer is hereby authorized to sign the voucher for payment submitted by Lanc & Tully.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle

Nays: None

NOTARY PUBLIC EXAM AT ROCKLAND COUNTY FIRE TRAINING CENTER / VILLAGE CLERK BAXTER & DEPUTY CLERK ZAHRA:

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Behringer, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the request of Village Clerk Baxter and Deputy Clerk Zahra to sit for the Notary Public Exam the Rockland County Fire Training Center located at 35 Fireman's Memorial Drive Pomona, NY. Deputy Clerk Zahra will sit for the exam on 2/26/19 and Village Clerk Baxter will sit for the exam on 4/9/19. The cost of the exam is \$15.00 per person, and the total cost of \$30.00 shall be allocated from budget line A1410.4720, Clerk Education. Mileage for use of their own vehicle shall be reimbursed on a voucher at the rate of \$.54/mile.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle

Nays: None

ORANGE COUNTY TOURISM GRANT ACCEPTANCE 2018-2019:

The Village of Monroe was notified in a letter dated January 24, 2019 that the Village has been awarded a 2018-2019 County of Orange Arts & Tourism Grant. The Village will be receiving \$2,500 to support the Village of Monroe's Founders Day Celebration. A resolution accepting the grant must be adopted, certified and returned to the County.

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Behringer, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the 2018-2019 County of Orange Arts & Tourism Grant funding through the Orange County Tourism Program in the amount of \$2,500. This funding will be used to support the Village of Monroe's Founders Day Celebration. Mayor Dwyer is hereby authorized to sign the agreement.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle

Nays: None

REQUEST TO TRAVEL - AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 4/16 – 4/18/19 / J. PRINCE:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Alley, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the attendance of Water Plant Assistant Jaime Price at the American Water Works Conference from April 16-18 2019 in Saratoga Springs, NY. Cost of the conference and hotel accommodations at the Saratoga Hilton is \$1,007.00 and will be allocated from

budget line F.8330.472, Purification Education. Ms. Prince will be driving her own vehicle and a voucher will be submitted for mileage reimbursement at a rate of .54/mile.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle

Nays: None

VILLAGE OF MONROE PARTICIPATION IN CHILDREN'S EDITION OF PHOTO NEWS:

Trustee Houle advised the Board that the Village has an opportunity to participate in the Children's Edition of The Photo News on April 25, 2019. Trustee Houle continued that they viewed this as an opportunity to honor the Village's Quasquecentennial by partnering with North Main Elementary and Pine Tree Elementary. They will host a contest in which they will elect a Youth Board of Trustees, with a kid Mayor and 4 kid Trustees. The Village would like to post the 5 winners and their projects in the Children's Edition of The Photo News, with descriptions of who they are and the positions that they have been elected to. The cost of the ad is \$540 for one full page ad. Discussion followed.

Trustee Behringer asked how are the winners decided and will there be an election? Trustee Houle responded that there will be votes for each project cast and the process is still being worked out. The children of the school, the Board of Trustees and the Quasquecentennial Committee will have an opportunity to review the projects and choose their favorites. The project with the highest number of votes will become kid Mayor and the other 4 projects will become Trustees. On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Behringer, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorized Mayor Dwyer to purchase one full page color ad in the Children's Edition of the Photo News that will run on April 25, 2019. The cost of the ad is \$540.00 and will be allotted from budget line A.1410.4510. The purpose of the ad is to announce the winners of the Quasquecentennial Celebration Youth Board of Trustees contest through North Main Street & Pine Tree Elementary Schools. The Village's intent to participate must be submitted to the Photo News by February 12, 2019.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle

Nays: None

AUTHORIZATION FOR MAYOR TO APPLY FOR INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT:

Mayor Dwyer stated that a little over a week ago the Village of Monroe had an issue with a reported sewer spillage up at Mombasha Lake. We provided communication to the residents of what occurred in detail. Mayor Dwyer continued that through that event, Supervisor Cardone approached him regarding being proactive and finding ways to identify some grants that will protect our water shed and our water. Supervisor Cardone brought to Mayor Dwyer's attention an opportunity through Choice Words, a grant write that specifically works with municipalities and not for profits, and they have proposed to assist in writing a grant for the Village of Monroe which has an amount of up to \$100,000. Grants are very subjective, and one of the keys is to have someone who knows how to write and hit all the key things. Mayor Dwyer asked the Board to consider it. Mayor Dwyer added that he is also pursuing a Clean Water grant through the DEC, he is not aware of what the monetary payout is, but they have a tremendous resource base with consultants and such, which will come in and do a full overview of the lake and the water shed. Mayor Dwyer acknowledged that he had never given any real thought to how vulnerable our water supply is and it needs to be addressed.

Mayor Dwyer continued that it is estimated that this grant work with Choice Words will cost about \$2,400, 30 hours at \$80 per hour. Mayor Dwyer added that it has a deadline of February 15, 2019, as does the other one which he hopes to have wrapped up by tomorrow. Mayor Dwyer has reached out to the Village's consultant, Delaware Engineering for some assistance, just to make sure the Village is doing the right thing.

Trustee Alley commented that on the document it stated that the grant was for \$100,000 and there would be a \$25,000 match required, did that mean it was a 25% match? Mayor Dwyer confirmed that it was and if they only received \$10,000, the Village's match would be \$2,500.00.

Attorney Terhune asked if the match could be "in kind" and the work be done by the Village. Mayor Dwyer stated he was not sure. Attorney Terhune responded that a lot of times it is in kind, so if the DPW does work, that counts towards it that would something that he would want to talk about it. On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Alley, it was:

RESOLVED, contingent upon approval to proceed from the Village of Monroe's consultant, Delaware Engineering, and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Board of Trustees authorized

questioned who would be responsible for the liability of the road as well as the maintenance of the road. Mr. Eppinger again stressed that the YMCA should not have been granted approval to expand without having two means of egress already in place.

Lastly Mr. Eppinger questioned how many Village residents are using the YMCA make up the total membership. He doesn't believe they are all Village residents, it's inconceivable. You must consider the total scope of the Village and stated he did not care if they stayed or left.

Resident John Karl commented on the snow removal in the downtown after the last storm and stated he didn't think it was the best. Mr. Karl continued that snow was left in piles and froze up as well as snow heaped in piles around the parking meters. He is aware that there has been a change in leadership, but the Board needs to address the downtown area when it snows. If the Village can send guys out on the pond to clean snow on the weekends, they should be able to get the downtown cleaned up.

Mr. Karl asked if the Board knew where the Village stood in regards to road salt tonnage and how much has been used this year compared to last year. Mayor Dwyer stated he did not know. Mr. Karl continued that his development still has salt on it from the last storm that hasn't dissolved and his road was salted 6 times during the last storm. He encouraged the Board to take a ride into his development and see the salt in the cul-de-sacs, it's not dissolving. He stated that the roads are being over salted and if you want to talk about the environment, think about where that salt goes, into the catch basins and into the streams.

Mr. Karl commented on the flyers that were included with the last water bill regarding cleaning your sidewalks of snow and he's all for it. He has complained in the past about it. He asked if it was being enforced and stated that the Village should be doing the same thing with the trail around the ponds. Mr. Karl stated that the paths around the ponds were all froze over and shouldn't the Village be leading by example?

Mr. Karl commented on how badly traffic has gotten by the old Citgo gas station with the drivers that attempt to shoot across Rt. 208. This area is a problem, and they do the same thing coming in the other direction coming down off Forest Avenue. Mr. Karl stated that he sent Mayor Dwyer a picture about it the other day. Trustee Behringer commented that the area by Mobile gas station is really bad, she sees it every day on her way back and forth to work.

Mr. Karl also question what was happening at the print shop along North Main Street and asked if anyone else had seen the large amount of cars going in and out of that place. You couldn't get a bicycle in there much less a firetruck, what is going on in there? Mr. Karl added that they had also been parking in the firehouse parking lot and they were chased out of there. Mayor Dwyer stated he would look at their site plan and address it.

Mr. Karl continued that he read some stuff in the paper regarding the YMCA and he knows you shouldn't believe everything you read in the paper, but he read some statements that this Board is dead set against the proposal. Mr. Karl asked if that is a fair statement to say. Mayor Dwyer responded no, it is not a fair statement to say. Mayor Dwyer continued that the Board is doing its due diligence and what he said on January 15th during public session about the Board doing its homework to see how they got to this stage is what they are doing. This Board is being asked to allow for a use that they did not have any prior knowledge of. There was DOT information, there was County information, there were minutes, and there was all kinds of information, Planning Board stuff that they are going through. Mayor Dwyer asked Mr. Karl if he was referring to the Times Herald Record and Mr. Karl responded that he was. Mayor Dwyer stated that he had a pretty comprehensive conversation with them and I didn't call and ask for a retraction because that is not what I am about. Mayor Dwyer continued that what he told Chris McKenna, writer for the Times Herald Record, is that the Board has a responsibility to the residents of this community to do its homework, and we're going to do it. The Board is not in favor of it, but they have to understand how they got to that point. Their concerns are based upon someone saying they want to do this. Mayor Dwyer stated that he asked Mr. Besdansky and Mr. Olley if he could bring their drawings and their data back to the Board. Mayor Dwyer stated that he did that in June, 2018. The Board told them then that they were not in favor of it and asked them to bring the Town into it and look at another opportunity. The former Town Supervisor was not in favor of that and that is how they came back to the Village. This Board is just doing its homework and there are tremendous reservations. There is a lot of passing traffic crossing the trail, a lot of ingress and egress. If we were dead set against it, there would be no homework going on.

Mr. Karl stated that a lot of this started back in 2009 with him when he was Mayor when the Y was first looking to come in to the Village. Mr. Karl stated he was all for it. Mr. Karl stated he met with former County Executive Ed Diana about crossing the trail and they were going to look into it. Things were progressing and I lost the election in 2010 and he doesn't know what happened after that. Whatever

happened with the communication of the Board; there are a few members that have been sitting on the Board for a while, so it's not like it was something that was sprung up on them.

Mr. Karl continued that by adding a traffic light at Gilbert Street as well as a left turning lane into Gilbert Street, which can be done because there is quite a bit of State right of way there if you look at the plans, that's going to act as a calming device. If it is done right, you put a four way traffic light in, and connect Gilbert Street extension, it'll work. If for some reason that doesn't happen, rest assured, that curb cut that is in there now for that Village owned paper road, will be curbed up if they only put in a three way traffic light. The State will not allow anyone to come out of the little parking area by Wally's out against the traffic light, it won't happen. Everyone needs to sit down and look at as a whole. Mr. Karl went on to state that the worst intersection along the Heritage Trail is the spot in the Town where traffic crosses over the trail through the park and ride and comes out onto Orange & Rockland Road. It's a mess. People are actually parking up on the lawns, there is no cross walk, cars are parked and they are sticking out over the white line. There are site distance issues. Mr. Karl stated that if they are looking for an alternative that way, the whole area needs to be considered. Fire apparatus and emergency personal will need to come down and around that way and that'll be an issue. Something needs to be done, Mr. Karl stated, he does not want to see the YMCA leave Monroe. He added that the Developer of Smith Farm is responsible for that traffic light, so let's see that it is a 4 way traffic light. Everyone will lose out.

Mr. Karl added that the same thing happened on Freeland Street. A traffic study should have been done when the Village took those roads over from the County. There needs to be turning lanes for Forshee Street and Calvin Terrace. The County was happy to get rid of the headache, now the headache belongs to the Village. Mayor Dwyer stated that he was correct and it is the main crux for his thinking. People say that's my problem and I will fix my problem, and they don't care about your problem. I have to take care of me. These are all examples of this. An applicant comes in with his plan and that's all they care about. Who becomes the gatekeeper? Us, the Village of Monroe. Mayor Dwyer continued that the one way, Rt. 208 highway has been around since the 40's. Rt. 208 going north, a State Highway has a left turn. He's never heard of such a thing. When Rt. 208 gets to Schunnemunk Street, you can barely make a left turn, the road is so narrow. The stop bar is so close to the intersection. The whole intersection is insane. Mr. Karl stated that the only way to clean it up would be to take the property under eminent domain and put a large rotary in there and the cars can off wherever they need to.

Mayor Dwyer responded that it could still happen, it takes good minds. He added that he has reached out to Senator Skoufis and to our Assemblyman. He has hope with Senator Skoufis. This Board is looking for some guidance. There is a development in the que with someone who bought Joe's Fix'it's and the vacant lots, it looks like he's looking to bring in a really beautiful office/retail location, but he will not get permission to come out onto a one way street. He is going to have to look at a much bigger picture. Mayor Dwyer suggested they tag team and try and look at something a little more comprehensively and think about a possible rotary and or atop sign environment with turning lanes. The Rt. 208 one way thing isn't working any more. This Board is committed to making it better. Mayor Dwyer continued that the Board has asked Mr. Besdanky, Mr. Olly and Mr. Preston, along with Mr. Micelli, to give them the opportunity to allow us to do this homework to come to some kind of resolution and look at it as a much bigger picture. So when this Board is long gone, the work that this Board has done will reflect good planning, and not just this issue, and not just for today.

Mayor Dwyer agreed with Mr. Eppinger, it is a lack of courtesy. Nobody has it anymore, especially when driving. Mayor Dwyer referenced coming off of Rt. 208 and making a left onto Rt. 17M heading towards the Village. People now approach and look to make a left onto Millpond Parkway which is currently legal. It's ridiculous what happens. Cars are stopped waiting to make the turn and what happens? Other cars are now driving on the shoulder to go around them, impeding on the drivers that are trying to exit the diner and the shopping plaza next door. We need to get out of the dark ages, it's a mess. There is a hole up on Rt. 17M by the park that the Village has put shopping carts in to try and stop people from driving into it. Mr. Karl mentioned the giant hump up by the diner, it's terrible.

Mr. Karl stated that he just wants to see it happen. The Smith Farm developer has to put that traffic light in. Mayor Dwyer agreed that it has to happen. Mr. Karl added that he wants to make sure that it isn't set up as three way light, but a four way, so it doesn't become someone else's burden down the road. Mr. Karl continued that as far as the danger of crossing the trail, you're talking about 200 feet of road; people are not going to be driving fast on 200 feet of road. If the State puts that light in and not use Gilbert Street, that little piece of parking lot is going to go away. Mayor Dwyer stated it should go away. He added that someone suggested that was the reason behind not wanting it and Mayor Dwyer said put the curb in. That is not his issue. He does not know how to control the issue of kids running around while they get ice cream that was never the Board's issue. It was about crossing the trail, bypassing the parking lot. He was up in the parking lot on Halloween and he noticed that there is no sidewalk in place there; there is one main path when you exit the building and that is right into the parking lot. Mr. Karl

asked if that was approved by the Planning Board. Mayor Dwyer responded that it was. Mr. Karl asked if the Engineers check off on everything that was supposed to be done and Mayor Dwyer thought that they did. Mayor Dwyer added that at the time when they approved it, there was no potential for a cut through and there potentially there is now. Who he is talking about the person that isn't thinking clearly and is trying to cut through there because he has got someplace to be. Mayor Dwyer stated that he got an email the day after the last meeting from Mr. Besdansky thanking the Board for their time, giving them the opportunity to present, thanking them for the diligence and for their continued support. Now they are trying to schedule a time to meet one on one to continue the conversation. Mayor Dwyer added that he is just as passionate about safety as the Y is about their mission.

Ross Micelli, Executive Branch Director of the South Orange YMCA, asked to Board to confirm if they had received the letter from Mr. Preston and the Board acknowledged that they had. Mr. Micelli stated that he was happy to hear that was not his stance in the newspaper article. Mayor Dwyer asked if he was at the January 15th meeting and did he say that and Mr. Micelli stated that he was, and he did not hear that, but that members had asked him and he advised them to not take it for what it's worth. Mr. Micelli stated that things gets messed up and misconstrued. Mr. Micelli continued that the YMCA has concerns as well and they feel that the Y can met these safety requirements and all that he ask is that the Board take the time and give them a chance. Mr. Micelli requested that the Board come into the YMCA; they can have their traffic consultant there to answer questions.

Mr. Micelli continued that Mayor Dwyer just made a comment about the way the road is and asked if Mayor Dwyer was aware that there is a sidewalk in the new plans. Mayor Dwyer asked Mr. Micelli which area he was speaking about, and Mr. Micelli responded where Gilbert Street is, there is going to be a beautiful crosswalk and sees it as an improvement to an area that is an eyesore currently.

Mayor Dwyer stated that was not the area that he was talking about; he was referring to exiting the building. Mr. Micelli responded that the YMCA is going to go above and beyond with safety measures, just give them the opportunity. The Y is spending the time to educate their members on the situation and they have begun holding forums to do just that. Mayor Dwyer responded that had it not been a meeting night he would have attended the forum. He also stated that one of the Trustees had a meeting with a member of the community who is very well respected and the first statement made was why doesn't the Mayor want a pool. He doesn't understand how that happens. Mayor Dwyer stated that what should be coming out of the Y is that the Mayor and the Board are committed to finding a solution and that's it. If someone says anything different, they should shut it down. Mayor Dwyer added that he heard comments made after the meeting on the 15th that if the Y moves, you know who is going to buy that building? He does not want to hear that. It is addressing fear, and that is not what this about.

Trustee Behringer added that when she read the article is made them seem like these mean people that don't have a heart. Sometimes things get approved in the Town or the County and people wonder how that got approved. Once it is approved, it cannot be taken back. Trustee Behringer acknowledged that she took a drive through the parking lot prior to the last meeting and to her it makes more sense to go out through the O&R Park. The Board needs to get together and discuss, they want everyone to be safe. Mr. Micelli interjected and stated that so did the YMCA. Mr. Micelli stated that with the amended site plan there are a lot of traffic deterrents that will slow traffic up so going through the parking lot now isn't really a fair statement without taking into consideration and seeing the number of speed bumps, raised cross walks and other things that are being done. Mr. Micelli extended an invitation to the Board to come into the Y and thanked them for their time.

Town Councilman Mike McGinn stated he was here to speak on behalf of the YMCA and acknowledged that he was a member of the YMCA as well. Councilman McGinn stated that one thing that he has learned with his time spent on the Town Board and that is to listen to the professionals, whether it's your Engineers or your Attorney's. You do your due diligence but you listen to what they have to say and that is what you hang your hat on.

Councilman McGinn stated that they are doing their job as a Board and he understands their concerns. He stated that he testified before the County Legislature regarding crossing the Heritage Trail before he was even on the Town Board. He did it on behalf of the Y who asked him to speak from a law enforcement perspective. The County did their due diligence and listened to their professionals and determined that crossing the trail there would not be a problem. At each trail crossing there are adequate things put into place to ensure people are safe, biking, running, whatever, and he thinks those concerns have been addressed.

Councilman McGinn continued on and spoke about the traffic on Rt. 17M. He stated that 17M is a commercial roadway and there are problems there that can't be remediated with traffic control devices, signage and other traffic remediation efforts. Councilman McGinn added that there are accidents along that road, but there are accidents all along Rt. 17M along with every other State Highway. That is why

you do enforcement. The Village has a Police Department that's out there, along with the State Police, and that's how you get people to comply with that. Councilman McGinn stated that traffic concerns and curb cuts and all that you take into consideration but motorists and their behaviors? There are thousands of people out on the roads and you have the 10% that are knuckleheads and it makes it seem like it's the other way around. But you cannot take motorist behavior and say that is the reason why you aren't going to approve a project.

Councilman McGinn stated that Mr. Karl made a good point with adding a turn lane coming off of the Rt.208 extension. He doesn't know the history and how it ended up in that location. Having another access point would be fantastic, whether it's because of the expansion or not. He encouraged the Board to not get down in the weeds, look at what is being presented to you, and look at the facts. Try not to bring in the ancillary things. The fact is, the YMCA is there, it is at that location, and we have to deal with it. We cannot shut them down; we cannot tell them to move. Councilman McGinn added that in the Board's defense, the YMCA should have started working on it back in 2009, coming in off of Rt. 208 was not viable then and it is not viable now. Maybe there should have been more input from the prior Village Board. Councilman McGinn reiterated that the Town of Monroe has offered a short term, alternative should things not work out with the Village. People shouldn't dig in their heels, they should roll up their sleeves, and find a way to get this done, find a way to get to yes. Mayor Dwyer interjected and said that is what this Board is doing. Councilman McGinn agreed and stated it was a two way street. This cannot be played out in the papers, the court of public opinion or social media. It gets done here, with the people in this room.

Trustee Houle agreed with Councilman McGinn. The Board is very appreciative of all the services that the YMCA provides to the residents of the Village of Monroe. The current access point does make everyone scratch their heads, how can the cars go counter flow to access the YMCA? That should have never been approved and that is what this Board is trying to avoid. This Board is not saying no, this Board is just trying to look into every possible option out there, and ten years from now. That this is an entrance point is safe for everyone. There is a solution there; it is just a matter for finding it. Councilman McGinn thanked the Board for their attention and consideration.

Resident Kayel Conklin agreed with the concept of a rotary. He sees it as a solution and one that will benefit everyone. You can put park benches in there; it could become a place of comfort and safety.

Resident Tim Mitts informed the Board that the NHL will be finishing its review of Rest Haven to possibly nominate the house as a landmark in the Village of Monroe with State support.

Mr. Mitts also mentioned that someone from the community is in the process of nominating Rest Haven for the 2019 Excellence in Home Preservation Award in New York, and hopefully we will know in a few months.

Mr. Mitts announced that he is buying a property in the Village of Monroe, approximately 20 acres of land, and it will be developed specifically for senior housing in Monroe. It is a 3 to 5 year plan, a 3 phase site with approximately 300 units. Some of it is on Main Street, and we are buying Charlie Lange's property. We are looking to continue senior housing from the property next door. Mr. Mitts stated they are looking to keep people in the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Mayor Dwyer, seconded by Trustee Behringer, with all in favor, the meeting was closed at 8:43 PM. Following a 5-minute recess, the Board convened in Executive Session for the discussion of pending litigation and Personnel.

Executive Session Minutes compiled by Mayor Dwyer.

OPEN SESSION:

On a motion by Trustee Houle seconded by Trustee Behringer and carried, the Open Meeting resumed at 10:45 PM.

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR P/T CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Behringer, it was:

RESOLVED, the Village Clerk is hereby authorized to advertise for a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. Applicant will work 10 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour. The Orange

County Application for Employment can be found on the Village's website or in the Village Clerk's Office.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer and Houle

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Behringer and carried, no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Ann-Margret Baxter
Village Clerk**