

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2012**

At 6 PM the Board met in a workshop session with Mary Beth Biancini and John Brust, representatives of Delaware Engineering PC to discuss results of the Water Rate Study they undertook.

Present: Mayor Purcell; Trustees Gormley, Chan, Wright and Conklin
Also present: DPW Supt. Smith

Due to Election Day on Tuesday, November 6th, the first bi-monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 7 PM in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, NY. Mayor James C. Purcell called the meeting to order and led in the pledge to the flag. Emergency exits were announced.

Present: Mayor Purcell; Trustees Gormley, Chan, Wright and Conklin
Also present: Attorney Bonacic, DPW Supt. Smith and Village Clerk Carey

Mayor Purcell called for a moment of silence to acknowledge all those lost to the tragedy of Hurricane Sandy last week and for everyone who is suffering and dealing with the results.

MINUTE APPROVAL: OCTOBER 2ND AND 16TH

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Gormley, with all in favor, the Minutes of the October 2nd and October 16th Meeting were approved.

BUILDING OFFICIALS SEMINAR 11/14 WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY:

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Wright, and carried, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the attendance of Building Inspector Wilkins at the 8 – hour Mid-Hudson NYS Building Officials Conference in Wappingers Falls, NY on Wednesday, November 14th. Cost of seminar is \$80 and will be allocated from budget line A3620.472.

WATER CHEMICAL BID AUTHORIZATION 2013:

On a motion by Trustee Gormley seconded by Trustee Chan, and carried, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorized the Village Clerk to prepare and advertise for bids for the Village Water Department for Chemicals for the 2013 calendar year. Bid to be advertised on November 5, 2012 with bid opening on Monday, November 19, 2012 @ 2:15 PM.

NOTARY PUBLIC WORKSHOP: DENISE CANDELA AND NOELLE SEMAN

On a motion by Trustee Chan seconded by Trustee Gormley, and carried, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the attendance of Billing Control Clerk, Noelle Seman and Account Clerk Typist Denise Candela at the Notary Public Workshop at BOCES on December 4, 2012 from 6-9 PM at a cost of \$30 each. Cost to be allocated from budget line A5010.472 Adm. Education.

SALE OF SURPLUS: 1997 FORD/JOHNSON SWEEPER TO TOWN OF MARCY, NY

On a motion by Trustee Gormley seconded by Trustee Chan, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Village Law Section 1-102 provides that a Village may sell and convey such real and personal property as the purposes of the corporation may require, and

WHEREAS, The Town of Marcy, New York has agreed to purchase from the Village of Monroe one (1) surplus 1997 Ford/Johnson Street sweeper, VIN #1FDXH81C7VVA40483, and related spare parts for \$10,000.00, all in "AS IN" condition (the "Property"), and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees is satisfied that the Property is not needed for Village purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, that:

1. Upon receipt of \$10,000.00, conveyance of the Property to the Town of Marcy is hereby authorized;

2. The Mayor of the Village of Monroe is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete the transfer of the Property.

ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 8th day of November, 2012.

Ayes: Trustees Gormley, Chan, Wright and Conklin

Nays: None

On a motion by Trustee Gormley seconded by Trustee Chan, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED, funds received (\$10,000) from the sale of the 1997 Ford/Johnson Sweeper from the Town of Marcy, New York to be placed into the Highway Reserve Account A9950.900.

SACRED HEART CHURCH HISPANIC COMMUNITY ROSARY PROCESSION (FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE) 12/12/12:

On a motion by Trustee Chan seconded by Trustee Conklin, with all in favor, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the request of Sacred Heart Church's Hispanic Community to hold a Rosary Procession on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 from 3:30 – 4:30 PM. Procession will start at Sacred Heart Chapel, 151 Stage Road and proceed to Sacred Heart Church, 26 Still Road via Route 17M. A Certificate of Insurance was included. The event will be coordinated with the Police Department.

CHANUKAH MENORAH PROVIDED BY CHABAD OF ORANGE COUNTY:

On a motion by Trustees Conklin seconded by Trustee Chan, with all in favor, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the request of Chabad of Orange County, to sponsor a menorah for Crane Park for the Chanukah season, December 8-16, 2012. Coordination of delivery and removal shall be made with DPW Supt. Smith. A certificate of insurance will be filed.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

HURRICANE SANDY on 10/29 was an unprecedented storm. It created havoc for the entire tri-state area. Mayor Purcell commended the Monroe PD, Chief Giudice and Lt. Melchiorre, Sgt. Conklin and Sgt. Deluca, DPW Supt. Smith and all his employees, the Monroe Fire Department – Chief Carr, Chief Linderman, Chief Dolch, Past Chief and Fire Commissioner Sullivan, Monroe Volunteer Ambulance Corp personnel including Trustee Chan and Nancy Peifer, the M-W School District Supt of Schools Edward Mehrhof, the School Bus Garage Director of Transportation Dawn Russell and her staff, the clergy who reached out, they did a phenomenal job preparing for the storm. Everyone working together to carry out an action plan. Town Supervisor Leonard and Harriman Mayor Welle were there to do whatever they could. Kudos to Trustee Wright whose expertise in law enforcement opened eyes to issues that

we've never experienced. Communication preparedness of all departments in the community was well done. So many people without power from downed trees and electric wires and transformers, blocked roads. You can't say enough about our employees, emergency services and volunteer services; we have a lot more work to do. From Hurricane Irene in 2011 and Sandy this year we got better at what we do. With each storm, we learn and improve on our action. Everyone will debrief in a few weeks to improve upon our action plan for the future. The DPW is working hard to pick up tree limbs and branches in an effort to get roads open. Mayor Purcell and DPW Supt. Smith were involved with Orange and Rockland trying to get restoration work done and roads opened as quickly as possible. They were involved with all the elected officials throughout the state who were contacted and put on notice by all 3 municipalities. Senator Larkin and Assemblywoman Annie Rabbit were involved with resolving issues with Orange and Rockland. We are grateful to those workers and employees who came from out-of-town to help with the restoration work. Many from other power and light companies from across the state worked long hours to restore power to our community. To all the volunteers and workers who assisted we say thank you to each and every one of them.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE met with 13 landlords of businesses in the downtown on October 18th. The architectural design was reviewed, parking, traffic flow, etc. All the issues that we felt impact the village. The landlords were happy to be included in the discussion of issues pertaining to them here in the downtown community. Ideas brought out were compiled to be included in the comprehensive plan. Ideas like unlit alleyways. A lease agreement was suggested to keep alleyways clean. There was more positive than negative comment received. Landlords liked the architectural design of which there is a cost. They will all be receiving letters from the architectural design team.

BOARD COMMENT:

Trustee Chan thanked DPW Supt. Smith for coming out with a crew, chain saws and loader, for a couple of ambulance calls during the storm that allowed the ambulance crew to get patients out that were trapped due to fallen trees.

Trustee Wright thanked Mayor Purcell for his leadership under the threat of Hurricane Sandy. He did a great job. It was wonderful working with you, Trustee Wright said. You took leadership and control of the situation and that's what we need. Thank you.

Trustee Gormley thanked the DPW personnel, Water Department Personnel, Police personnel for all their efforts before, during and after Hurricane Sandy.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENT:

Attorney Bonacic commended the Board as a whole for their efforts with remediation of the Lenza property at 411 Route 17M. The building has been demolished. The Board should all be commended for the pursuit of taking steps necessary to see that the unsafe building was demolished. It was a long process. The strategy and the way you worked with the property owner to actually get the structure down deserve acknowledgment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No one was present.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERA PROPOSAL DISCUSSION:

Detective Jim Frankild at the request of Trustee Wright, Police Liaison, came before the Board to discuss a proposal for another camera to be located at the intersection of Route 17M and Still Road. The cost of the camera, installation and equipment at the Police Department would be paid for in part from money received from the sale of unclaimed property. A cost estimate was received in the amount of \$51,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Gormley, and carried, the meeting was closed at 7:40 PM. Following a short recess, the Board convened in Executive Session for discussion of personnel. The Village Clerk, Recording Secretary, was excused.

Respectfully submitted,

**Virginia Carey
Village Clerk**