

**PUBLIC HEARING 5.3.22 – 7:00 PM
INTRODUCTORY LAW #6 OF 2022
“CHAPTER 43, VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC”**

A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 in the boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, NY at 7:00 PM to review a proposed Local Law entitled “Chapter 43, Vehicle and Traffic.” The proposed local law would increase the minimum and maximum fines for speeding within the Village and modify parking meter regulations.

Present: Mayor Dwyer, Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl and O’Connor
Also present: Attorney Terhune and Village Clerk Zahra

On a motion by Trustee Karl, seconded by Trustee O’Connor, and carried, the public hearing was opened at 7:00 PM.

There were 4 people from the public present for the public hearing. There was no written correspondence received. The public hearing was left open for 10 minutes.

Trustee Karl expressed concerns for overnight parking in the downtown business district. Attorney Terhune said that she was not instructed to add anything to the law and that we could leave the Public Hearing open until the next meeting to make changes to the proposed law.

With no further comments or questions, on a motion by Trustee Karl, seconded by Trustee Behringer and carried, the public hearing was left open until May 17, 2022, at 7:10 PM.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022
(www.villageofmonroe.org)**

The first of the bi-monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, New York. Mayor Neil S. Dwyer called the meeting to order and led in the pledge to the flag. Emergency exits were announced.

Present: Mayor Dwyer; Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl, and O’Connor
Also present: Attorney Terhune and Clerk Zahra

PRESENTATION – MAX STACH – NELSON, POPE, & VOORHIS:

Max Stach from Nelson, Pope, & Voorhis had a kick-off meeting for the Board of Trustees with a proposed timeline for the Comprehensive Plan. Topics included were designating a primary contact, regular venue for meetings, dates for monthly meetings, public notices and available outlets, stakeholders or groups for input, branding with a logo, critical issues including historic preservation, design guidelines, multifamily housing and UR-M, institutional uses – houses of worship, schools, economic development – commercial – CB Districts and uses allowed, CB boundaries – Spring Street, legal issues in zoning – statutory consistency – land use, shopping centers and mixed uses, scenic overlay, and any other issues that need to be addressed. The first workshop has been scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2022 at 5pm to 7pm in Village Hall. The meetings will be scheduled for the second Thursday of each month tentatively.

MINUTE APPROVAL – APRIL 19, 2022 BOARD MEETING:

On a motion by Trustee Karl seconded by Trustee O’Connor, the Minutes of the April 19, 2022 Board Meeting were approved.

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl and O’Connor
Nays: None

MINUTE APPROVAL – APRIL 29, 2022 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:

On a motion by Trustee Karl seconded by Trustee Behringer, the Minutes of the April 29, 2022 Special Board Meeting were approved.

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl and O’Connor
Nays: None

PD EQUIPMENT SURPLUS / DISPOSAL:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees declares the following non-working Police Department equipment surplus and of no value and authorize its removal from inventory and disposal as junk:

Decatur Genesis II Select radar unit – G2S-24607 (2009)
Decatur Genesis II Select radar unit – G2S-24542 (2009)
Dell Optiplex 7440 – Service Tag 7SVLRD2, Express Code 16983612614 (2016)

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl and O’Connor
Nays: None

ADOPTION – LOCAL LAW #6 OF 2022 - CHAPTER 43, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC:

Tabled

PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION #6 – HIGH STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT:

On a motion by Trustee Karl, seconded by Trustee O’Connor, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of Village Engineer, John O’Rourke P.E., and approves Payment No. 6 for the period ending April 22, 2022 submitted by Ground Control Excavating, 63 Waterbury Rd. Warwick, NY 10990, for the High Street Water Main Replacement project in the amount of \$136,305.81. All documentation has been reviewed and found complete. Mayor Dwyer is hereby authorized to sign the voucher for payment.

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl and O’Connor
Nays: None

APPOINTMENT – SEASONAL LABORER – A. PRINCE:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Alan Prince to the position of Seasonal Laborer. Mr. Prince is being appointed for the purposes of running one of the Village’s weed harvesters on Mombasha Reservoir or in Crane Park to assist in eradicating the weeds in these two locations. Pre-approval of his appointment has been received from Orange County Department of Civil Service and his appointment is effective June 1, 2022 at \$24.00/hour. Mr. Prince has been budgeted for 14 weeks at 40 hours per week. (560 hours totaling \$13,440.00)

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl and O’Connor
Nays: None

UNPAID CHARGES LEVIED TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 TAX ROLL:

On a motion by Trustee Karl, seconded by Trustee O’Connor, it was:

RESOLVED, per the requirement of Orange County Real Property Tax Service, the preparer of the June Village Tax Bills, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Village Clerk to forward the following amount to be levied to fiscal year 2023 June Village Tax:

Amount to be raised by taxes	\$7,273,452.00
Unpaid Water Charges (WR010)	\$ 480,961.31
Property Maintenance Charges (DM001) (2021 Lawn/Grass Violations)	\$ 17,516.97

The property maintenance charges (DM001) listed above pertain to the following properties:
TM# 214-1-16 / 212-2-2 / 218-4-6

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl and O’Connor
Nays: None

2022 WEEKLY LAWN MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Karl, seconded by Trustee O'Connor, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the following Contractors to be used by the Village of Monroe during the 2022 season to mow those properties that have not been maintained by their owners, whose grass has exceeded the approved height requirement within the Village Code and have been issued a violation from the Building Department. The Contractors are:

Monroe Landscaping LLC, PO Box 211, Harriman, NY 10926

Green Meadows Landscaping, Inc., 104 West Oakland Avenue, Oakland, NJ 07436.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the 2022 Lawn Maintenance Guidelines and Agreement and hereby authorize each approved Contractor to sign and adhere to the terms and conditions laid out in said agreement.

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl and O'Connor

Nays: None

INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL LAW #7 OF 2022 – MORATORIUM ON LAND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS & SET PUBLIC HEARING:

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law, titled “Moratorium on Land Development Approvals” 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 RESLOVED 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 May 17, 2022; 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 ten (10) days prior thereto.

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl and O'Connor

Nays: None

LEEDS (MID-ATLANTIC LAW ENFORCEMENT EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR) – PD:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves Chief Guzman to attend the Mid-Atlantic Law Enforcement Executive Development Seminar (LEEDS) that will be held June 5, 2022 through June 10, 2022. The seminar registration is \$800.00, and four night's accommodations at the Nassau Inn, 10 Palmer Square, Princeton, NJ 08543 is \$604.00, for a total of \$1,404.00. These expenses will be charged to budget line A.3120.472, Education.

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl and O'Connor

Nays: None

BOND REDUCTION – SMITH FARM CONSTRUCTION – PHASE 1 - CONTINUED:

(Minutes 4/5/22, 4/19/22)

On a motion by Behringer, seconded by Ferraro, it was:

For discussion, Trustee Karl has concerns for the location of water shut off valves. Mayor Dwyer spoke with the Engineer and Counsel and questioned the placement of the water valves, are they in the proper location on the easement and if we have access to a water valve on private property. There are some open issues that need to be addressed. Trustee Karl noted the water shut offs are shown to be in the easement on the approved site plans, but are actually not located on the easement by field observation. For the purposes of the bond reduction, the scope of work described has been completed so there is no reason not to accept the Engineer's recommendation.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of the Village's Engineer, Lanc & Tully, John O'Rourke, P.E., Project Manager, and approves the reduction of the bond held for the Smith Farm Construction – Phase 1. With a large portion of the work completed to date, Lanc & Tully recommends a reduction of work remaining to \$64,090.50. Lanc & Tully recommends a limited reduction in retainage held by the Village to \$50,000.00 for a total bond amount of \$114,090.50.

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, and O'Connor

Nays: Trustee Karl

MAYOR & TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Trustee Karl is working on the Fireworks Street Festival and is looking for vendors, especially non-profit. Get the word out!

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PRESENT 4

TIME: 7:55PM

Alessio Melchiorre, a retired employee, spoke to the Board about adding his wife onto his health insurance. His wife currently has insurance with the Monroe-Woodbury School District and her insurance may not be available any longer. Alessio has contacted the Treasurer and the Board for an answer as to whether she can be added to the health insurance as he is a retired employee. He is requesting an answer from the Board or Treasurer to adding a dependent in seven days, Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Dan Burke, resident, welcomed the new Trustees and told them to enjoy their terms. He agreed with the raises and felt that the Board is still underpaid. He questioned a traffic light for Gilbert Street and 17M. Attorney Terhune explained that the Village agreed to give a certain amount of money towards the traffic light along with Crystal Run and Smith Farm. NYSDOT did the required review of the traffic and a turning lane would need to be added if a traffic light was to be installed. A turning lane is expensive and nobody has stepped up to pay the additional fees. Mr. Burke also brought up that the previous Board denied the YMCA an entrance to 17M. He commented that where Route 208 hits North Main and Schunnemunk there should be a traffic circle. The Mayor agreed and said that intersection is dysfunctional and needs to be corrected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Karl, and carried, following a 5-minute recess, the Board convened in Executive Session at 8:20 PM for discussion of Attorney Client.

OPEN SESSION:

On a motion by Trustee Ferraro, seconded by Trustee Karl and carried, the Open Meeting resumed at 9:05 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Ferraro, seconded by Trustee Karl and carried, no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kimberly Zahra
Village Clerk