

**PUBLIC HEARING 6.7.22 – 7:00 PM  
INTRODUCTORY LAW #7 OF 2022  
“MORATORIUM ON LAND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS”**

A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 and left open for the Tuesday, June 7, 2022 Meeting in the boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, NY at 7:00 PM to review a proposed Local Law entitled “Moratorium on Land Development Approvals.” The proposed local law is to temporarily suspend requirements to approve developments while the Village considers changes to its comprehensive plan and considers and adopts changes to its land use 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 Behringer, and carried, the public hearing was opened at 7:00PM.

There were 12 people from the public present for the public hearing.

Matt Liponis from Whiteman, Osterman, & Hanna LLP presented a letter to the Board in opposition to the moratorium. Letter is attached to the minutes.

Tim Mitts spoke of his support for the moratorium. Make Monroe the Central Park of New York!

Shaya Fogel, property owner, feels that the Village should continue to build and grow.

Sharon Shear, resident, was in support of the moratorium and felt that it would be a positive thing to re-evaluate the comprehensive plan.

The public hearing was left open for 20 minutes.

With no further comments or questions, on a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Karl and carried, the public hearing was closed at 7:20 PM.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022  
([www.villageofmonroe.org](http://www.villageofmonroe.org))**

The first of the bi-monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, June 7, 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 – USA PROGRAM UTILITY AUDITS:**

Tom Augotini and John Bernardo had a presentation about utility audits. A utility audit examines utility bills to find hidden, excess, or mistaken charges that would help the Village save money. They would look at all franchise agreements and gross receipt tax to increase revenue. This analysis will identify whether you’re being charged the wrong rate, if you’re being billed for taxes correctly, and more.

**MINUTE APPROVAL – MAY 17, 2022 BOARD MEETING:**

On a motion by Trustee Karl, seconded by Trustee O’Connor, the Minutes of the May 17, 2022 Board Meeting were approved.

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

**EVENT APPLICATION – WEDDING CEREMONY – CRANE PARK PENINSULA – POND GAZEBO:**

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

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees approves the event application submitted by Yonalda Sikora, 1091 East Mombasha Road, Monroe, New York 10950, for a wedding ceremony to be held on Sunday, July 10, 2022 at 11:30 AM at Crane Park Peninsula, pond gazebo, in Crane Park with approximately 16 people. The application fee has been collected. Approval is contingent upon filing a certificate of liability insurance. The application has been reviewed and approved by the Building Department, the DPW, and Police Department. There are no additional costs for Police or DPW.

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

**REFUND REQUEST – 57 JAMES ROAD – BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEES:**

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

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees denies the request of Karen and Brian McDermott, prior property owners of 57 James Road, Monroe, to refund Building Department fees in an amount totaling \$2,341.34, regarding the conversion of a screened in porch to an enclosed room without proper permits. The building permits requested to be refunded are as listed:

New Plans -	\$2,000.00
New Electrical Inspection -	\$ 135.00
Permit Fee -	<u>\$ 206.34</u>
Total	\$2,341.34

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees approves the request of Karen and Brian McDermott and refunds them for the 3x the penalty (fine for no permit) in the amount of \$284.28.

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

**ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW #7 OF 2022 – MORATORIUM ON LAND DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS:**

This matter has been tabled to review comments from the Planning Board.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE HEARING – 71 HIGH STREET – INCIDENT NO 2022-0069:**

Property owner, Shaya Fogel, was issued a violation for Property Maintenance, dated May 26, 2022. Mr. Fogel requested a hearing. At the hearing he explained, his tenant tried to mow the grass and the equipment he had would not work with the steepness of the property. He asked that he be given until end of day, Thursday, to have the lawn completed. If the property is not in compliance with Village code when checked on Friday, the Village would send an approved lawn maintenance contractor to mow and the property owner would be charged. Administrative fees could be added on top of the lawn cutting charges.

**AUTHORIZATION - TRANSFER OF MONROE COMMONS, MONROE, NY:**

This matter has been tabled.

**AUTHORIZATION – PURCHASE OF SERVERS -VILLAGE HALL – NEW WINDSOR IT:**

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

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees authorizes Mayor Dwyer to sign an agreement for the purchase of Servers for Village Hall from New Windsor IT, Town of New Windsor, 555 Union Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553 in the amount of \$5,868.31 off NYS Contract pricing. This cost will be split between budget line F.8310.220, Admin Office Equip and budget line A.1620.220, Village Hall Office Equip.

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

**INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS – UPDATED CONTRACT – LEGION FIREWORKS:**

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

**RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorize Mayor Dwyer to sign the updated contract with Legion Fireworks, Co., 10 Legion Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, for furnishing and conducting a firework display on Friday, July 1, 2022 (rain date of Saturday, July 2, 2022) in the amount of \$20,000.00. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the generous sponsors that help make this community event so successful. Thank you to Laura Ann Farms, for their most recent generous donation along with the Town of Monroe, Village of Harriman, and Orange & Rockland.**

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

**WATER PLANT – WATER LINE LEAK REPAIR – TAM ENTERPRISES:**

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

**RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the emergency repair of a water leak within the plant on a 12" raw water line that supplies the filters. TAM Enterprises, 114 Hartley Road, Goshen, NY 10924, quoted an amount of \$7,876.00 being allocated from budget line F.8330.4530, Purification Equip Maint.**

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

**MAYOR & TRUSTEE'S REPORT:**

**Mayor Dwyer was excited to talk about the Memorial Day Parade. It was a great day and great event. He thanked all of the volunteer organizations and was proud of our Village.**

**Trustee Behringer shared that there is a bike rodeo on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 12 hosted by the Police Department and there is Monroe's Got Talent at 7pm on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Trustee Karl met with some neighbors in Windgate Woods with Administrative Sergeant Young about school buses being parked in the street creating a dangerous situation with sight distance. This is a safety concern. The neighbors want to know what the next step will be.**

**Trustee Karl wanted a paving update with the Lake Street project. Mayor Dwyer explained that there is a plan in the works with Creighton Manning.**

**Trustee Karl wanted the public to know that the weed harvester is being utilized in the reservoir.**

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT:**

**Nothing to report.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: # PRESENT 2 TIME: 8:35PM**

**No public comment.**

**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 8:35 PM for discussion of Attorney Client.**

**OPEN SESSION:**

**On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee O'Connor and carried, the Open Meeting resumed at 9:05PM.**

**A. RYAN – DEPUTY CLERK – YEARS OF SERVICE:**

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

**RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves Aileen Ryan to acquire service time in the equivalent of one and a half (1.5) years for purposes of vacation and sick leave.**

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

**HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT – FORMER EMPLOYEE:**

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

**RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves a former employee to enroll his/her spouse in the Village Health Insurance beginning in the next open enrollment.**

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

**HIRING OF SPECIAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION:**

**On a motion by Trustee Karl, seconded by Trustee Ferraro, it was:**

**RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves to hire special counsel, Sokoloff / Stern LLP, to address potential litigation.**

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee O'Connor and carried, no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Kimberly Zahra  
Village Clerk**