

Village of Monroe Board of Trustees Meeting – June 4, 2024

VILLAGE OF MONROE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024
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The first of the bi-monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 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 Ferraro and O'Connor
Also present: Attorney Terhune and Clerk Zahra
Absent: Trustee Behringer and Trustee Karl

MINUTE APPROVAL – MAY 21, 2024 BOARD MEETING:

On a motion by Trustee Ferraro seconded by Trustee O'Connor, the Minutes of the May 21, 2024 Board Meeting were approved.

Ayes: Mayor Dwyer, Trustees Ferraro and O'Connor
Nays: None
Abstain: Trustee Behringer and Trustee Karl

RETIREMENT – D. MARTINI – SECRETARY TO THE POLICE CHIEF:

Dianne Martini has formally announced her retirement, along with notification from the New York State and Local Retirement System, after 32 years of dedicated service to the Village's Police Department. Mrs. Martini's last day of employment is June 21, 2024.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees acknowledge Mrs. Martini's retirement, and do thank her for her service and wish her all the best in her retirement.

On a motion by Trustee Ferraro, seconded by Trustee O'Connor

Ayes: Mayor Dwyer, Trustees Ferraro, and O'Connor
Nays: None

APPOINTMENT – B. BERBERENA – P/T CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of Mayor Dwyer and appoints Bryan Berberena, 18 Helms Hill Road, Washingtonville, New York 10992, to the part-time position of Code Enforcement Officer with an effective date of June 10, 2024. Mr. Berberena will work 20 hours per week, at an hourly rate of \$25/hour. Pre-approval has been given from Orange County Department of Human Resources.

On a motion by Trustee O'Connor, seconded by Trustee Ferraro

Ayes: Mayor Dwyer, Trustees Ferraro, and O'Connor
Nays: None

BID AWARD – SOUTH POND DREDGING PROJECT:

On Friday, May 31, 2024, a bid opening was held at 10am. A total of five (5) bids were submitted for the South Pond Dredging project. Spectraserv, 75 Jacobus Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey 07032 was the lowest bidder on the project, submitting a bid in the amount of \$1,265,247.00. Erich Zimmerman, P.E., reviewed all bids and recommends to the Board to award the bid to Spectraserv, the lowest responsible bidder.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the engineer's recommendation and awards the bid for the South Pond Dredging project to Spectraserv, 75 Jacobus Avenue, Kearny, New Jersey 07032, in the amount of \$1,265,247.00.

On a motion by Trustee O'Connor, seconded by Trustee Ferraro

Ayes: Mayor Dwyer, Trustees Ferraro, and O'Connor
Nays: None

EVENT APPLICATION – SOUTH ORANGE YMCA COLOR RUN:

An event application was submitted by the South Orange YMCA for a Color Run to be held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 utilizing the walking paths around Crane Park setting up in front of Beck's Hardware. The application has been reviewed and approved by the DPW and Building Department. The Police Department has also reviewed and approved the application. Additional Police Services include 2 Officers on 3 hours of overtime to assist with the traffic control on Millpond Parkway and Lake Street. Officers will monitor the event and provide any necessary assistance. Additional cost of Police Services is \$462.00, of which 20% is to be paid for by the YMCA (\$92.40). The South Orange YMCA has also submitted a request that the \$50.00 application be waived as they are a non-profit 501C3.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the event application submitted by the South Orange YMCA for a Color Run on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 7AM to 12PM, utilizing the walking paths around Crane Park.

On a motion by Trustee O'Connor, seconded by Trustee Ferraro

Ayes: Mayor Dwyer, Trustees Ferraro and O'Connor

Nays: None

It is further **RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees waives the \$50.00 event application fee due to South Orange YMCA being a non-profit 501C3.

On a motion by Trustee Ferraro, seconded by Trustee O'Connor

Ayes: Mayor Dwyer, Trustees Ferraro and O'Connor

Nays: None

MAYOR & TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Trustee Ferraro said the Village has had its first review of plans to upgrade the play area at Airplane Park with Lisa from Play by Design and students from Pine Tree Elementary. The students were full of ideas and showed lots of enthusiasm.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: # PRESENT 1 TIME: 7:10PM

Tom Lapolla congratulated Dianne Martini on her retirement and wished all his best to her family. He also commented on the review of the property maintenance laws. He feels it is extreme to threaten jail time for property maintenance issues, such as an overgrown lawn. Attorney Terhune said that penalties for property maintenance are at the discretion of the Justice Court. Mr. Lapolla said the Village needs to be very clear on how they address the laws for property maintenance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Trustee Ferraro, seconded by Trustee O'Connor, and carried, following a 5-minute recess, the Board convened in Executive Session at 7:13PM for discussion of personnel.

OPEN SESSION:

On a motion by Trustee Ferraro, seconded by Trustee O'Connor, and carried, the Open Meeting resumed at 8:21PM.

ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorize the appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$800,000.00 for the acquisition of real property and to authorize the Mayor to take all actions necessary to effectuate the purchase.

On a motion by Trustee Ferraro, seconded by Trustee O'Connor

Ayes: Mayor Dwyer, Trustees Ferraro and O'Connor

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Ferraro, seconded by Trustee O'Connor and carried, no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kimberly Zahra
Village Clerk**