

**VILLAGE OF MONROE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025  
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The first of the bi-monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 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 Behringer, Ferraro, Karl, and O'Connor  
**Also present:** Attorney Terhune and Clerk Zahra

Mayor Dwyer honored out 39<sup>th</sup> President, Jimmy Carter with a moment of silence.

**PUBLIC HEARING - INTRO TO RESOLUTION – TRAFFIC REGULATIONS –  
PROHIBITING VEHICLE PARKING OR STANDING ON PROSPECT STREET:**

**PUBLIC HEARING 01.07.2025 – 7:00 PM**

**INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTION OF 2025 – PUBLIC HEARING - INTRO TO RESOLUTION –  
TRAFFIC REGULATIONS – PROHIBITING VEHICLE PARKING OR STANDING ON PROSPECT  
STREET**

A Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025 in the boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, NY at 7:00PM to review a proposed Resolution, titled Resolution #1 of 2025 – Traffic Regulations – Prohibiting Vehicle Parking or Standing on Prospect Street. The Village Board of Trustees finds and determines that vehicles parked or standing along the entire length of Prospect Street, therefore, pose a threat to the health and welfare of Village residents and visitors.

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

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Karl, 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 7 minutes.

Patty Kasch, a resident of Prospect Street for over 40-years says the parking has become a safety hazard for kids getting on and off the bus. Cars are parked on both sides of the street making it impossible for an emergency vehicle like an ambulance or firetruck to get up the hill. Prospect Street is a residential street, not a commercial parking lot for the business located across the street.

Edwin Saldago says his uncle drives a car with no back-up camera and almost hit a parked car coming out of his driveway. Parking on the street has created a hazardous condition for the residents that reside on Prospect Street.

Trustee Karl expressed concerns for parents waiting in cars to drop their children for the bus, would that be breaking the law. Attorney Terhune explained that standing with good reason for a short period of time would not be breaking the law.

Residents of this area expressed their concerns and asked when the resolution would take place. Mayor Dwyer said once the Board adopts the resolution, signs will be placed so that the Police Department will have the tools to enforce the traffic regulation.

A resident, Sonia Both, has submitted a letter to be added to the minutes. See below.



Sonia Borth  
62 Prospect Street  
Monroe NY, 10950

Jan 4, 2024

Village of Monroe

Re: Parking on Prospect Street

Dear Members of the board,

I apologize for not been able to attend this meeting.

I own a home on Prospect Street.

I hope you will consider the issue of parking on Prospect Street. I very much respect the hard-working people of Monroe Automotive, but we need to find a better way to deal with their lack of space. In the past, I have ignored the inconvenience of parked cars, and the difficulty in exiting and accessing Prospect Street. However, it has become much worse, and now is downright dangerous. I have had a couple of close calls trying to navigate in and out of my street.

It is a tight turn coming into the street, and if a car is trying to exit, they must reverse in order to allow a car to enter from Spring Street. This also causes a delay in entering the street and the drivers on Spring Street are not very happy about it (loud honking, or passing across the double yellow line)

Furthermore, some of the residents of Prospect have children and during inclement weather should be able to wait for the school bus in their cars, without the parked cars on the other side which do not allow more than one car to pass in the middle.

The customers of Monroe Automotive also will park on the shoulder of Spring Street (clearly marked NO standing), and sit in their cars waiting to be serviced, blocking our view of incoming traffic as we exit the street.

I would like to suggest that the people of Monroe Automotive clear out their back parking lot to make room for their clients.

I hope you can find a solution to our problem.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Best Regards

Sonia Borth

With no further comments or questions, on a motion by Trustee Karl, seconded by Trustee O'Connor and carried, the public hearing was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

**MINUTE APPROVAL – DECEMBER 17, 2024 BOARD MEETING:**

On a motion by Trustee Karl seconded by Trustee O'Connor, the Minutes of the December 17, 2024 Board Meeting were approved.

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

Nays: None

**APPOINTMENT – P/T ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST – C. CALLANAN – BUILDING DEPARTMENT:**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of Mayor Dwyer and appoints Cristine Callanan, to the position of P/T Account Clerk Typist effective January 8, 2025 at an hourly salary of \$25.00/hour (not to exceed 20 hours a week), along with the added duties of Zoning Board of Appeals

Secretary earning an additional stipend of \$500.00 per month.

On a motion by Trustee O’Connor, seconded by Trustee Behringer

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

**APPOINTMENT – VILLAGE HALL SEASONAL INTERN – J. CASTANA:**

Resolved, the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Jacob Castana, 29 Rosmini Lane, Monroe, NY 10950 to the position of seasonal intern. Pre-approval has been received from the Orange County Department of Civil Service. Mr. Castana will be paid at an hourly rate of \$19.00/hour.

On a motion by Trustee O’Connor, seconded by Trustee Karl

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

**APPOINTMENT – VILLAGE HALL SEASONAL INTERN – H. LANARI:**

Resolved, the Board of Trustees approves the appointment of Hailey Lanari, 22 Cunningham Drive, Monroe, NY 10950 to the position of seasonal intern. Pre-approval has been received from the Orange County Department of Civil Service. Ms. Lanari will be paid at an hourly rate of \$19.00/hour.

On a motion by Trustee O’Connor, seconded by Trustee Karl

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

**REAPPOINTMENT – J. CHIOSIE – MONROE JOINT PARKS RECREATION COMMISSION:**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees reappoints resident Joe Chiosie, 40 Quaker Hill Road, Monroe, New York as a Commissioner to the Monroe Joint Parks Recreation Commission for a term of 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2030.

On a motion by Trustee Ferraro, seconded by Trustee Karl

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

**COMPLETION OF PROBATION – POLICE OFFICERS – A. EIGHMY & A. LUISI:**

RESOLVED, the following employees hereby complete their probationary period:

Austen Eighmy, Police Officer – effective December 26, 2024  
Anthony Luisi – Police Officer – effective January 5, 2025

The necessary MSD-426B will be submitted to OC Department of Human Resources.

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Ferraro

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

**ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION #1 OF 2025 – TRAFFIC REGULATIONS – PROHIBITING VEHICLE PARKING OR STANDING ON PROSPECT STREET:**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Monroe, New York (“Village Board”) duly noticed a public hearing held on January 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board solicited public comment during said public hearing on January 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the proposed resolution modifies Traffic Regulations, Prohibiting Vehicle Parking or Standing on Prospect Street; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:**

- 1. The above “WHEREAS” paragraphs are incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. The Resolution, Traffic Regulations, Prohibiting Vehicle Parking or Standing on Prospect Street as attached is adopted as Resolution No. 1 of 2025 of the Village of Monroe on January 7, 2025.
- 3. The Village Board hereby directs the Village Clerk to take all steps to process and file said Resolution.
- 4. This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

**On a motion by Trustee Karl, seconded by Trustee Ferraro**

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

**VILLAGE OF MONROE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**RESOLUTION TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, PROHIBITING VEHICLE PARKING OR STANDING**  
**ON PROSPECT STREET**

**WHEREAS**, after consultation with the Chief of Police of the Village of Monroe Police Department, the Board of Trustees determined that vehicles parked or standing along the entire length of Prospect Street, therefore, pose a threat to the health and welfare of Village residents and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, New York State Village Law 4-412 confers authority on the Board of Trustees to manage village property including specific authorization to take all actions not inconsistent with general law and the provisions of the New York State Constitution to protect the safety, health, comfort and general welfare of Village inhabitants; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 43-9A of the Village Code authorizes the Board of Trustees by duly enacted resolution to prohibit parking on Village streets; and

**WHEREAS**, a duly noticed public hearing was held on January 7, 2025, at which hearing members of the public were afforded the opportunity to comment on the proposed resolution to prohibit parking along the entire length of Prospect Street as set forth herein; and

**WHEREAS**, after hearing from all those wishing to comment on said proposed resolution, the public hearing was closed; and

**WHEREAS**, because the prohibition of parking on Village Streets is not an “action” under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) it is not subject to environmental review.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe hereby prohibits the parking or standing of any and all vehicles along either side of the entire length of Prospect Street including, without limitation, on the roadway, in the shoulder, and within the Village right-of-way.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said prohibition shall be added to the “no parking” and “no standing” list maintained by the Village Clerk and shall be enforced by the Village of Monroe Police Department.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all actions and funds necessary to effectuate the intent of this

resolution such as posting signs and erecting guardrails shall be undertaken upon further consultation between the Chief of Police, the Village Department of Public Works and the Mayor.

**INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW OF 2025 – OVERRIDE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C & SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that an introductory Local Law, titled “A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED BY GERNERAL MUNICIPAL LAW 3-C” 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 7:00 PM on January 21, 2025; and

**BE IT FURHER 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.

**On a motion by Trustee Karl, seconded by Trustee Behringer**

**Ayes:** Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl, and O’Connor

**Nays:** None

**WATER DEPARTMENT – INVENTORY SURPLUS – REQUEST TO DISPOSE / RECYCLE:**

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees declares the following Water Department non-working equipment surplus and of no value and authorize its removal from inventory and disposal or recycling:

7 HP Ink cartridges  
9 HP Laser Jet Toner Cartridges  
3 Cannon Image Class Toner Cartridge  
1 HP laser Fax Printer Cartridge  
1 Dell Ink Cartridge

**On a motion by Trustee Karl, seconded by Trustee O’Connor**

**Ayes:** Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl and O’Connor

**Nays:** None

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT – INVENTORY SURPLUS – REQUEST TO DISPOSE / RECYCLE:**

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees declares the following Building Department non-working equipment surplus and of no value and authorize its removal from inventory and disposal or recycling:

Samsung Tablet Model SM-T520 Serial #RF2FA0KPJYA  
Samsung Table Model SCH-1925 Serial #JZ054K.1925VRAMK1

**On a motion by Trustee O’Connor, seconded by Trustee Behringer**

**Ayes:** Trustees Behringer, Ferraro, Karl and O’Connor

**Nays:** None

**MAYOR & TRUSTEE’S REPORT:**

Mayor Dwyer explained, as a policy this Board is proactive in dealing with residents and their questions and concerns. He encourages residents to come to Village Hall, email, or call with their questions and concerns. This Village Board will not engage on social platforms. There has been chatter about the parking meters on social media. In 1946, the Board authorized the DPW to install parking meters. In 1953, the installation was put forward. During the Downtown Revitalization project that took place in 2021, a key piece to the project was installing parking kiosks, along with new sidewalks and curbs. The Board is committed to listening to the community and takes all hard work done very seriously. This Board does its due diligence on each project. There is a link on [www.villageofmonroe.org](http://www.villageofmonroe.org) with a video on how to use the parking kiosk and the Flowbird App on your phone.

The Board thanked the Highway Department for the good work they do keeping our roadways safe. They also commented on the water main break that occurred during a house fire on Cromwell Hill Road. They worked quickly and efficiently to get the job done. They are top shelf!

Trustee Karl said the fireworks are being scheduled for Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. He asked the Clerk to please send letters to the Town of Monroe and Village of Harriman asking for a donation toward the \$21,000.00 display.

**ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**  
Nothing to report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** **# PRESENT 0** **TIME: 7:30 PM**

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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 7:30 PM for discussion of Personnel.

**OPEN SESSION:**

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Ferraro, and carried, the Open Meeting resumed at 9:03 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Ferraro and carried, no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
Kimberly Zahra  
Village Clerk