

Village of Monroe Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, January 6, 2026

**VILLAGE OF MONROE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026
(www.villageofmonroe.org)**

The first of the bi-monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 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**

MINUTE APPROVAL – DECEMBER 16, 2025 BOARD MEETING:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer seconded by Trustee Karl, the Minutes of the December 16, 2025 Board Meeting were approved.

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

MINUTE APPROVAL – SPECIAL MEETING - DECEMBER 19, 2025:

On a motion by Trustee O'Connor seconded by Trustee Behringer, the Minutes of the December 19, 2025 Special Board Meeting were approved.

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

APPOINTMENT - PROMOTION – PUBLIC WORKS MAINTENANCE WORKER – VINCENT FEDERICI:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the recommendation of Working Leader Aldo Chiappetta, and promotes Vincent Federici, Washingtonville, New York, to the position of Public Works Maintenance Worker. Mr. Federici has been preapproved by Orange County Department of Human Resources with an effective date of January 7, 2026 at a rate of pay of \$40.96/hour.

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

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

REVISION OF NOVEMBER 2025 JUSTICE COURT REPORT:

(December 16, 2025)

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the revised November Justice Court monthly report.

Total Fines: \$20,517.00 Total Surcharges: \$3,867.00 Total Parking: \$2,590.00

Total Civil Fees: \$655.000 Bail Poundage Collected: \$00.00

Total Bail Forfeited: \$2.00

Total for November: \$27,631.00

Vehicle & Traffic Tickets: 358 Disposed: 162

Criminal Cases: 72 Disposed: 61 Civil Cases: 1 Disposed: 2

Paid Parking Tickets: 38 Dismissed Traffic Tickets: 34

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

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

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW OF 2026 – 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 GENERAL 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 20, 2026; 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 five (5) days prior thereto.

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

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

Nays: None

ESTABLISHING THE POLLING PLACE AND HOURS OF VOTING FOR THE VILLAGE OF MONROE ELECTION – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026:

Resolved, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe hereby establishes the polling place for the Village Election to be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at Village Hall, located at 7 Stage Road, Village of Monroe, New York, and further resolves that the polls shall be open on said date from 6:00 AM until 9:00 PM.

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

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

Nays: None

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) – 2025 CDBG GRANT:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees declares the 2025 CDBG grant sidewalk improvement project as Type 2 under SEQR regulations 6 NYCRR 6175(c)(2), “replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building, energy, or fire codes.” The grant project involves the reconstruction or replacement of sidewalk ramps at 22 Village intersections to ensure ADA compliance. This project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, therefore no further environmental review is required.

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Ferraro

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

Nays: None

DISCUSSION – MONROE PONDS TREATMENT PROPOSAL – SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT:

Tabled until a discussion can be had with Solitude.

DISCUSSION – SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT – MOMBASHA TREATMENT RESERVOIR PROPOSAL:

Tabled until a discussion can be had with Solitude.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2026 - STAR FLIGHT DRONE SHOWS, LLC AGREEMENT:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approve a contract with Star Flight Drone Shows, LLC, Slatington, Pennsylvania, for furnishing and conducting a fly show of 100 drones on Friday, July 3, 2026 (rain date of Friday, July 10th) in the amount \$9,950.00, 50% deposit along with the non-refundable 5% fee which is added to the base rate in order to cover expenses incurred if the show is cancelled, which allows Star Flight Drone Shows, LLC to refund the 50% deposit. It is further:

RESOLVED, Mayor Dwyer is authorized to sign the contract agreement with Star Flight Drone Shows,

LLC.

On a motion by Trustee Karl, seconded by Trustee Ferraro

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

Nays: None

INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAW OF 2026 – AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 135, LITTERING & SCHEDULING OF PUBLIC HEARING:

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law, titled “AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 135, LITTERING” 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

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On a motion by Trustee Ferraro, seconded by Trustee Karl

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

Nays: None

MAYOR & TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Trustee Behringer thanked the Department of Public Works for their hard work addressing the numerous snow and ice events, as well as multiple water main breaks so far this year. She also welcomed K-9 Roscoe to the Monroe Police Department. Additionally, Trustee Behringer commended Park Commissioner Erika Schudde for the excellent work she does for the park in a volunteer capacity. She noted that Commissioner Schudde is a valuable asset to the Park Commission at Smith's Clove Park and recommended her reappointment, as her term has expired.

Trustee Ferraro reported that he is working with the new concert manager on the summer concert series. He expressed excitement that Slam Allen, a blues band, will be performing in August and noted that the series will feature some great talent coming in this summer.

Mayor Dwyer, along with the Board of Trustees, wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Mayor and Trustee Karl also reminded Village residents that, pursuant to Chapter 170 of the Village Code (Streets and Sidewalks), snow and ice must be removed within 24 hours following the end of a snowfall. Sidewalks in front of commercial establishments and commercial parking lots must be kept free of snow and ice at all times between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Safety remains our top priority.

On behalf of the Board, Mayor Dwyer congratulated the newly sworn-in members of the Town of Monroe Board. He wished them continued success and looks forward to working together in service of our community.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PRESENT 2

TIME: 7:30 PM

Robert Cordisco, Village resident and Smith's Clove Park Commission member, spoke in support of Erika Schudde and her reappointment. He stated that she is an asset to the park and volunteers more time than any other member of the Park Commission. He also commented on the appearance of the new sidewalks around the lake, noting that the lookouts look very nice.

Joe Chiose, Village resident and Smith's Clove Park Commission member, mimicked Mr. Cordisco's remarks and added that Ms. Schudde is Recreation Coordinator Kristen's right hand and consistently goes above and beyond in her role. Mr. Chiose also expressed his excitement for the upcoming drone

show planned to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the United States at the Independence Day celebration, along with fireworks provided by Garden State.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Ferraro, and carried, following a 5-minute recess, the Board convened in Executive Session at 7:35 PM for discussion of personnel.

OPEN SESSION:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Ferraro and carried, the Open Meeting resumed at 9:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Karl and carried, no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Kimberly Zahra
Village Clerk**