

**SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
TUESDAY MAY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2107 @ 7 PM  
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A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, NY. Mayor Purcell led in the pledge to the flag and called the meeting to order. Emergency exits were announced.

**Present:** Mayor Purcell; Trustees Conklin, Chan, Dwyer, and Behringer  
**Also present:** Attorney Bonacic, Village Clerk Baxter, Deputy Clerk Zahra, Village Engineer John O'Rourke, Kelly Naughton, Esq., and Planner Kristen O'Donnell (Lanc & Tully).

**EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY – BOMBING IN MANCHESTER, ENGLAND:**

The Village Board expressed their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of those that were affected by the recent bombing at the concert arena in Manchester, England. A moment of silence followed.

**EVENT APPLICATION AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE COST REIMBURSEMENT CLAUSE  
CONTINUED:**

(See Minutes 4/18/17, Pg. 159, Minutes 5/3/17, Pg.167)

Following the April 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Attorney Bonacic was asked to review the existing event application and include a clause requiring an event applicant to possibly reimburse the Village of Monroe, at the discretion of the Board of Trustee's, the costs for increased police protection, public safety oversight and public works facilitation, including any additional equipment to adequately and safely control and protect the persons attending the event, the event area and traffic in and around the area and any additional necessary staffing. If the Board of Trustees requires reimbursement, such amounts will be provided to the applicant upon receipt of the costs from the Chief of Police, Highway Supervisor and/or Fire Chief, prior to the approval of the events application. Discussion followed.

Trustee Chan asked for verification on the total amount that is paid out in overtime by the Monroe Police Department. Mayor Purcell stated that the amount provided by Chief Conklin, \$11,583.37, represented overtime in 2016, included both Village sponsored events, including the Orange County Firemen's Parade, which was a big expense and does not happen every year. Trustee Chan stated that these events bring a lot of life into the Village, bringing people into the Village and keeps the Village busy. Trustee Chan continued that he understands that it may be a slight burden to the taxpayer, but it works out to be about .14 cents a household. Mayor Purcell interjected that in the event application it states that it is up to the discretion of the Board if they want to charge the vendor or not. Trustee Chan stated that he doesn't know how the Village would decide who would be charged and who wouldn't, so it should be everyone pays, or no one does.

Trustee Conklin stated that the reimbursement should be contingent on how much it is going to cost the Village based on what is submitted from Highway and PD. Trustee Conklin continued that it is one thing to put the Highway and Police Department guys out on the streets for 5K's, there is unnecessary danger there. It would also become a burden on the taxpayers should one of them get injured while on the job for an event that they would otherwise not be required to attend.

Trustee Dwyer stated that there was someone in the audience tonight that had an event application before the Board. Trustee Dwyer addressed Todd Jennings, organizer of the Declaration Day 5K scheduled for July 3, 2017, and asked for his input. Mr. Jennings addressed the Board and agreed with Trustee Chan that community events do orchestrate a sense of engagement and encourage people to stay in their community rather than go to the beach. Mr. Jennings continued and addressed Trustee Conklin's concerns regarding liability. He stated that when considering an officers liability when standing on the street directing traffic, versus their general liability when performing a traffic stop or handling a domestic dispute, they cannot be compared. Mr. Jennings added that for any events that his organization is promoting, especially ones that are out on the road, he takes out a \$10 million dollar umbrella policy that covers not only him, but any and all third party participants including the Village. Trustee Dwyer inquired if this was as an additional insured, and Mr. Jennings confirmed that it was.

Trustee Conklin asked Mr. Jennings if he charges for his events, and he stated that he does, and in addition, he also raises money for charity. Trustee Dwyer asked what the fee was for this

particular event, and Mr. Jennings stated that the fee varies depending on when during the registration process a person signs up, but the average for this year's event is \$38.00, with \$4.00 going to the sponsor charity. Trustee Dwyer inquired as to how many participants this event typically sponsors and Mr. Jennings stated that last year they had a little over 200 participants, and this year they are anticipating approximately 250-275 runners. Mr. Jennings stated that he hopes to raise at least \$1,000 for Safe Homes of Orange County this year.

Trustee Dwyer added that he understands the safety issue that Trustee Conklin is concerned about. He continued that his concern is more related to the fiscal impact on the Village. As a Board, they are challenged at times to save \$10,000 dollars. Trustee Dwyer stated that he encourages people to come to the Village and hold their events, but it does come at a cost to the Village, and as the number of these events continues to grow, so does the financial impact it has on the Village's budget.

Trustee Behringer stated that she also feels it is nice to bring events into the Village and the residents look forward to it. She herself grew up in this community when they held the carnivals and believes that it is important that they have brought these events back to the Village.

Trustee Dwyer asked Mr. Jennings how he would feel about a fee based event and if there was a fee imposed on the applicants. Mr. Jennings indicated that he would not be aghast at the idea of a fee schedule but that depending on what that fee would be it would have an impact fiscally on how the event was handled in regards to manpower, bringing in a financial sponsor or even possibly eliminating the charity aspect, which he would definitely be aghast to.

Trustee Conklin asked Mr. Jennings if there are members of his organization that also assist in the manning of the intersections during the race. Mr. Jennings stated that Chief Conklin has asked him to have a minimum of 6 volunteers to help out on race day. Mr. Jennings continued that with the change in the race route, there is no need for volunteers at the intersection of North Main Street. Trustee Conklin continued by asking if the date of the event has any impact on his event. Mr. Jennings stated that 4 years ago when he first started the event he was asked to coordinate it with the date of the fireworks that are held in the Village since there was already more police manpower on the schedule for that day. Trustee Conklin asked if we knew how much it was costing the Village for the police manpower needed to support the Declaration Day 5K and Mayor Purcell stated that it would cost approximately \$1,664.88. Mr. Jennings stated that this amount would have a catastrophic effect on his event should he be asked to reimburse the Village for that cost.

Mr. Jennings asked the Board if the YMCA event was subject to this new consideration, and would it be effective immediately. Mayor Purcell stated that it would become effective immediately, however the YMCA submitted their application prior to this and had already been approved by the Board so technically they would not be subject to this. The Board would have to revisit it should they choose to.

Mayor Purcell stated that while he respects everyone's opinion he feels that this is the cost of doing business in the Village and that we would lose the smaller organizations that come and hold their events in the Village like the Turkey Trot and the MS Walk. On a motion by Trustee Conklin, seconded by Trustee Chan, it was:

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees denied an amendment to the Events Application – “Cost Reimbursement” requiring an applicant to reimburse the Village of Monroe, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, for costs of increased police protection, public safety oversight and public works facilitation, including any additional equipment to adequately and safely control and protect the persons attending the event, the event area and traffic in and around the area and necessary staffing.

**Ayes:** Trustee Conklin

**Nays:** Trustees Chan, Dwyer and Behringer

**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DECLARATION DAY 5K RACE – CITY VIEW PROMOTIONS 7/3/17 10AM-11AM- CONTINUED:**

(See Minutes 4/18/17, Pg. 159, Minutes 5/3/17, Pg.168)

Due to a discussion over possible fee schedules that took place during Executive Session at the April 18, 2017, the application submitted by City View Promotions their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Declaration Day 5K Run was tabled. This event, to be held on Monday, July 3, 2017 from 10 – 11 AM, is contingent on their approval of the NYS DOT 33-B permit. The purpose of this event is to foster

community spirit, support local businesses and raise money for their event sponsor – Safe Homes of Orange County. The following roads will be used:

From the Capitan's Table onto Rt. 17M to Stage Rd. making a left on to Millpond Parkway, left onto Lake St., right onto the walking paths at Crane Park, right onto Millpond Parkway picking up the Heritage Trail down to Clark Street. U-turn on Clark St, continue on to Maple Ave, left onto Stage Rd, left back on to Rt. 17M and turning right into the Capitan's Table parking lot to finish.

Coordination of the event has been made with Administrative Sergeant Amatetti. 8 Police Officers on overtime will be used to close roads, direct traffic and provide safety to runners. Estimated cost of additional police protection for the amount is estimated at \$1,664.88. A minimum of 6 course volunteers from the organization will provide assistance with traffic safety posts. On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Chan, it was:

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees approved the request of City View Promotions for their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Declaration Day 5K Race on Monday, July 3, 2017 contingent upon receipt of approval of the NYS DOT 33-B permit.

Mayor Purcell stated that the Village Board should consider increasing the insurance umbrella limits that are required event applicants to provide. Mayor Purcell requested Attorney Bonacic to look into that and report back to the Board.

**Ayes:** Trustee Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan

**Nays:** None

#### **SEQRA PROCESS FOR INTRODUCTORY LOCAL LAWS 5, 6, 7, 8 AND 9 OF 2016:**

Based upon the Environmental Assessment Form, Parts 1, 2 and 3, where applicable, the Board of Trustees hereby determines that Introductory Local Laws 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 of 2016 will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on the environment. Discussion followed.

Trustee Dwyer commented on the various committees that have been involved in the revisions of the Comprehensive Plan in 2012 and then amended it again in 2014 so that each one marry the other. He stated that the narrative has always been for him why the Village was doing all this, and it seems to all go back to the 2009 Tri-County Study. Trustee Dwyer continued that he has reviewed this study at least twice, and cannot get his numbers to match theirs, and he cannot figure out the math to see how their math works and his doesn't. Trustee Dwyer feels the study overstates what we should have based on recommendations. He was concerned by the idea that if the Board did not adopt these changes that there would be lawsuits and more lawsuits. Trustee Dwyer asked Attorney Naughton if she knew who these people were that would sue us and she stated that she did not know.

Trustee Dwyer continued to express his concern over why the Village was making these amendments. He stated that currently the Village has what they consider 1,039 affordable units. He also points out that in some instances these affordable units are more expensive than the single family homes in the Village. Trustee Dwyer stated that if the goal was to create affordability, then what affordability are we trying to create? Trustee Dwyer stated that he feels affordability is more than just housing stock, there are a lot of different things that contribute to affordability. But one thing that he feels all this has created is a lot of fear and a lot of concern, and he feels it was unwarranted.

Trustee Dwyer stated that he believes even the most current version of the Comprehensive Plan and the Local Laws still have issues and continues to ask the question why we are doing this.

Trustee Dwyer stated that since the first comprehensive plan was done back in the 1960's the resident population of the Village has grown exponentially, from 2,500 residents to 9,800 approximately. This has had a tremendous impact on the resources of the Village. He continued that one of the conditions of this new vision is the removal of the Environmentally Sensitive overlay. He does not understand why it was sufficient then in the 1960's or whenever it was initiated and why it would be removed now. Trustee Dwyer continued that when he hears things like environment, he thinks of the resources, the community, and the land.

Trustee Dwyer asked Attorney Naughton why the local laws were laid out like they were with Local laws 5, 6, and 7 being together and 8 and 9 stood alone. Attorney Naughton stated that she would have to go back and look at it, but she believed that local laws 5, 6 and 7 pertained to the Zoning Plan and the Zoning Map, local law 8 pertained to the changes of the zoning code and local law 9 of the Village Code in general.

Trustee Dwyer continued to comment regarding the AARB. He stated that back in 1992 when it was established in the Village via a local law, a Board that he served on prior to becoming a Trustee, that Board had everything to do with the vertical surface of a building in the Village. It was a comprehensive Board, and by the time he became a Trustee, they were looking at signs, and paint. He does not understand why that is and does not understand why he was not aware of it. There is a project currently going on in the old A&P Building and we are not aware of it. If you read the law that Board should have been advised that their application should have been submitted to them for review.

Trustee Dwyer stated that there are components of this plan that help the Village and the residents that live here now and those that will hopefully come in the future. We are setting the table now, not what we are looking to do 6 months from now or in the future, but what we are doing now.

Trustee Dwyer asked if there was a section of Franklin Avenue that would be changed to URM. Mayor Purcell stated that the only section of property that would be deemed URM is the property next to the old textile plant, but that the remainder of Franklin Avenue would remain SR-10. Mayor Purcell also asked Trustee Dwyer if he saw that on the actual zoning map. Trustee Dwyer stated that he had. Trustee Dwyer stated that his concern has been and remains that he is constantly looking for something that is wrong. He continued that there are problems and things that continue to puzzle him, specifically when the terminology of "overlay district" is used. Mayor Purcell asked Village Engineer O'Rourke if he could clarify what an overlay area meant. Engineer O'Rourke stated that there is a section on North Main Street that is in currently in this overlay district. He continues that if you have a certain lot of a certain size, you can do something other than a single family residence, specifically, you can make a multi-family residence. Mayor Purcell added that this overlay district was added to the zoning map 40 or 50 years ago, and the Board is looking to remove it now with the new zoning changes.

Resident Mike Andersen commented that at the prior meeting he thought that they were only increasing housing density near the textile plant and the small lot near the golf course. Mayor Purcell stated that things seem to be getting a little confusing with all of the talk back and forth. He continued that the URM district is being removed from North Main Street. The existing multi-family homes on North Main will remain, and North Main will remain as is. The Comprehensive Plan recognized that there were issues on North Main and they are now being addressed. The homes on Elm Street and Oak Street that were going to be made into URM will remain as General Business and will not change.

Trustee Dwyer continued that one thing that really stuck with him as a representative of this Village is that back in October they were going to pass these laws. Since then, the Board has gone ahead and found ways to change and modify these laws. At the same time in October, this entire packet of documents was sent to the County for review. The County came back with comments and he is wondering if they have been incorporated into the versions they are in possession of today. Additionally Trustee Dwyer inquired that with the changes that the Board has recommended since October he would like to know if the plan has not gone back to the County Planning Department for review especially since they removed an entire section of the URM district. Trustee Dwyer questioned again why it was not going back to the County for review a second time. Attorney Naughton stated that the Village is not required to resubmit the documents back to the County. She continued that the County had their opportunity to comment on it, they did, the Village made changes based on the public hearing that was held and made changes based on recommendations. This is typical for any local law that you have. You hold a public hearing, comments are made, and you consider them and make changes based on them. Mayor Purcell interjected that all that was done. The public hearing was held and we made changes based on recommendations.

Trustee Dwyer commented that still the driving force behind this was affordability and Mayor Purcell interjected that it was not true. He continued that the driving force behind the comprehensive plan was from the public when it was developed. Affordable housing became a caveat when the Board started to review it and it became a big subject, he would not deny that, but it was not the driving force of all these local laws that have come out of the recommendation of the Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Purcell stated that the Board has had ample opportunity to review this and that the Village is now up against the wall with the end of the moratorium and we are trying to pass these local laws to protect the best interest of the Village. Mayor Purcell stated that the Board has gone above and beyond the call of duty to do this right, this was not something that was done fly by night, and this is also way we pay the consultants and attorneys to protect the Village and its residents, and keep us out of litigation. Mayor Purcell also took a moment to clarify that the concern and fear that was created was not done by the Board but by a chosen few on social media who were ignorant with their misquoting rather than come to the Board and ask

questions to better understand what the comprehensive plan was about. Every bit of this legislation has been driven by the public, the Boards and the Committees who put in endless hours. Comprehensive plans take months and years to complete and still require revisions once they are adopted. The Village of Monroe itself will have to review their plan every 6 months or so because the landscape of the community continues to change at such a fast pace. Mayor Purcell stated that since the Comprehensive Plan was created back in the 1960's, it was amended in the 1990's and that's it.

Trustee Dwyer continued that the Board has a local law for the AARB. He asked if the Board was aware that the AARB was being disbanded and if the Board had any concerns with that. Trustee Chan stated he was not aware and Trustee Conklin also stated that she was not aware of it until he had brought it to her attention. Engineer O'Rourke interjected and stated that he would like to clarify what Trustee Dwyer was stating regarding the disbanding of the AARB. He stated that the AARB is not being eliminated, the power is being given to the Planning Board, by combining two Boards into one. Trustee Dwyer continued to inquire as to the point the AARB stopped looking at signs. Mayor Purcell advised Trustee Dwyer that this is a Building Department question.

Trustee Chan stated that he has read all the documents and digested them. He acknowledged that there are flaws in them. He thanked the Engineers and Planners for their diligence, hard work and patience; he knows that the Board has made them nuts. Trustee Chan continued and thanked Trustee Conklin for her input that resulted in the changes that will not allow someone to buy up multiple smaller homes and put up one large building. He also thanked Trustee Dwyer for his work on the removal over the overlay district, another great contribution.

Trustee Chan continued that he has been on the Board for 12 years and this is the first time that the Board is doing something about the Comprehensive Plan. He acknowledged that this plan is a living document and because of that the Board can make changes to it. Trustee Behringer agreed and stated that the Board is not just thinking of now, but for the future.

Trustee Conklin stated that the Board should not leave any man behind if there is doubt and there is clearly doubt. The Board also has the ability to change the zoning, to continue to investigate things that may or may not work and that this is not something that is cast in stone. She also stated that it was brought to her attention that someone else had reviewed the documents and had found several questionable errors that were brought to the attention of the Building Department and she has not had time to talk to them about it. She stated that she does not believe that just because the moratorium is expiring that the Board should just pass the local laws. She believes that if one of the Board members has a doubt then we all need to get on board with that doubt and work it out.

Attorney Naughton acknowledged that the concerns that were brought up from the individual who did review the code and the documents and some of those concerns are in line with the concerns that Trustee Dwyer has as well. She stated that when you are overhauling code such as this, there is always going to be changes that come up and things that need to be updated, and generally after you do this there are typos and corrections that need to be made. She also stated that it was her opinion that there weren't any changes that have been brought up this evening that couldn't be adjusted even after adopting the local laws tonight.

Trustee Conklin asked Attorney Naughton if the Board adopted the local laws this evening and then something arose after the fact that they didn't realize would be an issue and now is, then what? Trustee Conklin asked her how the Board could change it. Attorney Naughton clarified that the Village Board always has the ability to adopt a law to change their zoning. It is always in their prevue to make changes. Engineer O'Rourke interjected that the existing Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1990. It was then amended in 1992, 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998. You can see from this that the Boards continued to tweak the plan after it was adopted. Attorney Naughton continued that like Trustee Chan stated, it is a living document and can be amended as needed. It is not often that you have such an overhaul like this.

Trustee Dwyer continued that while he is not trying to diminish the hard work of the Board members and the Mayor. He also has lived these documents for quite some time and in his gut he has some concerns. Once of the major concerns is the disbanding of an entire Board that they had no knowledge of. He believes that Board is purposeful and that it is a shame what is being done to them. Trustee Dwyer continued that it troubles him when he sees a building painted on Lakes Street and his first reaction was to call the Chief of Police and ask him what would happen to him if he took a power washer to it, and the Chief advised him that he would be arrested. The Chief advised Trustee Dwyer to speak with the Building Department and he did. What the Building Department told him was that there was nothing on the books regarding the vertical surface of the building. He asked if someone three doors down wanted to go ahead and do something similar he

was told that they could. Trustee Dwyer admitted that a light bulb went off that there was a problem. There is nothing currently listed in these revisions that address that, however in the local law of 1992 the AARB had the ability to discuss that and he wanted to bring that to everyone's attention. Trustee Behringer agreed that there are some store fronts in the downtown that are an eyesore. Attorney Naughton stated that those are really Building Department issues and enforcement through the Building Inspector. Mayor Purcell also stated that the Village cannot tell an owner what they can do with their building, which is why there is a process that they go through to get approvals. Trustee Dwyer countered with his opinion that there should be laws that tie in to that and give the guidance and the enforcement to do that.

Attorney Naughton stated that with the moratorium expiring soon, the Board would need to introduce a new local law to continue the moratorium which would require a new public hearing. She continued that the current moratorium could be extended to June 14, 2017, which would require the Board to hold a special meeting to adopt a new local law. Mayor Purcell commented that the Board's regular monthly meeting in on June 6<sup>th</sup> and Attorney Naughton stated she would work with Clerk Baxter on the timing of the publications.

Mayor Purcell asked Attorney Naughton with the moratorium expiring today what happens to the local laws that are currently on the books. Attorney Naughton stated that local laws would stay on the books but that the Board would need to pass a resolution to extend the moratorium until June 14<sup>th</sup> to avoid someone coming in tomorrow to obtain a permit for a home in the SR 10 district and change it to a multi-family.

Trustee Conklin asked Attorney Naughton if they adopted the local laws tonight could they still extend the moratorium to allow for the Board to have time to work out any issues that may arise and Attorney Naughton stated that they could by local law, if they pass the resolution to extend the moratorium, the Board would have to adopt a new local law, adopting a new moratorium if that time went past June 14, 2017.

Mayor Purcell requested Attorney Naughton begin preparing all the necessary documents for a new local law for a new moratorium for a fixed period of time. He continued by asking the Board that before they meet again to discuss this, he would like the Board to put all their questions and concerns in writing and have them prepared for the Planner and the Consultant so they can move forward in a cleaner and smoother manner after the moratorium is extended on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Trustee Chan, seconded by Trustee Conklin, it was:

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees determined that additional discussion and revision to the Introductory Local Laws was warranted, and declined to issue a Negative Declaration to complete the SEQRA process at this time.

**Ayes:** Trustees Chan

**Nays:** Trustees Dwyer, Behringer and Conklin

**EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN PERMITS, CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY AND APPROVALS FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT:**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of Local Law 3 of 2016 was to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Monroe and to maintain the *status quo* of certain residential development in the Village while the Board of Trustees completes its comprehensive zoning review, including the adoption of zoning regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees found that appropriate measures needed be taken to secure a temporary reasonable halt on certain residential permits, certificates of occupancy and approvals for development within the SR 10 and SR 20 zoning districts during such review; and

**WHEREAS**, without the temporary halt, there remains the potential that certain primary residential uses could be located in areas within the Village which would be unsuitable or incompatible with the decisions by the Board of Trustees in finalizing its Comprehensive Plan and zoning regulations;

**WHEREAS**, the potential for such unsuitable and incompatible residential uses would have materially adverse and irreversible impacts on the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, Local Law 3 of 2016 expires on May 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees desires to maintain the temporary halt that has been put into place by the moratorium until such time as the Board finalizes its Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code amendments.

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

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe that the Board of Trustees hereby extends the moratorium on certain permits, certificates of occupancy and approvals for residential development instituted by Local Law 3 of 2016 for an additional period from the date of its scheduled expiration, resulting in an expiration date of June 14, 2017, or until the effective date of the applicable local laws, whichever first occurs.

**Ayes:** Trustees Behringer, Dwyer and Chan

**Nays:** None

**2017 VILLAGE OF MONROE FARMER'S MARKET:**

On a motion by Trustee Conklin, seconded by Trustee Chan, it was:

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees approved the events application submitted by Anthony Romangino on behalf of the Monroe Activities Committee for the Annual Village of Monroe Farmer's Market. The Market will begin on Sunday, June 4, 2017 and conclude on Sunday November 19, 2017. The Market will be open on Sundays from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM and will be located in the commuter parking lot on Millpond Parkway. The Monroe Police Department will close off the parking lot every Saturday evening and re-open the lot after the Market ends Sunday afternoon.

The Farmer's Market is promoted by the Monroe Activities Committee working for and through the Village Board. Marshall & Sterling Insurance, the Monroe PD, Monroe Fire District and Monroe Volunteer Ambulance Corp will be copied on the response letter.

**Ayes:** Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan

**Nays:** None

**2017 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES & THE MILL PONDS:**

On a motion by Trustee Conklin, seconded by Trustee Dwyer, it was:

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees approved the Monroe Activities Committee Events Application for the nine (9) outdoor concerts to be held at the north side of the Lake Street between the Mill Ponds on the following dates:

June 3, 10 & 17, 2017 / July 1, 15 & 29, 2017 / August 5 (part of the Carnival), 12 & 26, 2017 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

Concert Series is promoted by the Monroe Activities Committee working for and through the Village Board. Marshall & Sterling Insurance, the Monroe PD, Monroe Fire District and Monroe Volunteer Ambulance Corp will be copied on the response letter.

**Ayes:** Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan

**Nays:** None

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Purcell thanked Supervisor Linderman and the DPW, as well as the M-W Garden Club for a job well done on the planting in and around the Village. Their hard work has not gone unnoticed and they have done a beautiful job getting the Village ready for the spring and summer months.

Mayor Purcell also took a moment to remind everyone about the upcoming Memorial Day Parade this Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Step off is at 1:30 from Smith's Clove Park.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**#PRESENT 15**

**TIME: 8:35 PM**

Property owner Tim Mitts asked for clarification on when the moratorium in the Village took effect. Attorney Kelly Naughton stated while she needed to check the file she believed it was filed on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 but was retroactive back to May 17<sup>th</sup> 2016. Mr. Mitts stated that he was told

that it started May 17<sup>th</sup> 2016 because he had an application before the ZBA Board that got rejected because of the moratorium. Attorney Naughton stated that she was aware of that situation. Mr. Mitts continued and asked the Mayor if that meant that the moratorium should have then expired on anniversary of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Attorney Naughton stated that it would expire one year from the date that it became effective, or filed with the Secretary of State, which in this case would be June 15, 2017. Mr. Mitts stated that the moratorium then is longer than one year, and that isn't fair to the public. Attorney Bonacic interjected and stated that this time is for public comment and that it was clear that the Board would look in to it and will make the attempt to extend it to June 14, 2017 and we should not get into a debate over dates. Mayor Purcell added that the attorneys will have to look into it.

Resident Carol Ferrara asked the Board if the moratorium is to try and reduce or increase multi-family housing. Mayor Purcell stated the changes to the zoning of the revised comprehensive plan actually is reducing the multi-family housing in the Village and Trustee Conklin interjected that however, that was not the reason for the moratorium. She continued that it allows the Village to further tweak the comprehensive plan and the revised local laws. Mrs. Ferrara continued and asked if anyone considered not allowing any further building because of the status of our local roads. The traffic that we have in the Village greatly impacts people's ability, including buses and police, to get around. Mayor Purcell asked Attorney Naughton to provide the legal answer to Mrs. Ferrara's question, and Attorney Naughton advised that the traffic issues that she mentions are covered under SEQRA, the environmental impact statement, and are specific to the communities. Trustee Conklin interjected and stated that she finds it humorous these studies are typically done in the summer when there are no teachers or buses on the roads.

Resident Susan Salo stated the continued extension of the moratorium is a good one just to clear the air, so that everyone will be comfortable and for the betterment of our community. Mayor Purcell stated that the Board relies heavily on our employees our consultants and even recently brought something to their attention that needed to be adjusted in the comprehensive plan. He continued that this document will be a constant work in progress and will constantly need to be adjusted.

Mrs. Ferrara also expressed her thanks to the Highway Department for fixing the road in front of her home in such a timely manner.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a motion by Trustee Conklin, seconded by Trustee Chan, with all in favor, the meeting was adjourned 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann-Margret Baxter  
Village Clerk