

**WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017 @ 6:30 PM
WATER INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES**

A workshop was held at 6:30 PM in the Board room of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, to discuss Water Department finances and infrastructure upgrades. Bill Brown, P.C. and Mary Beth Bianconi, Senior Project Manager from Delaware Engineering, P.C. were present to review pending projects and upgrades and to answer questions.

Present: Mayor Purcell, Trustees Conklin, Chan, Dwyer, and Behringer
Also Present: Bill Brown P.C. Delaware Engineering, Mary Beth Bianconi, Senior Project Engineering Manager (Delaware Engineering), Water Plant Operator Mabee, Village Clerk Baxter and Deputy Clerk Zahra

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017 @ 7 PM
(www.villageofmonroe.org)**

The first monthly meeting of the Village of Monroe Board of Trustees was held Tuesday June 6, 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, Attorney Naughton, Village Clerk Baxter, Deputy Clerk Zahra, Water Plant Operator Mabee, Building Inspector Cocks, and Building Department Secretary Proulx

MINUTE APPROVAL: MEETINGS OF MAY 3rd, 16th & SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 23rd:

On a motion by Trustee Behringer seconded by Trustee Chan, the Minutes of the May 3rd Meeting were approved.

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Dwyer and Chan
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Conklin (illness)

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Dwyer, the Minutes of the May 16th Meeting were approved.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Behringer, and Dwyer
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Chan (knee surgery)

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Behringer, the Minutes of the May 23rd Special Meeting were approved.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan
Nays: None

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS / MODIFICATIONS:

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Chan, with all in favor, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorized the Treasurer to make the following fund transfers / modifications to balance the budget:

From:	Description	To:	Description	Amount
Budget Modifications				
A.2115	Planning Board Fees Insurance	A.8025.450	Plan Bd Engineer Contract	2,108.04
F.2680	Recoveries	F.9040.800	Workers Compensation	28,674.98

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULING – MORATORIUM CONTINUED:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorized a Public Hearing to be scheduled on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 6:30 PM to consider a Local Law to enact a “Moratorium.” The purpose of this Local Law is 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 through July 18, 2017, while the Board of Trustees continue to analyze and determine potential appropriate revisions and amendments to the Village of Monroe Code.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan
Nays: None

VILLAGE HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM:
(See Minutes 11/1/16, Pg. 74)

By authorization of the Village Board, RFP’s were circulated by Treasurer Murray for a new phone system for Village Hall and the Police Department. After reviewing the proposals received, they were narrowed to three (3): Extel Communications, Inc. Voicecom and Frontier Communications. The field was then further narrowed down to the 2 lowest proposals, which were within a very narrow margin. Upon the recommendation of Mayor Purcell, the new NEC SV9100 Telecommunication Phone System for Village Hall and the Police Department was awarded to Voicecom based on their Customer Service and response time in the event of an emergency. The proposal includes:

EQUIPMENT – VILLAGE HALL

- SV9100 19” Chassis configured for (8) CO Trunks and (16) Digital Stations
 - (1) Digital 24 Button Display Speakerphone Set
 - (1) Digital 60 Button DDS – Console to view extensions
 - (12) Digital 12 Button Display Speakerphone Sets
 - (16) Voicecom Boxes including voicemail to email

Internal Battery kit for approximately 15-30 minutes of backup in the event of a power failure

(4) CCIS Channels which will allow (3) digital dialing between the Village Hall and Police Department (NOTE: The Village’s IT consultant will be required to configure VPN Tunnels between the Police Department and Village Hall).

VILLAGE HALL PACKAGE COST - \$9,418.95

EQUIPMENT – POLICE DEPARTMENT

- SV9100 19” Chassis configured for (16) CO Trunks and (24) Digital Stations
 - (2) Digital 24 Button Display Speakerphone Sets
 - (18) Digital 12 Button Display Speakerphone Sets
 - (2) Digital 60 Button DDS – Console to view extensions
 - (35) Voicemail boxes – Sixteen of which will have voicemail to email capabilities

Internal Battery kit for approximately 15-30 minutes of backup in the event of a power failure

POLICE DEPARTMENT PACKAGE COST - \$12,830.75

Both Packages Include The Following:

Planning / Pre- Installation

1. Arrange meeting to discuss configuration. Clearly defining project design, call processing, call coverage etc.
2. Identify all trunks
3. Carrier Service Coordination if required
4. Develop timelines for system deployment

Configuration (Completed at Voicecom Headquarters)

1. Database is developed as outlined in the planning stage
2. Designation labels are printed for each endpoint based on configuration
3. Thorough testing is performed before deployment

Installation

1. Wiring Modifications
2. Deploy equipment
3. Place Telephones
4. Test all telephones to ensure proper functionality

Training

1. Pre-Installation -Live customized hands on training will be provided if required
2. Post-Installation -Customized hands on training provided to all staff members on the day of cutover
3. System Administration - An in depth training session will be provided for all system administrators

Post Installation

1. Provide ongoing customer support 24/7/365
2. Remote Maintenance
3. Additional end-user training if and when required
Consultation
4. Telco Carrier Service Coordination if and when required

Warranty

1. Five Year Warranty on all parts, service and labor
2. Five Year Software Assurance Package - Ensures software is always current

Discussion followed. Mayor Purcell asked Attorney Bonacic if he had the opportunity to review the contract proposal. Attorney Bonacic stated he had reviewed the contract provided to him dated May 1, 2017 that included the DPW, Water and the Police Department and he had no issues with the substance of that proposal. Attorney Bonacic stated he has not had the opportunity to review the most recent proposal dated June 2, 2017 in its entirety. Attorney Bonacic requested the matter to be tabled till later in the meeting to give him an opportunity to review the most current proposal.

HUDSON VALLEY WATER WORKS SPRING SEMINAR 6/14/17 – JAIME PRICE & MICHAEL HIPSMAN:

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

RESOLVED, the Board approved the attendance of Jaime Prince and Michael Hipsman at the Hudson Valley Water Works Conference Spring Seminar, Wednesday, June 14, 2017 from 8 AM to 2 PM in Montgomery, NY. Water certificates and 4.0 Department of Health contact hours will be awarded upon the completion of the Conference. This is a budgeted training expense of \$30/each (\$60) to be allocated from budget line F8310.472. Mileage for use of their own vehicle shall be reimbursed on voucher at the rate of \$.54/mile.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Dwyer, Behringer and Chan

Nays: None

NOTARY PUBLIC EXAM – 6/28/17 ROCKLAND COUNTY FIRE TRAINING CENTER JIM COCKS & DEBBIE PROULX:

On a motion by Trustee Conklin, seconded by Trustee Chan, with all in favor, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the request of Jim Cocks and Debbie Proulx to sit for the Notary Public Exam on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at the Rockland County Fire Training Center at a cost of \$15.00 per person. Mileage for use of their own vehicle shall be reimbursed on a voucher at the rate of \$.54/mile. Total cost of \$30.00 shall be allocated from budget line A3620.4100

BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT:

In a memo from the Building Department, Building Inspector Cocks is requesting the Board to approve an amendment to their fee schedule to include a fee for a “Zoning Verification Letter” for \$350.00. The Building Department has been receiving numerous requests for these letters which are similar to a title search/municipal request, but are much more extensive and involve commercial properties. They are also used in new construction, remodeling and financing. On a motion by Trustee Conklin, seconded by Trustee Dwyer, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the request of Building Inspector Cocks to amend the Building Department Fee Schedule to include a fee for a “Zoning Verification Letter” in the amount of \$350.00, effective immediately.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan

Nays: None

REQUEST OF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR APPOINTMENT:

The Building Department has received a request from Tri State Inspection to be appointed as an approved Electrical Inspection Agency for the Village of Monroe. Pursuant to Village Code 200-11B, the Village Board appoints electrical inspectors to perform third party electrical inspections of all new electrical installations within the Village of Monroe. Tri State Inspection has provided copies of their documentation to the Board for their review. The Building Department makes no recommendation either way regarding requests of this nature. Discussion followed. Mayor Purcell stated that he contacted Greg Townsend from Marshall & Insurance, as did Trustee Dwyer, the application and their insurance seemed a little fuzzy. Mayor Purcell also stated the Mr. Townsend requested that the Village provide him with a copy of the local law pertaining to the Village’s requirements to be a third party inspector to review. Mayor Purcell clarified again that this is not for work that the Village does, it is for outside contractors that must be on a qualified list. He requested that Building Inspector Cocks forward the local law on to Greg Townsend for review and tabled the topic for further review.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMIT PENALTY WAIVER REQUEST – 10 SILAS SEAMAN STREET:

In a letter to the Board of Trustees, property owner Liliana Delgado has requested a waiver of any and all penalty fees for her finished family room on the lower level of her townhouse, which she purchased as a newly constructed unit from the builder of the Hidden Creek townhouse community in 2011. She is in the process of selling this unit and it was brought to her attention as part of the Purchaser’s title search that the original certificate of occupancy on file with Building Department does not include a finished basement, or “family room”. Discussion followed. Attorney Bonacic recused himself due to a conflict of interest.

Mayor Purcell stated that he did not see a dollar amount that the homeowner is requesting to be waived. Building Inspector Cocks stated that the penalty would be based on the square footage, however in his reply letter to the Board regarding this matter he stated that there was an obvious mistake made by the former building inspector when the CO was issued and at this point it’s just going to be waiving all fees associated with this and generating a new CO.

Trustee Dwyer questioned Building Inspector Cocks regarding the layout for this unit which shows an unfinished basement, as does the CO. Trustee Dwyer continued that the field inspection showed a finished basement. Building Inspector Cocks stated that was correct. He continued that 90% of the units were constructed with finished basements, at the time of purchase they were given the option to convert it to finished and most did. Building Inspector Cocks also stated that when former Inspector Wilkens printed the Certificate of Occupancy he just moved the information over from the permit but failed to update the unfinished part. This is where the problem is.

Building Inspector Cocks continued that the homeowners will submit the application to generate the new Certificate of Occupancy, but there are fees involved, and they are requesting to have those fees waived. He stated that the Building Department does not have the authority to waive fees of any kind, although it is obvious what happened, but it is up to the Board to fix.

Trustee Dwyer questioned if builder had done the basement of this unit. Building Inspector Cocks stated that it was an option when you bought it, if you opted to have the basement finished; the builder did when you purchased it. Trustee Dwyer asked why the builder would have taken out the initial permit showing an unfinished basement with a two car garage. Building Inspector Cocks clarified that is how they start the permit, and as people buy them, they are usually bought

after they are finished, the options are there to finish the basement, and upon the owner's request, the builder will finish the basement.

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

REOLVED, due to a clerical error on the part of the for Building Inspector, the Board of Trustees accepted the request of Liliana Delgado, owner of 10 Silas Seaman Street, for a waiver of the penalty fee for her unit's finished "family room" with half bath located on the lower level of the townhouse.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan

Nays: None

BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMIT PENALTY WAIVER REQUEST – 19 RYE HILL ROAD:

On behalf of her mother Delores Banks, owner of 19 Rye Hill Road, her daughter, Lisa Guirgis has written a letter to the Board stating that they are in the process of selling the property and during the title search it was determined that there are no permits on file for an in-ground pool and fence located on the property. They were advised by Building Inspector Cocks to fill out the necessary permit applications and that the permit fee is \$450.00. He also advised them of an additional \$900.00 violation fee. The homeowner is willing to pay the necessary application fee to bring the pool to code and receive the necessary certificate of occupancy in order to sell the property, but is requesting a waiver of the \$900 violation fee. Discussion followed.

Trustee Dwyer stated that it appears that at the time, the Building Department denied the permit application for a pool. Building Inspector Cocks stated that they installed a pool without a permit. At the time, the homeowner was advised that they needed to get a permit and during this process it was determined that the pool was too close to the house. He continued that they went before the ZBA Board for a decision and were granted a variance. They were also advised not to do this again. Building Inspector Cocks further advised that after going through the process, the homeowner never followed through and obtained the permit needed.

Trustee Dwyer asked Building Inspector Cocks as to the electrical portion of this project. Building Inspector Cocks stated that the electrical has to be permitted and has to be inspected. He continued that he has already performed an on sight inspection and there are corrections that have to be made and that the homeowner will make them.

Trustee Behringer asked in there was a way to check and follow up on any of these old inspections that may still be outstanding. Building Inspector Cocks stated that everything back then was so antiquated and there really isn't a way to do that. However, now with computers and the program that is in place, red flags pop up, expiration letters are generated, and stuff like this does not happen anymore. He also stated that it is not their responsibility to contact people for their inspections; it is the homeowner's responsibility to get these closed out.

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

REOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepted the request of Lisa Guirgis, daughter of property owner Delores Banks of 19 Rye Hill Road, for the waiver of the \$900.00 violation penalty fee for the homes in-ground pool and fence.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan

Nays: None

BUILDING DEPARTMENT PERMIT PENALTY WAIVER REQUEST – 10 FREELAND STREET:

In a letter to the Board of Trustees, property owners Carlos and Jacqueline Carrasco have requested a waiver of penalty and permit fees for their three season sun room and their finished basement. At the time they purchased their home in 2007, a title search revealed there were no open violations on the property. They purchased their property with an above ground pool, a deck attached to the pool and a three season/sun room which is also attached to the deck. Mr. and Mrs. Carrasco have been paying taxes on the assessed finished basement, half bathroom and three season sun room and have provided documentation from the Town of Monroe Assessors Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrasco are now in the process of selling this property and during the current title search they were notified the home was in violation due to an open permit from 1971 on the three season sun room as well as a violation for the illegal finished basement. They are currently

working with the Building Department and the perspective buyers to have the necessary work completed to rectify the violations but are requesting that the Board waive the penalty and permit fees. Documentation from the Village of Monroe indicating there were no violations at the time of their purchase have also been included for the Board to review. On a motion by Trustee Conklin, seconded by Trustee Dwyer, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees granted the request of Carlos and Jacqueline Carrasco, owners of 10 Freeland Street, for waiver of the penalty fee's associated with their homes three season sun room and finished basement.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan

Nays: None

BID AUTHORIZATION – CURB REPLACEMENT FREEMAN HOMES SUBDIVISION:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved advertising for the bids for the Freeman Home Subdivision Curb Replacement project per the specs provided by Lanc & Tully Engineering. Bid will be advertised on June 9, 2017 with a bid opening on July 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan

Nays: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Purcell stated that he had been contacted by some of the members of the Comprehensive Committee inquiring as to the status of the zoning and code changes. He advised them that the Board was still working on them, and looking to extend the moratorium further. Mayor Purcell also suggested they come to a meeting, address the Board and ask questions. Mayor Purcell continued by acknowledging some of the members that were present in the audience: Mike Littier, a local businessman in the Village, resident Howard Zuckerman, Gary Parise, Chairman of the Planning Board, Paul Baum, Chairman of the Zoning Board, Irving Zuckerman, Jim Cocks and Debbie Proulx, as well as two others who were not able to make it to the meeting but should be mentioned, Ken Toby, owner of Tobey Chiropractic, and Charlie Contagnia. Mayor Purcell encouraged them to speak to the Board.

Gary Parise addressed the Board as a resident and asked the Board why it was taking them so long. He does not understand why if they feel that the Comprehensive Plan is not good, and the zoning does not meet the criteria, then why don't they fix it. Trustee Conklin commented to Mr. Parise that she had sat in a lot of meetings when they started the Comprehensive Plan. A lot of information passed back and forth, there was public input, but now that she sits on this side of the table it's different. Trustee Conklin stated that she believed that if they didn't do their part and make sure that what they were doing is right for the community, they would have all said yes and then would have had an issue right there on North Main. Had she not brought it up, someone would have been able to buy lot after lot after lot, knock them down and build one giant monstrosity on North Main. She continued that had we not addressed that, that is what we would be looking at. Trustee Conklin stated that the reason it is taking so long is because they are finding certain things that maybe back then fit the atmosphere but today, doesn't. Mr. Parise asked if those things have been addressed, and Attorney Naughton stated that it was being addressed. Mr. Parise continued to ask what else is on the table that still needs to be addressed. He expressed that in his opinion the Board has had ample time to review and amend where needed. He stated that a zoning plan will never be finished at 100%, but by state law, we have to have a zoning plan.

Mr. Parise continued that the reason why they did the Comprehensive Plan was because it was outdated. The revised Comprehensive Plan had nothing to do with affordable housing but to make it current for our current situation. Mr. Parise also stated there is a need to change the zoning because the current zoning is not written very well. The current zoning makes it very difficult for both the Planning Board to understand that they have to refer things to the Zoning Board for interpretation. The main reason why they developed the revised Comprehensive Plan and zoning was to make the Village look better and to pursue grant money. You cannot get grant money if you don't have a Comprehensive Plan. The Village needs to finish it.

Trustee Conklin stated that she too trusts the lawyers. She acknowledged that she does not have an engineering degree or a law degree, she drives a school bus for a living. However, when she first looked at the papers before her, there were some things that were glaringly obvious, like the

situation on North Main. Secondly, the affordable housing that Mr. Parise mentioned earlier from 2009, is not what it is today. We are doing the very best we can. The Board understands his frustration, along with the frustrations of others who have projects that are being held up in the Village. She stated that all this puts a tremendous amount of pressure of the Board to get it done, but they need to get it done right.

Resident Mike Littier asked the Board if there was a target date to get it done. Trustee Conklin stated that the target date is when everyone feels comfortable and they all want to get it done as soon as possible.

Trustee Dwyer interjected and stated that back in 2012 the plan was presented. He was not on the Board at the time, but it was then adopted in 2014. What we are currently talking about is zoning. Zoning that no longer matches what was laid out in the Comprehensive Plan. To say that we got it in 2014 is untrue. We got the revised document in October 2016. The Committee had a few years to create the Comprehensive Plan and then another few years to review and develop the recommendations for the zoning changes. This Board has had 4 months to review it.

Resident and Zoning Board Chairperson Paul Baum agreed with Trustee Dwyer that it is a lot of work. He also agreed with Trustee Conklin that they all have other jobs to do, lives to lead, a Village to run. Now is the time to push to get it done. Mr. Baum suggested a joint meeting of all the Boards to gather and discuss their issues to iron them out. He suggested setting a time frame and scheduling a meeting to assist in moving this process along to completion.

Resident and ZBA Board Member Howard Zuckerman addressed the Board and stated that he has had the opportunity to review the recommended zoning code changes himself. He believed that the draft he saw was pretty good, but stated that he felt it didn't mesh with the comprehensive report. Since that time, with the help of the Board, a lot of great changes have come back. There has been movement, and like Trustee Conklin, the changes on North Main have been large. There are very solid parts that pertain to signage and accessory apartments that haven't changed as well. Mr. Zuckerman stated that he believes that we are 90% there, and we could push it over the goal line with just a little more work. Trustee Conklin thanked Mr. Zuckerman for all his positive comments.

Mayor Purcell continued that it is a living document and it is never going to be perfect. It can't be quantified all at once; you need to be constantly reviewing it. He continued that the Building Department is the Village's first line of defense and will continue to bring things to the Boards attention to be reviewed. If it was adopted it today, we would still need to review it tomorrow because the atmosphere of the Village continues to change every day as well. He continued to state that the Board has been meeting with the consultants since 2016 with coordinating the comprehensive plan and continue to meet with them up to the present date. It has taken a lot of time and effort by all parties. We are close to finalizing it but we are beginning to inconvenience a lot of people who are waiting to move forward with their projects in the Village. In addition, the costs are starting to escalate. To date, the Village has spent \$66,000 on consultant fees, and the longer it takes, the more expensive it gets. Mayor Purcell thanked the Board and the consultants for all their hard work, but we do need to push forward and get it done.

Mayor Purcell also stated that there are other issues as well. Attorney Naughton is currently working on the no-knocker law which is separate from the zoning, but also working on the complaints received by the residents in and around the Village as well.

Trustee Conklin stated that just because she and the rest of the Board do not publically verbalize a date to meet and discuss the comprehensive plan does not mean that they are not working on it. We all agreed that we would continue to talk and review the plan, come up with concerns and forward them on to the attorney's for review. The Board has set their own goals of things to accomplish but has chosen not to publically state them so they do not get pressured to meet the goals that they have set.

A resident of Windgate Woods development inquired about the cease and assist law that was previously discussed. Mayor Purcell asked Attorney Bonacic to provide details pertaining to that. Attorney Bonacic stated that process to pass a law like that takes a lot longer so the Board is going to create a local law to prevent to no-knocking that is currently happening. Attorney Bonacic continued that there is currently no zoning in the state for cease and assist. The Wingdate Woods resident interjected and asked why Rockland County has it. Attorney Bonacic stated again that there are no cease and assist zones in the State. The process is very cumbersome and takes many, many months. The discussion was to try and create it through local law in the Village.

Resident John Karl stated that the Zoning Board Chairman hit it on the head when he said that the Board and the Comprehensive Committee should plan a joint meeting. It would be a good step to move things forward.

Mr. Karl stated that the Town of Monroe is working on an LLC law, regarding properties being purchased by LLC's. He isn't sure where they are going with it but he commented that it may behoove the Village to get with the County's Town and Village Association and at the County level to do an LLC law and we would all benefit from it.

Mr. Karl referenced the Building issue that popped up earlier in the meeting regarding an unpermitted pool. He stated that a pool is considered a permanent structure and if that wasn't closed out, then they haven't been paying on it all these years. The Village, the Town and the School District have missed out on tax revenue all these years. Mayor Purcell stated that is why they have worked to fix that problem since they came on Board. We are paying for the sins of our fathers past.

Mr. Karl inquired regarding the roads that the Village took over from the County, specifically North Main, Spring and Freeland. He asked if there was a traffic study done by the Village prior to taking those roads over. He continued and asked because when they were the responsibility of the County, it would have been the County's responsibility to do the improvements on the roads. Mr. Karl believes that Freeland Street is now the busiest street in Monroe. He stated that it use to be just grid lock on Friday afternoons, but now it seems like every day. There are lines of cars and school buses and at some times of the day, you would be better off walking to your destination. At some point improvements are going to need to be made, and in his opinion, these things should have been looked at prior to taking these roads over. At the very least, Mr. Karl stated that the Village should have gotten the County to pony up some of the money to help with these improvements.

Trustee Conklin asked Mr. Karl if he felt that would change the traffic. Mr. Karl stated that if turning lanes could be put in, then he believed that it would keep the traffic moving. Trustee Conklin stated that the traffic is so heavy now in that area that a traffic study wouldn't make much of an impact. Mr. Karl continued that the Village would have at least known what they were getting themselves in to had a study been done. At some point something is going to have to be done.

Mayor Purcell interjected that the Village was aware of what they were getting in to when we obtained the roads. He continued that we have become the bottleneck of Chester, Monroe, Blooming Grove and Washingtonville, and the traffic outside the Village is not something we can control. Mayor Purcell stated that the Village only wanted North Main Street but the Village was advised that if the Village wanted that one road, they would have to take all the roads. He also stated that the Village asked for assistance with the improvements and the County said they would do what they could, and that was it. The Village was put into a precarious position and unfortunately it was all or nothing. Trustee Conklin interjected that the good thing is now that we own the roads, if changes need to be made, we can do them.

Resident Sharon Scheer complimented the Board on all of the improvements in an around the Village. Things are beginning to really look nice and she wanted to say thank you. She continued that traffic is still an issue, sometimes it is moving so slowly down North Main that she can't even get out of her driveway. The trucks seem to have gotten the message because they don't come down the street anymore.

Ms. Scheer continued that she also wanted to bring to the Boards attention a situation that she witnessed that morning at the waterfall. Returning from work early that morning she witnessed a man on the waterfall taking pictures. She was concerned that he was going to get injured and wanted to suggest putting up signage near the waterfall enforcing a fine for trespassing.

Ms. Scheer also wanted to suggest that the Village put up signage in the downtown bringing attention to the ducks crossing Millpond Parkway to the motorists. She advised the Board that signs can be purchased on the internet for as low as \$7.99.

Lastly, Ms. Scheer stated to the Board that she thought that people working at the Farmer's Market on Sundays should be asked to clean up after themselves. She witnessed vegetable debris left behind on the grass and when she spoke with the Farmer's Market Manager regarding it, he

told her that the Highway guys would be by in the morning to clean it up. She didn't think that this was right, that these guys need to show us some respect and clean up after themselves. Property owner Tim Mitts asked the Board how they wished to proceed with the 3 applications that he has submitted to the ZBA, the change of zoning appeal and the variance appeal. Attorney Naughton stated that regarding the ZBA appeal, a letter went out that day to his attorney. She had not received anything regarding the petition but would possibly garner the same response but requested that he forward it to her to review. Mayor Purcell also advised that it would be sent to Attorney Naughton or review and response.

Mr. Mitts stated that the Town of Monroe does periodic inspections with a 3rd person that that they have hired who goes out to strictly check the status of projects as projects move through the process. This may be something that would be beneficial to the Village as well to avoid property's being properly assessed so there is no lost revenue.

Mr. Mitts continued that as the Board is aware, he opened his house up to the Senior Class for prom pictures. He felt it went well, the students behaved themselves and it was all over Facebook. He wanted to provide the Board with a copy of a letter he wrote to the Police Department thanking them for their assistance. He continued that there was the issue of traffic getting backed up and cars parked on both sides of the street. There was an incident on Smith Clove Road and there weren't enough officers on duty and they unfortunately had to make an arrest, so the officers weren't able to come by the property. Mr. Mitts stated that he did go to some of his neighbors and apologized but that the kids loved it.

Mr. Mitts also submitted other letters from residents complimenting him on the nice job he did for the students. Mr. Mitts continued that he was going to do it again for the kids graduating, allowing them to come during the day and take pictures and have time with their family.

Trustee Conklin interjected and stated that she feels that he is great when he comes to the Board Meetings, but then when he is on Facebook he is sticking a knife in their backs and she doesn't understand it. He is one way at the meetings and then a different person when he is behind his computer. Mr. Mitts stated that he appreciated her honesty and told her it wasn't about her. It wasn't about the Board members. He is frustrated that he keeps submitting documents and he feels that he keeps getting put off. He submits things to the Mayor and it doesn't get passed along to the Board to have them involved. Trustee Conklin interjected and advised Mr. Mitts that whether they get the paperwork or not, they work together as a Board and it isn't always fair to go at Mayor Purcell. He does not work alone; they work together as a Board. It may not necessarily be the Board that is preventing him from doing things, it could be another Board, there are rules to be followed, there is a moratorium in place, and to constantly come at him isn't fair.

Building Inspector Cocks stated that since Mr. Mitts was talking about rules, there is a violation in place for what he is doing at his property. Mr. Mitts questioned the violation and Building Inspector Cocks cited the place of assembly code violation. Mr. Mitts stated that he could have anyone in his home that he wanted and Building Inspector Cocks disagreed. Mr. Mitts asked if those were the same rules that allowed the Rubenstein's to have an illegal pool. Mayor Purcell advised Mr. Mitts to stay on point. Mr. Mitts asked Attorney Bonacic if he had spoken to his attorney and Mr. Bonacic stated that he had not. Mr. Mitts continued that there is a lack of communication and he continues to enjoy the property and what he is doing.

Trustee Conklin stated that keeping this in perspective Attorney Bonacic handles all the legal aspects of the Village. Attorney Bonacic interjected and stated that regarding this particular instance, it is being handled by the ZBA Attorney Naughton, and there is no reason for him to return Mr. Cappella's phone call because it is being handled by another attorney for the Village. The issue is that Mr. Mitts asks a question, and when the answer received isn't to his liking, he keeps asking the question. Mayor Purcell stated that the processes are being handled and the process is the process.

Mr. Mitts continued to express his displeasure that he believed there was selective enforcement within the Building Department using the Rubenstein's as an example. Resident Burt Rubenstein stated that their pool is permitted and they have been paying taxes on that pool for 32 years. Trustee Conklin stepped in and stated that the Boardroom is for business, not for airing dirty laundry and that was it, we were not going to go tit for tat, enough is enough. Mayor Purcell stated that you have a complaint put your name to it and submit it. If you don't put your name to it, it'll go in the round file.

Resident Susan McKosker inquired what was going on with Gilbert Street. Mayor Purcell that the work halted for the winter months, but work was now continuing and should be done sometime in July.

Resident Jim Rogers addressed the Board as President of the Monroe Improvement Association. He commented that the prior month he had submitted a letter to the Clerk, Mayor and Board of Trustees regarding their position regarding commercial activities in Crane Park. He did not see mention of the letter in the minutes that followed so he attended the meeting tonight to ensure that the letter is part of the Board of Trustee minutes. He read the letter as follows:

May 15, 2017

Dear Mayor Purcell and Village Trustees,

The Monroe Improvement Association would like to make the Village aware of our position regarding Crane Park. At our April 20th, 2017 meeting we discussed the activities such as bazaars, carnivals, flea markets, fairs, circus, car shows and other commercial ventures and we feel they are not in accordance with the deed restrictions which reads "PUBLIC PARK PURPOSES ONLY", public parkland should not be used to make money, even for non-profit fund raising organizations.

To allow such activities to take place in Crane Park is to violate the restrictive covenant contained in the deeds of the conveyance to the Village and would breach the Village's duty as trustee of Crane Park. The Monroe Improvement Association is asking the Village Board to stop all commercial activities in Crane Park. I would ask that this letter be part of the Village minutes. Thank you.

Sincerely,
James H. Rogers
President

Mr. Rogers stated to be clear, that they are for activities in Crane Park like fireworks, concerts and car shows. We ask that the Board ask for a donation instead of asking people to pay to use a public park. As an example, the Board allows an outside organization, the Saturday Night Cruisers from Vails Gate, to hold a car show in Crane Park, and they charge every car a fee to attend. Mr. Rogers asks that they instead they ask for a donation to avoid to appearance of a commercial aspect and thanked the Board for allowing him to read his letter.

Mayor Purcell told Mr. Rogers that he spoke with the Cruisers and they are happy to make a donation to go back to the park in the future. He stated there was one hiccup with one event that someone took advantage of, but that was addressed and since then there have been no issues.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Trustee Conklin, seconded by Trustee Chan, with all in favor, the meeting was closed at 8:26 PM. Following a 5-minute recess, the Board convened in Executive Session for discussion of Attorney/Client Privilege.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann-Margret Baxter
Village Clerk

Executive Session Minutes compiled by Mayor Purcell.

OPEN SESSION: on a motion by Trustee Chan seconded by Trustee Dwyer and carried, the Open Meeting resumed at 9:20 PM.

VILLAGE HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a new phone system by from Voicecom Plus Inc., in the amount of \$22,249.70. Funding to be provided as follows:

\$20,000.00 has been budgeted for in contingency, and the balance of \$2,249.70 will be divided between Village Hall and the Police Department lines.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan
Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Conklin, seconded by Trustee Behringer and carried, no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Ayes: Trustees Behringer, Dwyer and Conklin
Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann-Margret Baxter
Village Clerk