

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2016  
(www.villageofmonroe.org)**

The first of the bimonthly meetings of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7 PM in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, NY. Mayor Purcell called the meeting to order and led in the pledge to the flag. Emergency exits were announced.

**Present:** Mayor Purcell; Trustees Conklin, Gormley, Dwyer and Chan  
**Also present:** Attorney Bonacic and Village Clerk Carey

**MINUTE APPROVAL: DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup>**

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Gormley, the Minutes of the December 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting were approved.

**Ayes:** Trustees Conklin, Gormley and Mayor Purcell  
**Nays:** None  
**Abstain:** Trustees Dwyer and Chan (absent)

On a motion by Trustee Gormley seconded by Trustee Dwyer the minutes of the December 15, 2015 were approved with the following correction:

Minutes page 272 first paragraph, the dollar amount for the traffic was written as \$37,000 and should be \$375,000 per Mayor Purcell.

**Ayes:** Trustees Conklin, Gormley, Dwyer and Chan  
**Nays:** None

**HIDDEN CREEK BOND REDUCTION TM# 214-1-7: see minutes page 83**

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

**RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Village's engineer, Lanc & Tully PC, John O'Rourke, P.E., Project Manager and approved the reduction of the Letter of credit for the Hidden Creek subdivision to \$322,560 (current amount \$497,529 - \$174,969 reduction = \$322,560). Remaining amount covers 10% maintenance bond.

**Ayes:** Trustees Conklin, Gormley, Dwyer and Chan  
**Nays:** None

**DOWNTOWN REHABILITATION PROJECT BID - REJECTED:**

Mayor Purcell reported that three Thousand Survey Cards were mailed to Village residents indicating that the Village has completed a plan for the "Revitalization of the Downtown". If accepted by the Village Board, this project will have an approximate cost of \$2.1 million dollars with a projected annual increase of \$1.28/1,000 assessed value over a 15 year period. Residents were asked whether they approved or disapproved with a yes or no and returning the postcard by 12/23/15. The results of the survey cards were as follows:

<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>NOT SURE</u>	<u>UNABLE TO FORWARD RETURNED</u>
147	230	1	60

Mayor Purcell asked for a motion from the Board on how they want to proceed. On a motion by Trustee Chan seconded by Trustee Conklin the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, six bids were received by the Village of Monroe on Friday, November 20, 2015, with the lowest base bid amount of \$1,794,482.35 and bid alternate total of \$239,580.70; and

WHEREAS, due to the absence of two Board member at the December 1, 2015 Meeting and conversation by those present at that meeting, a survey mailing was done requesting input from residents on whether

to move forward with the project. At the 12/15/15 Village Board Meeting several residents came to that meeting to speak for or against pursuing the rehabilitation project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, as a result of the survey and public input for the Lake Street Rehabilitation Project, the Board rejects the bids received.

**DISCUSSION:**

Trustee Chan commented that the Board realizes there are infrastructure problems and know they will have to scale back the project in order to address them.

Mayor Purcell said the Board needs to re-evaluate the project and keep it on the radar.

Trustee Gormley suggested meeting again with Creighton Manning Engineering within the next month.

Mayor Purcell said we will meet with the engineer and also with the public to keep them abreast of what is going on.

Trustee Conklin felt the Board should meet and re-evaluate before meeting with Creighton Manning.

Mayor Purcell said he has reached out to Congressman Maloney's office and there is money in the transportation bill that was passed and perhaps there could be funding there. The Mayor has also reached out to Creighton Manning Engineering who spoke to their lobbyist in Albany and as of 1/1/16 money has been put into transportation infrastructure throughout the State of New York. There is money out there. However, there are no guarantees. We will press hard through other resources. The money we have paid to the engineer is already invested and many of these grants do not include engineering fees.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Gormley, Dwyer and Chan

Nays: None

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mayor Purcell wished everyone a Happy New Year!

Mayor Purcell announced that the Village sought funds through the NYS Consolidated Parks Funding Grant to do work around the ponds such as lighting and recreation. 77 million dollars was applied for in that grant through NYS Parks and only 16 million dollars was made available. Unfortunately, we did not get any of it. We followed a different protocol this time and got letters from 50 business people, our various board chairmen's and elected officials from the state and local government. We had a tremendous amount of support for the project. We will reapply.

Mayor Purcell said he is looking forward to working with the newly elected Town Board members. He attended last night's Town Board Meeting and it was a breath of fresh air. For six years now we have had a non-existent relationship with the Town Board. Relationships are critical. Without them you don't survive. Those attending the Town Board Meeting were well received and respected – a new beginning.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** #PRESENT 6 TIME: 7:10 PM

**DOWNTOWN REHABILITATION:** Lorraine Loening commented that she is disappointed the Board rejected the bid for the Downtown Rehabilitation. Frankly, she said, it seems like a lack of leadership if you do what a poll tells you to do. There is a portion of this community that says "no" to everything. The Board spent a lot of time planning this project. That was the time to exchange ideas. To just walk away from it now because 230 people said no is disappointing. It shows a lack of leadership and she expected better. Mayor Purcell said we are not walking away. The project is far from dead. We are concerned financially with it being a difficult fiscal year with a 2% tax cap levy. The Village of Monroe because of the fall out of our fiscal year (6/1/16 – 5/31/17) we are going to be at .12% inflation factor. If we don't get funding for the dam, we are talking 3-4 hundred thousand dollars there. We know the people are interested in the Downtown Project, we just have to re-evaluate. The project is far from dead.

Trustee Conklin commented that she knows Lorraine was at the meetings and she heard Board members say maybe piecemeal the project and do one thing at a time as opposed to the whole project. Trustee Conklin said she would love to say spend the money but the reality is a lot of people cannot afford the tax increase. Do it piecemeal and it makes' a lesser impact. Everybody in this Village got postcards and only 10% responded. We have to listen to the people that is our job. Only 10% responded, the rest didn't care either way.

Mayor Purcell said the goal is to find outside funding. It is not a dead project. It is in the Comprehensive Plan and is one of the targeted areas.

Trustee Gormley said she was leaning toward “can’t afford this” but was willing to do what the majority of the people wanted.

**AMBULANCE BUILDING:** Matt Hoenninger asked the status of the Ambulance Corp building on Carpenter Place reverting back to the Village. Mayor Purcell said we are in discussions with the Ambulance Corp. The attorneys have to work out issues with the deed. The Village wants to own the property outright. Mr. Hoenninger asked again, if the Village takes possession, can you lease it out to a returning veteran to be used as a vending spot. Mayor Purcell said Mr. Hoenninger’s idea is not forgotten.

**ADJOURNMENT / EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

On a motion by Trustee Chan seconded by Trustee Conklin, and carried, following a 5-minute recess the Board entered into Executive Session at -7:20 PM for discussion of personnel and attorney client privilege.

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Gormley and carried the Board came out of Executive Session at 8:35 PM.

**DEPUTY CLERK’S POSITION ADVERTISING:**

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Gormley and carried, the Board directed the Village Clerk to advertise in the Times Herald Record for a F/T Deputy Village Clerk as follows:

**Seeking Village of Monroe resident for the position of F/T Deputy Village Clerk.**

The ideal candidate will be a responsible self-starter with excellent people skills and strong, administrative / organizational skills. Deputy Clerk serves as assistant to the Village Clerk and Village Board and handles all aspects of business transactions required by Village Law. Applicants will have frequent and substantial interaction with the public and village officials. Applicant must be proficient in all aspects of new Microsoft Office programs and have excellent computer skills. Prior clerking experience desirable and good secretarial and/or bookkeeping skills are a strong plus. Bilingual. Be advised that the successful candidate will be fingerprinted and subjected to an appropriate background check. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume and cover letter to the attention of James C. Purcell, Mayor, Village of Monroe, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, NY 10950 no later than January 27, 2016.

Advertisement will also be made on the Village Website and posted in the Village Hall lobby.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Carey  
Village Clerk