

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017 @ 7 PM
(www.villageofmonroe.org)**

The first of the bi-monthly meetings of the Village Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road, Monroe, NY. The meeting was called to order by Mayor James Purcell and led in the pledge to the flag. Emergency exits were announced.

Present: Mayor Purcell; Trustees Chan, Dwyer, Behringer and Conklin
Also present: Attorney Bonacic, Village Clerk Baxter and Deputy Clerk Zahra

MINUTE APPROVAL: DECEMBER 12TH AND 20TH

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Chan, the Minutes of December 12th and December 20th, 2016 were approved:

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

AGREEMENT: O. C. TOWN & VILLAGES DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING 2017 – PARTNERS IN SAFETY:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the Drug & Alcohol renewal agreement for 2017, Town and Villages of Orange County whereby Partner's in Safety under the terms and conditions of the agreement shall provide to the Village of Monroe that meet the compliance of the US Department of Transportation, requiring alcohol and drug testing of safety sensitive employees. Complete DOT random testing program is \$48/test. Pre-employment, post-accident, reasonable cause or follow-up testing performed during business hours at the rates quoted in the agreement. It is further

RESOLVED, the Board authorized Mayor Purcell to sign the agreement with Partner's in Safety.

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

AGREEMENT: ANNUAL POND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT 2017 – SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT:

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

RESOLVED, subject to the removal of paragraph 12 (referencing automatic contract renewal) the Board of Trustees approved the Annual Pond Management Contract for 2017 with Solitude Lake Management, P.O. Box 969, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 in the amount of \$33,744.00 Annual Charge (\$4,218.00 monthly for 8 months).

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

INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORK DISPLAY 2017: CLOSE LAKE STREET BETWEEN PONDS / HAWKING & PEDDLING REGS WAIVED / CONTRACT WITH LEGION FIREWORKS

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved blocking off Mill Pond Parkway from the corner of Lake Street and Mill Pond Parkway to the corner of Lake Street and Route 17M on July 3, 2017 (rain date 7/7/17) from 4-11 PM. Traffic will be coordinated by the Police Department. Fire and Ambulance Corp will be notified. It is further

RESOLVED, the Board directs that no permits be issued by the Village Clerk for the Mill Pond area to any outside food vendor, craft or novelty vendors for the Independence Day celebration. Participants must register through the Activities Committee Vendor Application.

Be it further

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved a contract with Legion Fireworks, Co., 10 Legion Lane, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590, for furnishing and conducting a fireworks display on July 3, 2017 (rain date 7/7/17) in the amount \$15,000. (15% Deposit of \$2,250 due at signing of contract. \$12,750 due immediately following the display.

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

PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION CENTER – JERRY FINCKE (Minutes 11/18/14 pg.71 & Minutes 7/19/16 pg.26):

Jerry Finke, Esq. came before the Board in November 2014 to propose a new transportation center on the edge of the new portion of the commuter parking lot facing Millpond Parkway. Mr. Finke submitted a follow up request in July 2016. Discussion followed. By law, the Board cannot give free water as was requested. DOT questions still go unanswered and the Board does not want to set a precedent. On a motion by Trustee Dwyer seconded by Trustee Conklin and carried, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees denied the request of Jerry Fincke for the proposed Transportation Center.

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

BUILDING DEPARTMENT PENALTY WAIVER FEE REQUEST – 4 REYNOLDS ROAD, BEN OSTRER, ESQ.: TM #231-1-5

Benjamin Ostrer, Esq. was referred by the Building Department to the Board concerning a waiver of penalty fee for two building permits for 4 Reynolds Road (Hudson Manor LLC). The property was purchased in 2007 at which time a municipal report was obtained which showed no violations and multiple certificate of occupancy's. The premises had a finished basement and a shed located on the driveway with a basketball hoop. The premises remain the same with the exception of removal of the basketball hoop. The Certificate of Occupancy reference the "full basement" for the addition in 2002 and the original dwelling in 1986. Attorney Ostrer is now in a transaction to sell the property and has been informed following inspection that an application needs to be filed for the basement and shed. The building permit fees are being tripled as permits were not obtained when the work was alleged to have been done. Hudson Manor LLC is willing to pay the customary fees of \$118.00 and \$705.00 respectively for the shed and basement. They do not believe the addition of a penalty of \$86 and \$1,485 (\$1,571 in total) for the basement and shed are appropriate in light of the clean municipal search obtained at the time of purchase of the property.

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the request of Hudson Manor LLC for waiver of Building Permit penalty additional fee for non-compliance in the amount of \$1,571, for property described as Tax Map 231-1-5, 4 Reynolds, Road.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Purcell wished everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year and stated that he had nothing else to report at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: #PRESENT 3 TIME: 7:28 PM

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Chan, following a 5-minute recess, Executive Session followed at 7:29 PM for discussion of Building Department and Highway Department Personnel.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Ann-Margret Baxter
Village Clerk**

Executive Session Minutes compiled by Mayor Purcell.

OPEN SESSION:

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Chan and carried, the Open Meeting resumed at 7:40 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Chan and carried, no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

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