

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2018
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The first monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, February 6th 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road Monroe, New York. Mayor James Purcell called the meeting to order and led in the pledge to the flag. Emergency exits were announced.

Present: Mayor Purcell; Trustees Conklin, Behringer, and Chan

Also present: Chief Conklin, Building Inspector Cocks, Attorney Stephen Reineke, Village Clerk Baxter, and Deputy Clerk Zahra

Absent: Attorney Bonacic (personal)

Trustee Dwyer arrived at 7:06 PM.

MINUTE APPROVAL: MEETINGS OF JANUARY 2nd & 16th 2018:

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Behringer, the Minutes of the January 2nd and 16th Meetings 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
A.9950.960	Transfers Crane Pk Rsv	A.7110.454	Parks General Maintenance	8,018.00
Budget Modifications				
A.1560	Safety Inspection Fees	A.1440.450	Engineering Contractual	6,548.64
A.2115	Planning Board Fees	A.8025.450	Plan Bd Enginner Contract	939.00
A.2705	Donations	A.3120.250	PD Other Equipment	939.75
A.3501	CHIPS	A.5112.200	CHIPS Improvements	48,446.96
A.2770	Misc Revenue	A.3120.417	PD Narcotics	965.99
A.2260	Police Services	A.3120.135	PD OT/Grants	1,801.60

TEMPORARY 90 DAY APPOINTMENT – F/T BUILDING INSPECTOR / JAMES F. COCKS:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe has determined that the Village of Monroe Building Department is need of a full-time Building Inspector, but has been unable to find a suitable individual for said appointment based upon the O.C. Certified List of Eligibles; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Civil Service Law §64, temporary appointment for such position may be made for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days when the need for such service is important and urgent; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that the temporary appointment of James F. Cocks as full-time Building Inspector during this interim period is important and urgent to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the Village of Monroe.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe that James F. Cocks be appointed as temporary full-time Building Inspector effective February 8, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this appointment is considered to be a temporary appointment for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days pursuant to the provisions of New York State Civil Service Law §64.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan

Nays: None

RESIGNATION: STACEY GARCIA, P/T DISPATCHER:

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

RESOLVED, the Board accepted the resignation of Stacey Garcia, part-time dispatcher effective 1/25/18. The Board wished Stacey the best in her future endeavors.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan

Nays: None

RESIGNATION: ELIZABETH DOHERTY, DEPUTY TREASURER:

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

RESOLVED, the Board accepted the resignation of Elizabeth Doherty, Deputy Treasurer, effective 2/7/18. The Board thanked Elizabeth for her 7 years of service to the Village and wished her success in her future endeavors.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan

Nays: None

RESOLUTION TO RESCIND LETTER OF RESIGNATION – KRISTOPHER ANTONACCI:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepts the recommendation of Chief Conklin and hereby rescind the resignation of Kristopher Antonacci that was approved by the Board at the January 2, 2018 Meeting, and rehire Mr. Antonacci as part-time parking enforcement officer effective 2/7/18 at the hourly rate of \$18.64. Mr. Antonacci decided to not pursue his offer with the NYS Department of Corrections. Discussion followed.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan

Nays: None

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND – PD BUILDING MAINTENANCE RESERVE:

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

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a capital reserve fund to be known as the “Village of Monroe Police Department Building Capital Reserve Fund” (hereinafter “Reserve Fund”). The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of a building repairs and maintenance.

The Chief Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The Chief Fiscal Officer may invest the moneys in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of the Village Board. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund. The Chief Fiscal Officer shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the cash and investments of the Reserve Fund.

Except as otherwise provided by section 6-c of the General Municipal Law, expenditures from this reserve fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund was established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of the Village Board and without such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by section 6-c of the GML, including a permissive referendum if required by subdivision 4 of section 6-c.

FURTHER, that the chief fiscal officer is authorized to deposit to this reserve fund, any monies privately donated to the Village for the specific purpose of purchase of police equipment.

FURTHER, expenditure from this reserve is subject to permissive referendum only if the authorization to issue obligations for the same purpose would be subject to a permissive or mandatory referendum 6-c (8). Discussion followed.

Trustee Dwyer questioned if this was what they had worked out in the last fiscal budget and set aside some monies, but had not set aside a resolution. Mayor Purcell confirmed that it was. Mayor Purcell continued that Treasurer Murray brought it to their attention and that is the reason for the resolution now.

Trustee Chan questioned if the reserve account was for equipment. Mayor Purcell reread the resolution and verified that it stated police equipment. Trustee Chan then questioned whether we could use funds designated for building towards police equipment. Mayor Purcell stated that it would need to be changed. Trustee Chan stated he didn't think that the Village could mix them, a buildings fund should be for building only and equipment fund should be for equipment only. Mayor Purcell stated that he would have to check with Attorney Bonacic.

Trustee Dwyer commented that the Police Department recently went through the process of changing out central air conditioning equipment, and that is considered a fixed asset in the building, and questioned if that was the equipment that they were referring to. Mayor Purcell stated that the building maintenance reserve fund and is for anything affiliated with the building. Mayor Purcell continued that he would clarify it with Attorney Bonacic and discuss adjusting the language of the resolution. This matter was tabled till the February 20th meeting.

WALK MS ORANGE COUNTY / APRIL 29, 2018 (SETUP 4/28/18) CONTINUED:
(See Minutes 1/16/18)

At the January 16, 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting, Chief Conklin requested that this matter be tabled for further discussion. On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Conklin, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approve the request of Lauren Gilbertson from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, New York, to use the commuter Parking Lot on Mill Pond Parkway and the walking paths in Crane Park to host their annual walk on Sunday April 29, 2018 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Approval was given for setup on 4/28/18 from 3 PM to 9 PM. Setup will include tents, tables, portable toilets, and dumpster. The event will be supervised by the Police Department and DPW Supervisor Linderman. Sign-off on the event application has been made by the Building and Police Departments. A letter from the IRS confirming their 501(c)(3) status was also included. Proof that the participation form of the event includes a waiver of liability must be provided to the Village Clerk no later than one week prior to the event.

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

VILLAGE ELECTION 3/20/18 – POLL WORKERS / INSPECTORS / VOTING MACHINE TECHNICIAN:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby appoint the following certified County approved workers to serve as Poll Workers and Inspectors for the March 20, 2018 Village Election. The polls will be open from 9 AM to 9 PM. Compensation for the Chairman is \$150. Poll Workers and Inspectors is \$125 each.

Poll Workers:

Larry Lezak, 62 Margaret Drive, Monroe, NY
Ronald Rendano, 40 Woodcock Road, Monroe, NY

Inspectors:

Sandra Keltai, 7 Conklin Court, Monroe, NY
Frank Beams, 241 North Main Street, Monroe, NY
Marie Punzone, 155 Pine Tree Road, Monroe, NY
Renate Braunagel, 135 Neptune Drive, Monroe, NY

Alternate:

Geraldine DeAngelis, 275 North Main Street, Monroe, NY

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

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees engage the services of County Certified Voting Machine Field Technician Eileen Hand, 13 Railroad Avenue, Chester NY 10918 at the compensation of \$20/hour to assist with the March 20, 2018 Village Election.

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

CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS 5K WALK SPONSORED BY VOICES UNITED 4 CHANGE / OC DEPT. OF HEALTH 5/5/18:

Anne-Marie Freitas, Outreach Program Coordinator for Voices 4 Change and the Orange County Dept. of Health submitted an events application to host their annual 5K walk to raise awareness for children’s mental health on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 7:30 AM to 1 PM using the commuter parking lot on Mill Pond Parkway and the walking paths in Crane Park. Setup will include a registration and information tables. On a motion by Trustee Conklin, seconded by Trustee Chan, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the request of Anne-Marie Freitas, Outreach Program Coordinator for Voices 4 Change and the Orange County Dept. of Health, Goshen, NY, to use the commuter parking lot on Mill Pond Parkway and the walking paths in Crane Park to host their Children’s Mental Health Awareness 5K walk on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 7:30 AM to 1 PM. Sign-off has been given by both the Building and Police Departments, and the organization has submitted a letter from the IRS confirming their 501(c)(3) status. Approval is contingent on submittal of updated certificate of liability insurance, as current certificate expires on 4/1/18.

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

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULING – PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO ADD CHAPTER 187 ENTITLED “UTILITY POLES”/ AMEND CHAPTER 98 ENTITLED “FEES, CONSULTANT”/ ADD ARTICLE V ENTITLED “GAZEBO ISLAND” TO CHAPTER 150 OF THE VILLAGE CODE:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby authorize a Public Hearing to be scheduled on Tuesday, February 20th, 2018 at 6:30 PM, on a proposed Local Law to add Chapter 187 entitled “Utility Poles” to the Village Code of the Village of Monroe, amend the language of section 98-1 entitled “Establishment of Comprehensive Fee Schedule” and add Article V entitled “Gazebo Island to Chapter 150 entitled “Parks” and establish a curfew , prohibit vandalism and use of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs on Gazebo Island. Discussion followed.

Trustee Conklin commented that if the Board is going to be doing some language changes, then the Board should change the name of Gazebo Island. Mayor Purcell stated that the Board has copies of the local law in their mailboxes, they will hold the public hearing and they could submit changes to the Attorney for the adjustments.

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

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULING – PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 43 “VEHICLE & TRAFFIC”, CHAPTER 175 “SUBDIVISIONS” & CHAPTER 200 “ZONING” OF THE VILLAGE CODE:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that it is reasonable and appropriate to amend various chapters of the Village of Monroe Code to ensure consistency and clarity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that it is appropriate to schedule a public hearing on the proposed Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2018, amending Chapters 43, 175 and 200.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby schedules a public hearing on Introductory Local Law 3 of 2018, entitled “A Local Law Amending Chapter 43 (“Vehicles and Traffic”), Chapter 175 (“Subdivision of Land”) and Chapter 200 (“Zoning”) of the Code of the Village of Monroe to clarify and correct inconsistencies”, for February 20, 2018 at 6:40pm.

Ayes: Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Dwyer and Chan

Nays: None

PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULING – PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 200 “ZONING” TO CORRECT THE SIGNAGE DISTRICT TABLE AND CLARIFY PROVISIONS RELATED TO TEMPORARY SIGNAGE:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that it is reasonable and appropriate to amend Chapter 200 (“Zoning”) of the Village of Monroe Code to correct the Signage District Map and to clarify provisions related to temporary signage within the Village; and

WHERE, the Board of Trustees finds that it is appropriate to schedule a public hearing on the proposed Introductory Local Law No. 4 of 2018, amending Chapter 200.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe that the Board of Trustees hereby schedules a public hearing on Introductory Local Law 4 of 2018, entitled “A Local Law Amending Chapter 200 (“Zoning”) of the Code of the Village of Monroe to correct the Signage District Map and clarify provisions related to temporary signage”, for February 20, 2018 at 6:50pm.

EASTCOM UTILITY & LOCATING SEMINAR 2/27/18:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the attendance of Will Ostrowski and Mike Hipsman at the Eastcom Utility & Locating Seminar on the Fundamentals of Underground Utility Locating on February 27, 2018 from 8 AM to 3 PM at the Elks Lodge #2001 in Paramus, NJ. The cost is \$175 per person and includes lunch, coffee and dessert, and attendants will be submitting a voucher for mileage reimbursement. Cost for the seminar will be allocated from budget line F.8330.472, Purification Education. Discussion followed.

Trustee Dwyer asked if this seminar provided the attendants with certification of some kind. Trustee Chan responded that it was only a class and Trustee Dwyer questioned why we needed to send both, could we not send one and have them relay the information to the other. Mayor Purcell clarified that Water Plant Operator Mabee wanted them both to attend since the Water Department is getting much busier and the more the merrier to learn.

Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Behringer, Chan and Conklin

Nays: None

NORTH MAIN STREET SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PAYMENT #2 PRECISE ENTERPRISES II, LTD:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of Lanc & Tully Engineering PC, John O’Rourke, PE and approved payment No.2 for final payment and release of retainage, as requested by Precise Enterprises, for the North Main Street Sidewalk Replacement project (Elm St. to Rt. 208) in the amount of \$5,899.20. (Orange County Community Development Project – Federal Contract No. B-17-UC-36-0105 / County Contract No. 29/178692.7510A17). Discussion followed.

Trustee Chan asked if all the work had been verified. Mayor Purcell responded that Lanc & Tully did the inspection and that is why they had submitted the final bill. Trustee Dwyer stated

that the sidewalk on North Main just ends. Trustee Dwyer continued that he recalled seeing a plan which actually had the sidewalk making a turn onto Route 208. He continued that the sidewalk sits approximately 5 inches below the curb and along with the grade of the property it creates a well. Trustee Dwyer stated that he doesn't understand why more attention wasn't paid to that, and wanted to make the Board aware of it. He also stated that he wasn't sure how to fix it. Mayor Purcell commented that we could have our own DPW look at it. Trustee Conklin interjected and stated that if we're paying a contractor to do the work and they did it wrong, then the Village shouldn't have to fix it. Trustee Chan agreed that if Board members have some concerns then they should be looked in to before the payment is processed. Mayor Purcell stated that he would have Lanc & Tully Engineering look into it further, and tabled the matter till the February 20th meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Purcell stated that he met with the Village accountants and that the Village came in under budget from last year budget by approximately \$100,000. He continued that the Village's unreserved fund balance is healthy at \$804,173 and the Village is in the range between 5-10% that the GFOA wanted the Village to be at, and we are at 8%. Mayor Purcell stated that the Village still retains its triple A bond rating and that is good news for borrowing money. He continued that the accounts are very healthy and the auditors stated that the Village is in good shape. Mayor Purcell commented that it is a testament to the Board and the Department Heads keeping their budgets in check, and the final report will be coming out shortly.

Mayor Purcell continued that the Village received good news from the County and the Village's sales tax is up, and the Village will be receiving a check for \$69,000. He stated that this shows the Village is being prudent and businesses are doing well in Monroe. Mayor Purcell stated that the Village's commercial occupancy is probably around 90% for the whole Village and we should have this check from the County by the end of the month.

Mayor Purcell continued that he met with NYS DOT and Doug Teator from Creighton Manning Engineering regarding the Stage Road pedestrian improvement project and the TAP Grant that the Village has received. The meeting discussed the project and the process on how the project starts, and there is a lot of paperwork involved. Mayor Purcell continued that DOT is happy with how things have progressed so far and stated that the Village is ahead of the curve with the design that we have already had done for the project and the paperwork they needed is in place, and stated that the DOT is currently just waiting on the Village to get the deeds back from the County to see if there are any easements on the property over by the Heritage Trail. Mayor Purcell stated that the project is following the timeline and should start possibly by the end of August, unless DOT is delayed at their end and it may begin in the spring of 2019.

Due to his late arrival, Trustee Dwyer stated he had a few questions regarding the January 2nd minutes that were approved. Trustee Dwyer questioned the reserve that was placed on the tractor and backhoe which had been sold on Auctions International and stated that he had previously asked for this information regarding this but had not received it. Mayor Purcell stated that he was not aware that he was looking for the information regarding the reserve and requested that Trustee Behringer, as liaison to the Highway Department, obtain that information from Highway Supervisor Linderman.

Trustee Dwyer continued that there was also a discussion regarding water and Smith's Clove Park. Mayor Purcell stated that the Board would be meeting with the Park Commission on February 20th to discuss the situation. He continued that John Battaglia would not be able to make it, but that they would still meet on the 20th to discuss it during Executive Session because it needs to be resolved. Trustee Dwyer commented that he pulled their water bill, and they have received a corrected water bill. Mayor Purcell confirmed he was aware of the bill and spoke with Mr. Battaglia about it. It was agreed that they would take no action on it until they met to revisit the issue. Trustee Dwyer added that the Village was obligated to supply them a bill but he does not think it is incumbent on the Board to meet with the park or anyone else. The Village provided them with a bill at the reduced amount, including the change from commercial to residential account, even though they are actually still a commercial account. Mayor Purcell interjected that the Board needs to revisit the resolution and the other issue. Trustee Dwyer stated that he is of the belief that if the Board took an action and authorized a bill at the reduced amount of \$28,000 the Park Commission is prepared to issue a check. Mayor Purcell commented whether we issue them a bill or not, they have to bring the proposal back to their Board to discuss it. The Park Commission has requested an additional meeting and he would like to give them that respect, Mayor Purcell stated that he feels another week will not make a difference.

Trustee Dwyer stated that his point is that this Board make a resolution authorizing them paying \$14,000 and he is of the opinion that that offer be taken off the table and that any orders or resolutions to that point be rescinded. Mayor Purcell stated that he understands his point, and he doesn't think that it is a big deal to wait one more week to figure it all out.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

PRESENT 6

TIME: 7:27 PM

Resident John Karl asked the Board for the status on water lines from the Mombasha Reservoir. Mayor Purcell responded that the Village has met with Delaware Engineering and the Board is awaiting their report. Representatives met with Water Plant Operator Mabee and reviewed the situation and will determine what the best plan is, whether it is to TV it, replace it, whatever other options are available.

Mr. Karl also inquired about the relics along the Heritage Trail which has been discussed at another meeting previously. Mayor Purcell stated that the Village has gotten the ok from the County to move them, but it has been a busy winter and Highway Supervisor Linderman hasn't had the opportunity to get them yet. He assured Mr. Karl that they have not been forgotten about.

Mr. Karl asked the Board if they have had any inquiry's regarding an odor in the park. Mayor Purcell stated that they have not. He also stated that he looked into MOODNA and they confirmed their stuff is working fine and that you should look into Blooming Grove, but no one has complained. Mr. Karl stated that he walked through there the other day and the odor is pretty pungent.

Mr. Karl inquired if the Village of Monroe still has a salt reserve account. Mayor Purcell stated that the Village does.

Mr. Karl commented that he was of the opinion that appointing sitting Village Planning Board members as election inspectors may be seen as a conflict. Mr. Karl stated the he did not have a problem with it, and Mayor Purcell stated that the people in question have done it in the past, but requested Village Clerk Baxter to check with Board of Elections.

Mr. Karl also commented on a flyer that was included in the election packet he received. He questioned the flyer regarding placement of signs. In flyer it spoke of high speed roads like I-90, I-87 and Rt. 17M. Mr. Karl stated it appeared that Rt. 17M had been added in after the fact and questioned if it was supposed to mean Route 17. Mayor Purcell stated that Village Clerk Baxter would look in to that with the Board of Elections as well.

Trustee Dwyer stated that Chapter 64 of the zoning refers to false alarms and commercial entities. Trustee Dwyer continued that in the past year the Village has had almost 40 false alarms amongst 3 commercial accounts. He continued that there is an enforcement policy in Chapter 64 and if we do not enforce it, these resources are being used to respond to potential issues for a resident or a business. Trustee Dwyer stated that when they turn out to be habitually false, it is waste of the Village's resources, and that the only way to deal with it is to enforce the law on the books. Trustee Dwyer requested that it is looked at as a Board. Mayor Purcell interjected and stated that before that happens; the Village needs to define who is responsible for the enforcement. Mayor Purcell stated that he has left a message with Attorney Bonacic who was unavailable this evening, and has also spoken with the Chief about it and asked the Chief to visit the property owners and speak with them about the issue. Mayor Purcell continued that they also need to speak with the Building Department to see if a lockbox and a key could be obtained, and also acknowledged that the language in the code is a little weak in terms of who does the enforcement. Mayor Purcell said that as soon as he can speak with Attorney Bonacic to get the information verified, the Village will make sure they get the correct person handling the job. Building Inspector Cocks interjected and stated there is a fine that can be imposed and is part of the enforcement. He continued that the first three false alarms are free and the fourth one is \$25. After that it jumps to \$50 per offense. Building Inspector Cocks stated he believed that the fine should be a more substantial fee that will have an impact. Trustee Conklin stated that it should also be changed to one or two free passes but not three. Mayor Purcell stated the law is not specific and needs to be adjusted.

Trustee Dwyer stated that the Village held a public hearing some time ago on towing and it really hasn't gone anywhere. The Village closed the public hearing and Trustee Dwyer asked what the Board planned on doing about it. Mayor Purcell stated he requested information and asked to discuss this topic in Executive Session. Mayor Purcell also stated that the Board has not had

Executive Sessions the past few meetings because Board members have had places to go afterwards. Mayor Purcell continued that when Attorney Bonacic is present at the next Board meeting they can meet in Executive Session to address it, because he is aware that people have concerns regarding the towing ordinance and they need to discuss it as a group. Trustee Dwyer commented that he would like to get it done. Mayor Purcell agreed that he would like to get it done as well but the Board has not in Executive Session due to other obligations and the Board will discuss it with Attorney Bonacic at the next meeting.

Trustee Conklin asked where the Board was with the taxi cab ordinance. Mayor Purcell stated that the Board was to meet with the taxi cab companies to discuss the additional information that they learned about during the workshop and the Board needs to get back on that. Mayor Purcell also stated that it ordinance needs to be adjusted and Attorney Naughton also brought up some issues that also need to be addressed, specifically people's parking of personal and business vehicles. Mayor Purcell also commented that the Village needs to set up the meeting with the medical transport company which they also determined was an issue for some of those medical cab companies coming in to the Village that the Board was enlightened on during that workshop. Mayor Purcell stated how important it was to the Village to get that meeting set up so the Board could move forward with this because it will most likely need a lot of adjustments and Attorney Naughton will need to get involved. Trustee Dwyer commented that Attorney Bonacic wrote the law and they had edited it. Mayor Purcell stated that he understood, but that Attorney Naughton had added some things to it as well that were removed for the Public Hearing because he had advised her that the Board was working on some additional things. Trustee Dwyer stated that he had not seen anything yet and Mayor Purcell confirmed that it had been sent only today, but it had been discussed in the meeting the Board had during Attorney Client. Additionally, Mayor Purcell stated that they cannot move forward until the meet with the cab companies to discuss the issues that they brought up during the workshop, including the issues raised regarding the fees. Trustee Dwyer stated that the challenge is there was one individual who was happy to have it and had no concerns about it, and then you get the individuals that you didn't think would have an issue and they do, but that it's really about enforcement. Mayor Purcell stated that he agreed but that there were other issues that need to be dealt with that will allow people to do business in this community and from outside communities that were brought up during the workshop and currently our local law will not allow them to do, specifically medical transport. Trustee Dwyer stated that they had no problem with these outside companies coming in to the boundaries of the Village of Monroe they will comply with the Village ordinance. He continued that if you do come in and you do not have a taxi license, our Police Department is going to stop you. Mayor Purcell interjected and commented that there was a little more to it than that, and asked Chief Conklin if there was a little more to it in regards to the medical transport. Chief Conklin stated that in regard specifically to the woman from Liberty who typically drives Medicaid patients, in some of the jurisdictions that she operates, she is not required to be on the ordinance and that it is up to the Boards to decide.

Mayor Purcell also commented that they also need to look into Uber drivers, and asked Trustee Dwyer to get the meeting set up. Mayor Purcell asked the Chief how does the Village get an Uber driver to sign up, and Chief Conklin stated that you can't. Trustee Dwyer also commented that during the workshop someone asked what would the Village do to enforce the Uber drivers and the Board acknowledged that they didn't know, but that the taxi issue is something that they are aware of and The Village should go after it and deal with it for the purpose of safety and operation. Mayor Purcell stated if they set up a meeting and they choose not to come, then the Board will continue to move forward and give them a timeline and be done with it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Trustee Chan, seconded by Trustee Conklin, with all in favor, the meeting was closed at 7:37 PM. Following a 5-minute recess, the Board convened in Executive Session for discussion of Attorney Client.

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 8:15 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Chan, seconded by Trustee Dwyer and carried, no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Behringer, Chan and Conklin

Nays: None