

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018
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The first monthly Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, April 3rd 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 7 Stage Road Monroe, New York. Mayor Neil Dwyer called the meeting to order and led in the pledge to the flag. Emergency exits were announced.

Present: Mayor Dwyer, Trustees Conklin, Behringer, Alley and Houle

Also present: Attorney Bonacic, Village Clerk Baxter, Deputy Clerk Zahra, Highway Supervisor Linderman and Police Chief Conklin

MINUTE APPROVAL: MEETINGS OF MARCH 6th & 22nd 2018:

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Behringer, the Minutes of the March 6th and 22nd Meetings were approved.

Ayes: Mayor Dwyer, Trustees Behringer and Conklin

Nays: None

Abstain: Trustees Alley and Houle

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS / MODIFICATIONS:

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Behringer, 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.9950.930	Transfers Hwy Rsv	A.3120.230	PD Motor Vehicles	2,800.00
Budget Modifications				
A.1560	Safety Inspection Fees	A.1440.450	Engineering Contractual	4,066.00
A.2115	Planning Board Fees	A.8025.450	Plan Bd Enginner Contract	4,800.00

APPOINTMENT: DANIEL MARGOTTA / ZBA:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of ZBA Chairman Paul Baum, and Daniel Margotta was reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5 year term (4/3/18 – 4/3/23). Daniel has been a member of the ZBA since 2/19/08. Discussion followed.

Trustee Behringer commented that Dan has done a good job on the ZBA and that it is a good choice to renew his term. Mayor Dwyer agreed and included that he is also very thorough.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, Conklin and Houle

Nays: None

AGREEMENT: ANNUAL POND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT 2018 – SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT:

Mayor Dwyer stated that this item had been put aside for discussion at a later time and gave a brief overview of the contract and services provided by the company. Mayor Dwyer included that there has been some question by the Board if the Village should continue with this course of treatment. He added that the Village has not really seen the benefit of it and Trustee Conklin agreed. Trustee Conklin continued that with what this contract would cost, the Village would be better off with using the harvester and possibly some summer employment to assist with that.

Trustee Behringer asked Highway Supervisor Linderman what his opinion was in regards to the contract versus the weed harvester. Highway Supervisor Linderman responded that the weed harvester will work; it takes time, but will work. Trustee Conklin stated that she has never really

seen any results from the Solitude treatment. Highway Supervisor Linderman responded that the first couple of years when they were applying weed killer it worked, but they aren't allowed to use that any longer. They were only allowed to apply copper sulfate, and that does not kill weeds. Highway Supervisor Linderman continued that copper sulfate is used up at the reservoir to clarify the water to avoid clogging the filters.

Trustee Behringer stated that by mid to end of July the ponds start to get green and there is always comments made about it. She asked if that was normal or was there something that could be done about it. Highway Supervisor Linderman responded that by using the weed harvester a lot more it will keep it clean. Trustee Conklin interjected that the problem is that over the years the ponds have become so shallow and with the silt buildup, the water does not oxygenate properly. She continued that by putting the weed harvester in the water it rotates and churns the water, it adds oxygen back into the water and the probability of it being as green as it was in the past is less. Trustee Conklin added by not using Solitude it would offset the cost of hiring someone and giving someone the opportunity for some seasonal work, which she thinks is a great thing. It would get the job done and allow the Highway guys to get done what needs to be done. Mayor Dwyer agreed that he has not seen results from the \$40,000 investment of this treatment plan.

Trustee Alley asked how long the Village has been using Solitude. Mayor Dwyer answered that they have only been part of the solution and Highway Supervisor Linderman also answered that Solitude didn't even use the copper sulfate last year because there was something with the contract and the Village that was delayed. He added that there was also some mix up in communication as to what they were actually doing and when the Village got to the bottom of it, the DPW just put the harvester in the water.

Mayor Dwyer asked Highway Supervisor Linderman if he recalled what the contract proposal was for the prior year and he stated he was not sure. Clerk Baxter stated that this year's proposal was exactly the same as last year's agreement. Mayor Dwyer asked Supervisor Linderman if he thought the Village got what we paid for. Supervisor Linderman stated he couldn't answer that because he didn't know what was in the contract previously, it began with former DPW Superintendent Smith. Mayor Dwyer asked Trustee Behringer to research and see what the proposal provided for last year and what the Village may have not gotten. Supervisor Linderman stated that the Village got exactly what was in the contract, but that contract was negotiated by the former Highway Superintendent and Mayor, and Supervisor Linderman was not part of that negotiation. Supervisor Linderman continued that Solitude is not going to do anything different this year than they did last year because of the restrictions imposed by the DEC and chemical usage. In order to apply the chemicals, the Village would have to apply for multiple permits as well as notify everyone who had property along the river to the New Jersey border.

Mayor Dwyer asked the Board in regards to the contract before them did they wish to entertain it or decline it. Trustee Conklin stated that her opinion was no and Trustee Behringer agreed.

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees choose to opt out of the Annual Pond Management Contract for 2018 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). It is further

RESOLVED, Highway Supervisor Linderman will notify Solitude Lake Management that the Village of Monroe has chosen not to enter into the 2018 Pond Management Agreement with them, and that Clerk Baxter will follow up with written notification as well.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, Conklin and Houle

Nays: None

COMPLETING THE SEQRA PROCESS FOR INTRO. LOCAL LAWS 3 & 4 OF 2018:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees is considering Introductory Local Laws 3 and 4 of 2018, which clarify existing provisions in the Village Code contained in Chapter 43 ("Vehicles and Traffic"), Chapter 175 ("Subdivision of Land") and Chapter 200 ("Zoning"); and

WHEREAS, based upon the Environmental Assessment Forms, Parts 1 and 2, the Board of Trustees hereby determines that Introductory Local Laws 3 and 4 of 2018 will not have a significant adverse environmental impact on the environment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe that the Board of Trustees hereby issues a Negative Declaration in connection with Introductory Local Laws 3 and 4 of 2018, completing the SEQRA process. The amendment of various provisions of the Village Code ensures that there is consistency and clarity in the Code, which will be beneficial for the public's understanding. These amendments do not have a significant adverse environmental impact, and will not significantly and adversely affect any of the criteria under 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7. Discussion followed.

Mayor Dwyer asked Attorney Bonacic if Trustees Alley and Houle should abstain from voting since they were not Board Members at prior sessions when this was discussed, but have been since given the information. Attorney Bonacic stated that there is no prohibition and since they have been given the information and have had the opportunity to review it, they are able to vote on it.

**Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, Conklin and Houle
Nays: None**

LOCAL LAWS 3 & 4 OF 2018 AMENDING CHAPTERS 43, 175 AND 200 OF THE CODE OF THE VILALGE OF MONROE:

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is considering Introductory Local Laws 3 and 4 of 2018, which clarify existing provisions in the Village Code contained in Chapter 43 ("Vehicles and Traffic"), Chapter 175 ("Subdivision of Land") and Chapter 200 ("Zoning"); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of 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", is to revise various sections of the Code of the Village of Monroe to correct typographical errors and amend provisions of the Code to ensure consistency and clarity; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of 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 Table and clarify provisions related to temporary signage", is to amend Chapter 200 to replace the existing Signage District Table for compliance with the updated Zoning Map, and to clarify provisions related to temporary signage in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees previously adopted these local laws at its meeting on February 20, 2018, but had not received a report from the Orange County Department of Planning or the Village Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has since received a report for each law from the Orange County Department of Planning recommending that the adoption of the laws be a local determination; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has since received a report from the Village Planning Board with suggested revisions to each local law, which the Board of Trustees requested be incorporated, and said revisions were incorporated, and the revised local laws have been on the desks of the Board of Trustees for more than seven (7) days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Monroe that the Board of Trustees hereby rescinds its motion to adopt Local Laws 3 and 4 of 2018 made at the February 21, 2018 meeting, and hereby adopts and enacts Local Laws 3 and 4 of 2018 amending Chapters 43 ("Vehicles and Traffic"), Chapter 175 ("Subdivision of Land") and Chapter 200 ("Zoning") of the Village Code, as revised.

**Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, Conklin and Houle
Nays: None**

2018 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE: ROAD CLOSURES AND NYS DOT APPROVAL:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the following parade route for the annual Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, May 27, 2018. The parade is sponsored by the Monroe Veteran's Coalition, VFW Post 8858, American Legion 488 & 1573 and Jewish War Veterans Post 7581.

Formation will start at Smith's Clove Park beginning at 12:15 PM. Step off at 1:30 PM. Parade will proceed onto Spring St. turning left onto Mapes Place through the underpass to the Monroe Volunteer Ambulance Corps Memorial. The Color Guard will present arms, and wreaths shall be placed. Parade will make a right turn at Carpenter Place through downtown Lakes Street. From there the parade will turn left onto Route 17M, and proceed to Veterans Memorial Park. From there proceed to the Monroe Cemetery for formal dedication and disbanding. It is further

RESOLVED, that a Certificate of Insurance in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) naming the Village of Monroe as an additional insured has been provided to the Village Clerk. It is further

RESOLVED, permission is contingent upon receipt of the approval from the NYS DOT to use Rt. 17M for the Memorial Day Parade. Police Chief Conklin, Monroe Fire District and Monroe Volunteer Ambulance Corp will be copied on the response letter to let them know of road closures.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, Conklin and Houle

Nays: None

OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP APRIL 21, 2018:

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Alley, it was:

RESOVLED, the Board of Trustees approved the event application submitted by Paul Campanella, Board Member of the Greater Monroe Chamber of Commerce, for Operation Clean Sweep. This joint effort event will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 8 AM to 12 PM and will involve picking up garbage along roads in the Village of Monroe. Start and end point will be at St. Anastasia's Parking Lot on Rt. 17M in Harriman, NY. Certificate of Insurance has been filed, and application has been reviewed and approved by both the Building and Police Departments. The Village of Harriman will submit the 33c permit to NYS DOT for use of state Route 17M. Discussion followed.

Trustee Behringer asked if the Village advertises for this event besides what she has seen on Constant Contact. Clerk Baxter stated that advertising is normally handled by the host municipality, and in this case it is the Village of Harriman.

Mayor Dwyer interjected and stated that Paul Campanella from the Chamber of Commerce was present. Mr. Campanella offered his congratulations to the new Board and wished them well. Mr. Campanella continued that information regarding Clean Sweep can be located on two websites, www.cleansweep.com and www.gmcoc.com. He added that it will also be on the Town of Monroe website and advertised on the Town's channel 22 as well.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, Conklin and Houle

Nays: None

SOUTH ORANGE FAMILY YMCA 5K COLOR RUN JULY 14, 2018 9-10 AM:

The South Orange Family YMCA has submitted their application for the annual 5K Color Run on Saturday, July 14, 2018 utilizing the walking paths around Crane Park and a portion of the Millpond Parkway Commuter parking lot. Millpond Parkway will be closed from the commuter lot to the intersection of Rt. 17M from 6 AM to 12 PM. This request includes approval for setup the evening before on 7/13/18 and will include tents, tables, and portable toilets. Removal of all trash from the event will be handled by YMCA staff and taken back to their dumpsters. Certificate of Liability Insurance as well as proof of 501(c)3 have also been submitted. Application has been reviewed and approved by both the Building and Police Departments. On a motion by Trustee Behringer, seconded by Trustee Houle, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approved the Event's application of the South Orange Family YMCA's 5K Color Run on Saturday July 14, 2018 from 9 AM to 10AM, utilizing the walking paths around Crane Park and a portion of the Millpond Commuter parking lot to continue to raise money for their Capitol Campaign expansion project. Discussion followed.

Trustee Alley questioned, what is the Village's standard procedure in regards to handling admission fees for events such as this. Clerk Baxter advised Trustee Alley as to the agreement in place with the Monroe Improvement Association in regards to monetary transactions in Crane Park. Clerk Baxter also stated that this event, like others with registration tables and vendors who may sell things, that those tables/tents are set up on the roadway of Millpond Parkway and nothing takes place on the park grounds. Clerk Baxter also clarified that there is no payment that occurs between the Village and the organization hosting the event. There is however a recent clause added to the event application effective January of this year that states unless you are a military organization or not for profit 501(c)3, they could be responsible for up to 20% reimbursement of any additional Highway or Police costs that the Village may incur the day of the event. Clerk Baxter added that to date the Village has yet to enact that since all the event applications that have been submitted to date have been either military or not for profit. Trustee Alley stated that is what she was primarily inquiring about and how the Village would offset those costs. Clerk Baxter stated that the Village has yet to cross that bridge yet but she assumed that would be something that as a Board they would discuss and determine how to address. It is written in the addendum that Attorney Bonacic prepared that if an organization is going to be held responsible for that 20%, whatever that amounts to, that the organization would be notified of the amount and it is at their discretion as to whether or not they wish to move forward with their application.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, Conklin and Houle
Nays: None

CRYSTAL RUN WARRANTY BOND REFUND:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of Building Inspector Cocks and release the warranty bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 to BBL Construction Services LLC & Travelers Casualty and Surety Co. of America, Bond # 106068671, whom issued the original bond.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, Conklin and Houle
Nays: None

HUDSON VALLEY WATER WORKS SEMINAR 4/11/18 – ERNIE MABEE & WILL OSTROWSKI:

On a motion by Trustee Conklin seconded by Trustee Houle, and carried, it was:

RESOLVED, the Board approved the attendance of Ernie Mabee and Will Ostrowski at the Hudson Valley Water Works Conference, Wednesday, April 11, 2018 from 8 AM to 2:30 PM in Montgomery, NY. This is a budgeted training expense of \$30/each (\$60) to be allocated from budget line F8330.472, Purification Education. Mileage for use of their own vehicle shall be reimbursed on voucher. It is further

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees also approved the renewal of Water Plant Operator Mabee's Hudson Valley Water Operator Membership at the cost of \$30 per year, for the term of 1/1/18 – 12/31/18. The cost of this membership is to be allocated from budget line F.8330.472, Purification Education. Discussion followed.

Trustee Alley asked if there was an annual requirement for contact hours. Trustee Conklin stated that she was unsure of the amount. Former Mayor, John Karl who was also Village of Harriman's Public Works Superintendent stated that it was 30 hours every 3 years.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, Conklin and Houle
Nays: None

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE / TRUSTEE CONKLIN:

Trustee Conklin advised the Board of the events that the Village will be hosting in 2018 and will include Earth Day (to incorporate it along with Clean Sweep), the Summer Concert Series to run June through August, dates to still be determined, 4th of July/Independence Day Celebration, the Carnival at the end of July beginning of August, Farm to Table in September, and the Winter Festival.

Trustee Conklin stated that they are in need of volunteers, anyone willing to help, and it doesn't matter if they live in the Town of the Village. It's a lot of work but very rewarding and she encouraged the Board Members to get involved.

Trustee Behringer stated that it was a great idea, for all ages, and we can do a lot of great things in the great little Village we live in.

Trustee Houle agreed. She inquired if anyone from the public could choose to help with a particular event and Trustee Conklin stated yes, they do not need to sign up for all the events. Trustee Behringer stated that between everyone we should all know someone who has a talent and can help.

Trustee Houle asked for some clarification on the Farm to Table event. Trustee Conklin stated that she wanted to do an event like this two years ago but it never came to fruition. What she envisioned was shutting down Lake Street and setting up long tables, like a big Thanksgiving Day dinner. Trustee Conklin had reached out to some of the local businesses who got on board, wanting to make a specialty dish for the event. The wine store would serve samples inside, the street would be lit up and it would be super rustic looking. Trustee Conklin continued that the idea would be to sit next to someone you didn't know and get to know them and the end of the night, her goal was that each person would know someone new. The way residents used to feel, and how it was when she was growing up here. She added that a lot of things came up and it never came to fruition but it is going to happen this year. Trustee Behringer asked if it would be something that she would try and incorporate the Farmer's Market in to and Trustee Conklin stated that originally they wanted them to purchase an item from the Farmer's Market, but it became too much. There are other places around the Village where they can get items from our local farms, Monroe Farm Market even Shop Rite sells items from local farmers. Trustee Behringer stated again that it is a great idea. Trustee Conklin stated it is an opportunity to showcase the local restaurants and gives residents an opportunity to come out and try a place they haven't been too before.

Trustee Alley asked if it was limited to Lake Street vendors only or will it be opened up to other businesses in the Village. Trustee Conklin answered that she will do Millpond, Lake Street and Carpenter Place right now, keeping it locally right here, and then the following year venture out to others. It's going to be new, and when you do something for the first time, people will be skeptical until it gets up and running. Trustee Conklin also stated that there will be a fee, because the Village will need to pay the people that are making the food, and there is a cost associated with that.

Trustee Alley asked if the Carnival was on the list. Trustee Conklin stated that it was, but that the dates are still to be determined.

WATER ACCOUNT #10064 / 12 GILES PLACE:

Mayor Dwyer advised the Board of a memo that Water Plant Operator Mabee submitted regarding Town Water Account #10064 and the property owner's dispute with the balance owed of \$3,815.92. This amount represents a usage amount of \$1,863.37 and penalty amount of \$1,952.55. Mayor Dwyer stated that by Village Law, the Village is allowed to shut off service twice a year for non-payment should they not comply. The property owner has not been cooperative, the history of his account shows that he has not paid his bill regularly, and that the last payment on the account was made 6/24/17, which results in the accumulation of penalty fees that he does feel he is required to pay since he did not sign an agreement with the Village. Mayor Dwyer asked Attorney Bonacic for a little direction to the Water Department on how to deal with it.

Attorney Bonacic stated that after briefly looking at the documentation, it seems as though the property owner is disputing the penalties which are in the Village Code. Attorney Bonacic stated a possible Board action would be to consider waiving the penalties and providing them with a date to propose or seek a payment plan with the ultimate recourse would be if it is not addressed, that

his water will be shut off which is the Village's right. Attorney Bonacic stated that the first thing the Board has to decide is if they are willing to entertain a waiver of penalty, and that would be your formal response to him regarding the memo from the property owner dated 3/30/18. If the Board's answer is no to waiving the penalty, the property owner has to know that the outstanding bill needs to be paid by a certain date.

Trustee Conklin stated in June 2017 he emailed the Village disputing his water bill, and documentation showed that this wasn't his first time not paying his bill. The property owner continued to dispute his water bill in an email as recently as March 2018, and Trustee Conklin pointed out that all along he could have been paying his water bill. Trustee Conklin continued that everybody knows that there is a cost to getting water you have to pay for services that you receive whether it is sewer, water, etc. This isn't a surprise and this property owner knows this, he has lived here a long time. Trustee Conklin stated that to give this person another opportunity to pay a bill that he has already stated he isn't going to pay seems counterproductive. At some point the Village needs to take a hard stance. Mayor Dwyer stated that the Board also needs to make a determination as to whether or not they will entertain offering the property owner the option of a payment plan, however, the balance would still need to be paid by 4/13/18 to avoid shut off. Trustee Conklin also commented that the account would still continue to accrue late fees if the balance was not paid in full.

Trustee Alley asked if there was a timeline or a standard that is used to determine when the water is shut off or is there a dollar amount. Clerk Baxter advised that Village Code states that the Village of Monroe has the opportunity twice a year, in March and September, to review town water accounts and shut the water off as it coincides with the February and August billing. The Water Department is doing it now as the Clerk's Office is getting ready for tax time when any unpaid Village water accounts would be levied against their Village taxes. Clerk Baxter advised that the shut off was not done in the fall of 2017, only in June and prior to that, once in 2016 around June/July, not twice a year as Village code states. Clerk Baxter continued that last year this account was given the opportunity to pay the usage and not the penalty to keep the water on and he did, but only after he made various calls to both the Water Department and the Clerk's Office disputing the bill and being extremely argumentative. Clerk Baxter also advised the Board that as recently as last week the Billing Control Clerk offered him an opportunity to enter into a payment arrangement, with the Board's approval. The property owner verbally agreed to it, however, when he was asked to put the request in writing, what was received was the complete opposite of what was discussed. The property owner's stance has always been that he has never signed an agreement with the Village of Monroe agreeing to these penalty fees, but as Mayor Dwyer has pointed out, he doesn't pay his bill on a quarterly basis anyway. Trustee Conklin stated that the reality is he is going to need water so he is going to have to pay his bill and that will be a tough lesson to learn.

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

RESOLVED, after a review of the account and its chronic history of delinquency, the Board of Trustees denied the request of town water account #10064 to waive the outstanding penalty fees totaling \$1,952.55.

ON a motion by Trustee Conklin, decided by Trustee Alley, it was:

RESOLVED, as no attempt has been made to pay the bill or establish a payment agreement before or after any billing cycle, and not until notification of shutoff was sent, that Board of Trustees denied any payment plan. The outstanding water bill for town water account #10064, totaling \$3,815.92, must be paid in full by Friday, April 13, 2018.

Clerk Baxter asked Mayor Dwyer who should draft the letter to the property owner and Mayor Dwyer instructed that the letter should be addressed from the Village of Monroe Water Department. Trustee Conklin added that the letter should be sent certified mail to confirm its receipt.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, Conklin and Houle

Nays: None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Dwyer stated at the prior meeting he had brought up some issues along Schunnemunk Road regarding traffic, littering and kids in the woods. At that time he asked Chief Conklin and

Highway Supervisor Linderman to develop a plan to address it. Mayor Dwyer continued that he wanted to clarify his comments that had suggested that it was a new initiative when in fact was Chief Conklin was already addressing it. Mayor Dwyer went on to share with the public what the Police Department has done in regards to this area between January 1 and March 31, 2018. To date the Monroe Police Department has issued 81 traffic tickets and performed a radar detail in that area and on 23 different occasions pulled residents over. Mayor Dwyer continued that there is a problem with the road to begin with. There is an elbow to the turn that takes you out of the Village and that itself creates a problem.

Mayor Dwyer also advised the public that NYS DOT had contacted the Village to advise them that they would resume work on the Route 208 Bridge to finish the project in regards to the guard rails, paving, striping and landscaping. NYS DOT advised that they would be closing down one lane during this time and anticipated that the work would be completed by May 31, 2018. Clerk Baxter stated that this information would be posted on the Village's website and through Constant Contact as well. Clerk Baxter included that all Departments including the School District were included on the email. Chief Conklin added that part of the Heritage Trail would be closed at some point to allow for paving under the overpass as well.

Highway Supervisor Linderman stated that the trash problem along Schunnemunk Road is mainly in the Town. He continued that he has his Department canvass the area approximately every 3 months to clean up trash and debris, but if you cross over into the Town you will see a whole different story.

Trustee Behringer commended Highway Supervisor Linderman and his crew on all the hard work this winter and thanked them for their efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT: # PRESENT 6 TIME: 7:58 PM

Resident John Karl commended the Board on the reappointment of Dan Margotta to the ZBA. Mr. Karl stated that he has seen him in action and he does an excellent job. Mr. Karl also suggested that perhaps advertising these Board openings may be a good idea to perhaps get some new blood in the Village, encourage the residents to submit an application and get involved.

Mr. Karl advised the Board that the letter of credit listed on the bottom of the agenda had expired and asked if there was an extension. Clerk Baxter stated that Treasurer Murray had informed her just today that it had been extended but had not yet received the new letter of credit from the bank. Once that is received, the information would be updated at the bottom of the agenda.

Mr. Karl asked the Board for the status of the 2019 budget. Mayor Dwyer stated that the Board would continue working on it but it had not been completed yet. Mayor Dwyer stated that the Board planned on holding another workshop and the notice would be posted.

Mr. Karl asked for the status of the transmission mains from the reservoir to the filtration plant. Mayor Dwyer stated that he was not up to speed on the most recent information and Delaware Engineering has been working on a plan to address. Mayor Dwyer added that he would follow up on it and report back at the next meeting. Mr. Karl asked if the 2nd transmission line was leaking and Trustee Conklin stated that it was not. Mr. Karl stated that when reviewing the budget nothing jumped out at him to indicate money had been set aside for repairs, and was curious if the Village would be budgeting monies for any needed repairs. Mr. Karl continued that he had heard that the second main was leaking and it is a concern. If the first main is shut off and this one is leaking, the Village only has one other well down in the park and it cannot handle the demand of the Village.

Mr. Karl also reminded the Board that in regards to the water account that was discussed previously, there is also shut off and on fees associated with that, as well as the technician's time if they go out after hours to address it. Mayor Dwyer stated he was aware of the full schedule of fees.

Mr. Karl asked in regard to the water conference, he questioned if the employees were taking their own vehicles and are on Village time, that the Village may have an issue with Worker's Compensation. He stated that he didn't understand why if they had a Village vehicle they were using their personal vehicles to attend the conference. Mayor Dwyer stated he didn't think it necessarily mattered if they were on Village business but using their own vehicle, they would be covered under Worker's Compensation. Mayor Dwyer stated that he did not know why they were

not using the Village vehicle but he would look into it. Mr. Karl stated that the Village needed to keep in mind should something happen they would also be forced to deal with that persons personal insurance, mileage, and any out of other out of pocket expenses. Mayor Dwyer advised Mr. Karl that the Village would reach out to their insurance company and look into it.

Mr. Karl continued and that the weed harvester is a mechanical devise and does not add oxygen to the water, and that is why they began putting chemicals in. He added that in order to combat it, you need to find out what type of weed is actually growing first, and treat it for that specific vegetation. Highway Supervisor Linderman stated that the DEC has notified them that if they chose to use a chemical, the Village would have to notify every property owner all the way to the New Jersey line. He added that anything added to the water would also have to sit for at least 72 hours and that this process should have been started a few months ago. Mr. Karl added that the Village could look into adding a bubbler system, which is a flex pipe around the perimeter of the ponds with small holes in it that puts the oxygen into the water. The other issue is that the ponds have become so shallow that when it becomes hot, the water is hot and the weeds will grow. The time has come that both ponds need to be dredged. There are a lot of agencies that need to be involved with that but it something that could be beneficial. Lastly Mr. Karl stated that if the Village would not be treating the ponds, he is assuming that the \$45,000 under park contractual in the budget will be going away. Mayor Dwyer confirmed that it would.

Resident Lorraine Loening stated a few years ago she was on a deer crusade. She does not like the deer, they are a menace to the community, and there is too many of them. She looked into how other municipalities handled it, whether it was through harvesting or sterilizing. Mrs. Loening stated that she has recently become aware of people that are now feeding the deer and she feel that only contributes to the problem. Mrs. Loening continued that this is something that is loosely regulated by New York State, and she has even contacted the DEC regarding it. Mrs. Loening proposed to the Board possibly creating a local law that would help control their population. Trustee Behringer stated that she has contacted the DEC herself regarding the deer, and was told that they would have to be caught in the act of feeding the deer in order for there to be a consequence. Trustee Conklin stated that there probably could be something on the local level that could be done, however the reality is that their habitat is being taken from them. People may not be feeding the deer, but have bird feeders out that attracted them, but we are squeezing the animals out of their elements. It seems like a shame to kill the animals because we want to put up a building. Mrs. Loening continued that when there was a rampant geese problem, there was a remedy for that. Trustee Conklin agreed, but stated that greasing eggs is a little different; we cannot prevent a deer from getting pregnant. Trustee Behringer stated she didn't want to harm the deer but agreed with not feeding them. Trustee Conklin stated that even if people didn't feed them, they are still coming. They will find something to eat. If you put out a bird feeder, they'll eat that. If you have shrubs, they'll eat those.

Paul Campanella from the Greater Monroe Chamber of Commerce notified the Board that the Village is an honorary member of the Chamber. He stated that the Board is always welcome at a Chamber meeting, sometimes there is a fee, sometimes there isn't, but this Thursday, April 5, 2018 there is a free meeting at Javajo's from 8 to 9 am, you just have to buy your own cup of coffee. Mr. Campanella also stated that the Chamber's website is available to the Village to put up notice's and utilize the calendar, promote the Village's events through their resources as well. Mayor Dwyer stated that as part of their Organizational Meeting the night prior, the Board has created a liaison position to the Greater Monroe Chamber of Commerce, and that liaison is Trustee Alley. Mayor Dwyer advised that both he and Trustee Alley will attend the Thursday meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Conklin, seconded by Trustee Behringer and carried, no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Ayes: Trustees Dwyer, Behringer, Chan
Nays: None

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann-Margret Baxter
Village Clerk

Executive Session Minutes compiled by Mayor Dwyer.

OPEN SESSION: on a motion by Trustee Houle seconded by Trustee Behringer and carried, the Open Meeting resumed at 10:00 PM.

CONTINUATION OF MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE ANNEXATION OF LAND FROM T/M TO KIRYAS JOEL:

(Continued from 9/10/15)

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees elect to remain in the Municipal Cooperation Agreement established with neighboring municipalities and continue to challenge the annexation process and related SEQRA analysis prohibiting the annexation of land from the Town of Monroe to the Village of Kiryas Joel.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, Conklin and Houle

Nays: None

ADDITIONAL ADVERTISING FOR DEPUTY TREASURER POSITION:

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorized the Village Clerk to re-publish the employment opportunity for the Deputy Treasurer position. Additional advertising avenues will be researched for use in addition to the Times Herald Record.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, Conklin and Houle

Nays: None

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Trustee Houle, seconded by Trustee Conklin and carried, no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 PM.

Ayes: Trustees Alley, Behringer, Conklin and Houle

Nays: None