

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

— 04/19/2021

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA (Monday, April 19, 2021)

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Members present

Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mike McGinn, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

1. Call to Order

Discussion, Information, Procedural: 1.1 Pledge to the Flag

2. Motion to Open Town Board Meeting

Action (Resolution): 2.1 Motion to Open Town Board Meeting of April 19, 2021

2021-#172

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Town Board Meeting of April 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Motion by Sal Scancarello, second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mike McGinn, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

3. Community Announcements

Information: 3.1 2021 Clean Sweep

To hear Supervisor Cardone, and Board Members regarding 2021 Clean Sweep, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.1, 0:1:19. Discussion: 3.2 Town of Monroe Compost Facility

To hear Supervisor Cardone regarding Town of Monroe Compost Facility, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.2, 0:4:30. Information: 3.3 Constant Contact Sign-Up

To hear Supervisor Cardone regarding Constant Contact Sign-Up, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.3, 0:5:45. 4. Public Hearing

Action (Resolution): 4.1 Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law A-V1, Amendment to Chapter 57 of the Town Code to Regulate Rental Properties and Transient Housing

2021-#173

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the

Continuation of the Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law A-V1, Amendment to Chapter 57 of the Town Code to Regulate Rental Properties and Transient Housing.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone, second by Mike McGinn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone, Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mike McGinn, Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

The following signed up to speak during Public Comment regarding the Continuation of the Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law A-V1, Amendment to Chapter 57 of the Town Code to Regulate Rental Properties and Transient Housing. To hear their comments, and Board Members responses, please go on-line to Board Docs Video Clip #4.1, 0:7:29.

- Kevin Donoghue
- Camille Tokerud
- Dyer Halpern

- Councilwoman Bingham: Uh question.
- Supervisor Cardone: First. What's that?
- Councilwoman Bingham: Real quick. I, I'm assuming the public hasn't seen the one without the, the first paragraph in our law, but we will post the correct one up on the web page correct?
- Supervisor Cardone: Yes. This, the draft will go up on the web, web page after this evening.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Okay
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay. First speaker?
- Deputy Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Kevin Donoghue.
- Supervisor Cardone: Kevin Donoghue. How you doin Kevin?
- Kevin Donoghue: Great! (Inaudible). Can I take this off?
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah you can take it off. Yep.
- Kevin Donoghue: Thank you.
- Supervisor Cardone: Oh wait. Put it back on, please.
- (Laughter)
- Kevin Donoghue: Expect nothing less. Wow! So, as you can tell.
- Councilman McGinn: There, there's a vote you just lost.
- (Laughter)
- Kevin Donoghue: As most of you are aware, most people in this room know who I am, and then who they are very well. For those who don't know, my name is Kevin Donoghue. I'm a, about a 40-year resident of Monroe. Graduated Monroe Woodbury High School. Played athletics here, and after a lot a traveling in other places in the world, this is 100% where I wanted to spend the rest of my life. I've been renting a home up in Osseo Park for about 10 years. It's my dream house. I love it to death, and recently I finally became the owner of it.

- Supervisor Cardone: Well good for you.
- Councilman Scancarello: Congratulations.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Congratulations.
- Supervisor Cardone: (Inaudible)

- Kevin Donoghue: Thank you so much. It's been one of the proudest, happiest days of my life, and after a very tough year, you know, COVID, as some of you know, I, I do have a, a professional racing career that turned into, was starting to turn into a very successful media career as a broadcaster both on ESPN, and some other networks, and that all came crashing down. You know so, last year, I had to basically do anything I could to survive, and hold onto my opportunity to actually own this home. And when I did, one of the things I wanted to do most, and I was inspired by my neighbor Camille who started doing AIRB&B, and I, I got to say, she's probably the gold standard for anybody who around here has done it because, I've watched fabulous guests over the last 10 years use her property in a very respectful, very responsible way, and that inspired me is like you know what, I could actually do this myself. Use it as a way to, you know, get some extra income, and do it in a way where I wouldn't have to worry about my, my property being trashed, or disappointing, or being disrespectful to my neighbors. I've been able to start doing it over the last couple of months, and it has been a lifesaver. It is something that is not easy. It is not easy money, what some people may think. It's actually very difficult. I'm the landscaper. I am the maid. I am the host, and one of the best parts of it is I am also the tour guide. And that is something that Monroe needs very badly right now. The local economy, and the restaurants, and the businesses are hurting, for all the same reasons I just talked about. When people rent long term, they go to Shop Rite. They go to Stop and Shop. Sometimes, they go in for a slice of pizza. But when they want to go on vacation, they leave Monroe. Doing short-term rentals, is an opportunity for us to bring people to Monroe. To make it a vacation area. To allow us to promote the local community. It is actually one of the most important things as far as your rating, whether it's VRB, or AIRB&B, that you have to promote the local businesses. You have to guide, and point your guests in the right direction so they could very easily go into Town, and find a great place to eat. Find a good place to shop. Find some place to take their kids. Being able to go to Fitzgerald Falls. Maybe take em Museum Village. Or going for a nice dinner at the Captain's Table, or, or Scalia's, or even going to Town, and getting a little candy down there on Main Street. So, it's a fabulous opportunity for the Town to collaborate with the responsible people that are doing this. Now, I know, there's a lot. There's a reason why we're here talking about this, and I know that it's not a good reason. And there are people that will go out there, and abuse this. But I'm telling you, this is very hard to do. And if you, do it correctly, this is a way for us to really inject money, and people that are coming into the vacation area. That are going to Lego Land. But you know what? They're going to stay in Monroe. Instead of going Goshen. Instead of going out in Chester, or going over to Warwick, we could keep them here spending their dollars in Monroe. It's been, I had an opportunity to talk to Jen, and I think it'd be a fabulous way for us to be able to work with the local Chamber of Commerce. Not so much that it could promote

us. (Inaudible) we do pretty well on our own. But for us to connect with the Chamber, and for them to send us, and give us information, so that when our guest comes into our house, you know, into our homes, which we actually, have to leave during that period of time. We could give them all the information. Hey, here are places to eat. These are places you could use recreationally. Go out in the ponds of Monroe. These are places you're gonna see, and places you could spend your money. It's a very positive thing for the community which could turn, again, this whole area between the Woodbury Commons, and Lego Lands, and other places, its changed from a place where, you know, commuting New Yorkers, Police Officers, Firemen, other Municipal workers from the city came to live. This is turning into kind of a vacation area where people are coming, and using as a destination. And the Short-Term Rental part of that, is a very big part of it in a way for us, not only support the community, but for the community to help support us.

- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you.

- Kevin Donoghue: I don't want to take up any more of your time. I know there's a lot of other people here. Things to say. But, thanks very much again. It's my first time doing this, and I really appreciate the floor so, thank you.

- Supervisor Cardone: Very, very well-spoken Kevin. I, I, I've always been impressed by you, but even more so now with the way you spoke this evening thank you.

- Kevin Donoghue: Even after the insults?

- (LAUGHTER)

- Councilman McGinn: Especially, because of the insults.

- Supervisor Cardone: Always. Always.

- Kevin Donoghue: And again, one of the reasons it's so comfortable to be here, is because the leadership that we have in Town now, is the best I've seen in the, the 40 years I've lived here. I heard you on the radio the other day talking about how we collaborate with other towns. And the issue you talked about before with the dumping. I, I just think it's incredible, how not only you do so much good in the community, you and everyone else, but how we we're able to collaborate with the other towns, and help each other out, and that's kind of what the spirit of what I was talking about today. So.

- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you.

- Kevin Donoghue: Thank you.

- Councilman Scancarello: Thanks Kevin.

- Councilman McGinn: Thanks Kevin. Much appreciated. Thank you.

- Supervisor Cardone: Next speaker. Just so everyone knows, the Board will comment after everyone speaks.

- Deputy Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Camille Tokerud.

- Camille Tokerud: Hello. (Inaudible)

- Deputy Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Mmm, hmm.

- Supervisor Cardone: (Inaudible). Thank you, Camille.

- Camille Tokerud: Hi. Camille Tokerud. I've been here before so thanks for hearing me again. I read the Draft. It was much lengthier than I expected, and I'm not a Lawyer, so it took me a

lot longer to read it, and I'm still reading it, and rereading it, and going what? What? So.

- Supervisor Cardone: Just remember, it's a Draft.

- Camille Tokerud: Thank you.

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.

- Camille Tokerud: Yeah, so I, I don't want to pick together the pieces. I've, I read some of the other thoughts about it, and I, I wanted to show you my personal thing. What would it really affect me, and my home. That's why I showed you the pictures. You know my house was designed, and we bought it, and we kept it in the same vein. It was in the Oak Forest, and it was like a camp, and it was an escape for our family. So, when we started renting it, I kept it the same way, and I've always rented it to mostly families, but they're two, and three generational families. So, maybe grandfather rents it, and his daughter, and son stay in one of my bunk houses, and the other kids stay in the, the bunk house so, that three cabins, right? So, I showed you in the pictures. So, it doesn't make sense if you just looked at my house and said, "It's a three bedroom. You can have six people in your house." It wouldn't have any flow then. It wouldn't function, and it doesn't make a lot of sense, and a lot of my renters are repeat renters, and they come back every year as families. So, they would be very sad too so. Hopefully, that wouldn't be the case, because I do have the septic, and I do have everything to code, and great ratings, and all that other stuff so. I'd like to be able to keep using it the way it's designed to use, and it was built to make, you know, to run that way. Small other points. I think the comment about the, the fence would be kind of crazy for a lot of people including myself because, I live in the forest, and the house next to me, you know, he clear-cut like an acre, but to cover a fence high enough to hide his house would be like a 60-foot-high fence. So, it wouldn't make any sense. But he's quite far away anyway but. That being said, I just think that should be not such a blanketed thing that you just have to have a fence. I also was a little bit surprised on the cameras only because, me being a photographer, I do like cameras, but I don't really like the, I feel like it was a little bit invasion of privacy but that's just the way I feel about that. The other things I wanted to say were you know, my kids, and I have two boys. I think I've mentioned that before. We've talked about one day all of us living here, and us trying to get another home one time, so, I was kind of surprised when I read that you wouldn't be able to get us another home, and do short-term rental with a three-year waiting period. For somebody like myself that's been doing it already, and doing it very successfully, it's being a win-win for the community. I think as well as myself, I don't know why I would have to wait three years, if we were ever in the opportunity of finding another home that would make sense to do short-term rental until one of my sons could own the house. So, I would like that to be thought of. I'm not quite sure what the waiting period is if you wanted to keep somebody like myself or my sons in Monroe, rather than have us get a second home. If one of them wanted to do this in Chester, or Warwick, or something else, why couldn't it be here in Monroe? Not saying we can do that but, we were starting to have the conversations last year about the idea of them both being able to have a house here one day so. And we would probably have to do the short-term rental in the interim of them living here so, I would like that to be thought about a little further, like why would you have to wait if you were, if you never

had a history of a being a problem person. Why are you waiting? And then also, I guess the last thing is the timeline. When I read it, I, I see it seems kind of severe of how fast you had to have everything maybe to code. Because I don't frankly, don't think everybody even knows about this. That's why my neighbor who Kevin didn't even know that this was existing so. It, you'd almost be breaking the rules, and being stopped, and banned from doing it before you even got off the start. So, I just think it needs to be, the timeline needs to be looked at, and possibly slowed down a little bit. That's it. Thank you.

- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you Camille. Okay.

- Deputy Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Dyer Halpern.

- Supervisor Cardone: How you doin Dyer?

- Dyer Halpern: Hey. Hello everyone. Thanks for having me. I'll take off my mask despite what's under so, I appreciate it.

- (LAUGHTER)

- Dyer Halpern: Good evening. Ilya, my business partner's here as well. It's good to see everyone. We had a chance to look at the Draft. Appreciate all the work that went into it. Echo what Kevin, and Camille said. The collaborative process here is, is heartwarming (inaudible) I say. You know, just what you see everywhere else, to be able to, to work with a government that really takes your opinion, and, and seems to value it a lot really means a whole heck of a lot. We submitted a lot of our comments in writing so, I won't go over them here. I, think a lot of what was said is pretty on point especially giving some time to comply after the passage of the law, especially with getting a Building Inspection. I think some of the language cut things off pretty immediately, but so, we wouldn't even have a chance to comply. But everything else was in writing, so as I said, I won't repeat it. I just wanna you know, keep the dialogue going, and, and, and we very much look forward to doing that. And we're around too, to answer any questions, you know, kind of being in the business, in the industry, that we can, that might help the process along. So. That's it for today. But thank you all again.

- Councilman Scancarello: Thank you.

- Councilman McGinn: Thanks Dyer. Appreciate it.

- Supervisor Cardone: (Inaudible) else?

- Deputy Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: (Inaudible) Public Comment.

- Supervisor Cardone: No? Okay. Mike, you mind if I go first here?

- Councilman McGinn: No. Go knock yourself out Mr. Supervisor.

- Supervisor Cardone: So, Mike, myself, and Mr. Nugent, this afternoon had a conference call with, with our Planner regarding a lot of what went into this originally in the Draft. Dyer, and Ilya had sent us their breakdown of what they thought, and they actually mentioned your home specifically Camille with respect to the bunk beds. So, you know, we will be definitely making some adjustments to it. We're gonna keep open the Public Hearing until probably I'd say maybe the end of May so we can you know, fine-tune everything. Mary actually did catch something in there with respect to the sewer portion of it where we were going to repeal, and you can't repeal that in this Law. This Law essentially has to deal just with Transient Housing, and Rentals. (Inaudible). How many bedrooms does your house have?

- (INAUDIBLE)
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah. Camille.
- Camille Tokerud: Mine has three bedrooms. If you count the cabins as bedrooms. Again, my house is not a traditional bedroom house.
- Supervisor Cardone: Right.
- Camille Tokerud: (INAUDIBLE)
- Supervisor Cardone: And does that include the one bedroom that has the bunks in it?
- Camille Tokerud: The main house (inaudible) has one bedroom, and I have two attached cabins by a deck. So, one of the cabins has four beds as the bunk beds, and the other one has two beds.
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.
- Camille Tokerud: A queen, and a single. So, that's why one family usually stays in one. One stays in the other, and maybe the grandparents in my house so, yeah.
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.
- Councilman McGinn: (Inaudible).
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah. And then just so you understand. So, the cameras on the outside are, we're not looking for cameras inside. We're just looking for camera on the outside. One or two. Possibly two, depending on how it pans out. Because, when you have people coming from different areas, there might be an instance that you could possibly be protected if they claim they fell on your property, but they didn't. It'll also make our residents that are surrounding the area, I think a little more comfortable that there is some security there with respect to the cameras. I know that this Board is, is steadfast in the fact that there's got to be at least one camera there, possibly two. And I just think that, that puts everyone at ease on both sides of it.
- Camille Tokerud: (Inaudible) the property coming, and going? Is that what the camera would be showing?
- Supervisor Cardone: It would probably show the front area, and if there was a back area of the house like the entrance, and maybe a portion of the yard. I'm not saying you have to have it on your fire pit if you have a fire pit, or on your deck, you know. That's, that's, that's up to you. I'm just saying that yeah, definitely coming in to possibly catch a license plate. Somebody's face associated with it. I know.
- Councilman Scancarello: Safety purposes.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah. So. But, yeah. It's more for safety purposes.
- Camille Tokerud: (Inaudible) say one more thing?
- Supervisor Cardone: Sure.
- Camille Tokerud: I was also concerned when I think I read that the person of contact if it was my, I would like it to be myself cause it's always been myself. But you have to live within two, or one hour it says away, or so many miles? I was thinking that it still should be you if you're the one that's responsible.

Even if you're right outside of that timeline, cause I'm like an hour and a half away. So, if it's, it should still be me, and obviously I have local people that help me so, if I couldn't get here, I'd still like the phone call to come to me. And if I couldn't get here in a manner of time, if there was ever an issue of something, and I needed to be up, then of course, I would send somebody else on my account, but. I feel like I'm the one that is responsible so, I should be the contact person, rather than putting a closer local person down. – Councilman McGinn: Camille, I think the way we're looking at that would be the, the contact person or their, their designee that, and basically that's for emergency instances. You know, complaints where the, the, the owner needs to be on the scene for, for something more than just you know, they can be handled the next day, or a couple days later. You know what I mean?

- Camille Tokerud: (Inaudible)

- Councilman McGinn: What we're trying to eliminate is the, the absentee landlord thing where you can't get in contact with the person. They're not responding, or they're saying, "Oh, I'm in Brooklyn. I can't make it there." Ya, you know what I mean? And, and that's what we don't want to happen.

- Camille Tokerud: Yeah, I just, I would think that I'm responsible.

- Councilman McGinn: (Inaudible). Don't take it the wrong way, but we, we don't want if it's something especially where you know, the police have responded. Cause again you know, when we, and Tony, I mean, I'm not cutting in your time.

- Supervisor Cardone: No, no. Go ahead. No, I was done.

- Councilman McGinn: With all these things you know, you look at you know, you, and you guys, and you're like, like you said, the gold standard of how this should go but not everybody's the golden standard. And we gotta think about the bad actors, and, and, and that's really the bad actors is what caused us to.

- Camille Tokerud: (Inaudible). No, I understand that.

- Councilman McGinn: So, so we have to be fair, and we got to kind of, you know, play it down the middle, and do what we can to you know, eliminate those bad actors, or, or them being you know, property owners, and holding disorderly groups, and bachelor parties, and unsupervised youths, and all the things that cause us to kind of, to examine this Law. And you know the, the cameras

are you know, they're not for us? They're for you as the property owner. They're really to monitor outside. What you're, what you're. Listen, you wanna put them inside the house?

That's your house, and that's

up to you. But you know what? It's for outside. So, if we get a complaint, and someone says, "Yeah, at 3 o'clock in the morning, they were out there, and they were raising hell, and you know shooting guns or throwing bottles," or whatever the hell it is, then you can, you know, go your DVR, and look and see you know what, what was actually going on. You know what I mean? And it gives you a little bit of defense

in case you have a neighbor that doesn't like you. And it gives you also, you know, some, something for us so we can investigate it, and make sure that it's not something that's gonna

be a recurring problem. For again, those bad actors.

- Camille Tokerud: No, I.

- Supervisor Cardone: Cause what, what, just to add to that. So, so what could happen is, let's say there was something that was damaged, and maybe there was some sort of you know, you know crime that was (inaudible) also. Police became involved. We can actually call you and say, "Hey listen, can you pull up the footage from the camera from three days ago?" Like if you get a simple ring camera. Ilia, (inaudible), you guys have ring?

- (INAUDIBLE)

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay. So, if you get a simple ring camera, I think the data stays on it for 30, yeah 30 days. So. You know, it's helpful.

- Camille Tokerud: Yeah. It's not a deal breaker for me if it's regulated then I'll just do it.

- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.

- Camille Tokerud: I know my neighbor has a camera. I just always thought, why do you have a camera? Never (inaudible) very.

- Supervisor Cardone: Well, your sister doesn't want you to come to the house, so she's preparing for when your show, right?

- (LAUGHTER)

- Camille Tokerud: Okay, thank you.

- (LAUGHTER)

- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you very much Camille. Anybody else?

- Councilwoman Bingham: Yes. I have a question for Mr. Nugent. The first paragraph. We are no longer revoking Chapters 41, and 42. But it says establishing a new chapter 41. That has to be changed cause we're not repealing that yet. There's a chance we could pass this Law before those other two chapters are repealed.

- Counsel Nugent: There's a chance that could happen. I mean we can either just leave it blank right now, and, and you know, the number is really clerical so, we can change that at any time without it being an issue in terms of filing. But, before we finalize it, we'll have to decide if the Board plans to repeal 41 and 42, then you know, we can rename it, but we don't have to. There can be a 40a, you know we can get around that.

- Councilwoman Bingham: Thank you.

- Councilman McGinn: Just, just one last thing Kevin. Just to address some of your remarks there. You know, listen, we, we're, we support, we, we want visitors to come into town. We, we know that the AIRB&B's tend to bring in a, a, a good clientele that, that do look to do things local. You know, I was at Apex this past weekend. You know, the Brewery down in town, not that I'm plugging anybody but. You know, I saw a lot of new faces there, and you know people that weren't from town, and that was, that was great. And that's you know, that's what we want to see you know, across the board so. We're, we're aligned. This Board, with, with that type of you know, what we want to see, that, that regular tourism, eco-tourism you know. Whatever it is that, that brings people here, and, and we, we strongly support that, and you know we're of the same mindset. I think all of us here on this Board.

- Councilman Scancarello: Doubt about it.

- Councilman McGinn: And.
- Kevin Donoghue: (Inaudible).
- Supervisor Cardone: Gonna be a while, just step up to the mic. Otherwise George u'll yell at us.
- Kevin Donoghue: No, I was gonna say, this is a great opportunity, not because I, I was afraid, but to come into Town Board (inaudible), actually more excited to be like, you know this is a great opportunity. To actually break some new ground that other towns weren't willing to do because they went nuclear in the idea before they even had an opportunity to look deep into it. You know, like it's almost kind of like having a, you know, you're defending against one play that's like kind of the, the apparition, and then you're ruining the opportunity for a lot of other good to come out of it.
- Councilman McGinn: Yeah, and believe me, when we first, first looked at this Law, our first inclination because of some of these bad actors as I said, was to just say, let's ban it all. But then, you know, calmer, and wiser heads, and people spoke up, and we realized, hey this is, this is, something.
- Councilman Scancarello: Opened our eyes.
- Supervisor Cardone: (Inaudible), I'm gonna tell you that, that not only Camille, but you know Dyer, and Ilia, they're the reason I think this Board switched gears on this.
- Councilman Scancarello: Without a doubt.
- Supervisor Cardone: Without a doubt. Because, because of their professionalism, and the way they present themselves, and, and you added to the group is just, you know, another.
- Councilman McGinn: Absolutely.
- Supervisor Cardone: Another notch on that side of the you know.
- Councilman Scancarello: I mean you're like the cherry on the cake.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah. Yep Hey just, just.
- Kevin Donoghue: Is that a plug for the, for the candy shop?
- Councilman Scancarello: No, no, no.
- Supervisor Cardone: Outa curi, outa curiosity.
- Kevin Donoghue: Sure.
- Supervisor Cardone: How, how long have you been renting?
- Kevin Donoghue: Few months.
- Supervisor Cardone: And what, what do you think is the amount of evenings, or days that you've rented it?
- Kevin Donoghue: I've, I have, I've rented 13 times. I have 12 reviews. Not to brag or anything but, they're all five-star ratings. And that's the highest you could get. And one of the biggest things that I get, I was rated on, was my ability to give local tips. So, that's sending people out into the community where they.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.
- Kevin Donoghue: Didn't have to like, you know, try to figure things out, or goon yelp, and find a review. I would send them detailed lists of all the places in Town they could eat. Places they

could go. Asking them about like, and it's mostly couples with children. You know, so either like a couple without children. Maybe a dog, or one couple with like one child. Cause I have a very small place. And they needed to know, where you know, where could I take my six-year-old on a hike, and then go take him for ice cream afterwards or get a good lunch where he could get chicken fingers? Or if we're just a, you know, regular couple. Where can we go out to get a, you know, good Italian meal? So.

- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.

- Kevin Donoghue: Lots of things like that, and that's actually why I've been rated so high. Was giving those local tips, and kind of acting as the tour guide. (Inaudible), I love the Town. You know? I mean, I could live anywhere. I mean.

- Supervisor Cardone: Listen.

- Kevin Donoghue: And this is where I want to be 100%.

- Supervisor Cardone: It's basic customer service.

- Kevin Donoghue: Yeah.

- Supervisor Cardone: And, and people do not realize how, how much that simple act, and a thank you. A sincere thank you at the end of everything goes a long way.

- Kevin Donoghue: Another great way.

- Supervisor Cardone: I, I know that Jenny understands it, and, and she knows that I understand it so.

- Kevin Donoghue: Another great way for the, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Town to actually monitor what's going on, is having those, having approved AIRB&B's with the Commerce, right? And then you're able to go on there. And you can look at all the reviews you're getting. And you can see if somebody gets slammed, you're going to see why they got slammed. You could call em out on it. And you could see the people that are doing it real well. And maybe there's some gaps. Maybe there's a, you know something that could have been pumped i the community that was being neglected and say hey let's you know you're you're leaving out like Village Hands or one of these other places. Let's let's start talking about them more.

- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.

- Kevin Donoghue: And give people opportunity to go there.

- Supervisor Cardone: And we're we're well aware I think of you know most of what you said but.

- Kevin Donoghue: One of the things I was actually a little afraid about before I came in was some of the language Camille brought to my attention was about how long you actually had to own a place. Now grant I've been. lived in Monroe for four decades and I lived in the same house for 10 years. But I just bought it. So under those guidelines of having a statute of longevity in a place which would that would completely eliminate someone like me who's lived here for a long time but just actually got on paper.

- Councilman McGinn: The one of the reasons for that is that the.

- Kevin Donoghue: Oh I get it. (Inaudible).

- Councilman McGinn: Is that well amongst other reasons. But one of the one of the things is

is because you know when you look at the Town Code everything interacts with other sections of the Code and one of the sections of the Code has to deal with with Bed and Breakfasts and Hotels and and what we in our Law as we what we deem to be a a short-term rental is anything that is someone staying there less than 29 days and that there is a full-time owner that has owned it for x amount of time. But where we we know and that was part of our conversation with with Mr. Nugent and our our Planner tonight. To try to figure out ways to mitigate that and and we we know about that and expect to address it.

- Kevin Donoghue: Yeah. And part of the reason.

- Councilman McGinn: (Inaudible) you know?

- Kevin Donoghue: Part of the reason I never went to any of that stuff because I really like I don't understand like the current way things are set up. So like I wasn't even gonna try to argue any of that or even get into that like.

- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.

- Kevin Donoghue: Quite ignorant to it actually. (Inaudible).

- Supervisor Cardone: Kevin could you.

- Councilman McGinn: Just it conflicts with other sections of our.

- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.

- Councilman McGinn: Town Law that we have to kind of reconcile and and make sure that it's got to be consistent. Because if someone else on the other side wants to bring suit and we want to pay Mr. Nugent a lot of money to litigate it which which we don't which you know he doesn't.

- Kevin Donoghue: My faith.

- Councilman McGinn: Either believe it or not. We want to make sure that we're we're kind of covering our bases on both ends. That's what it comes down to.

- Kevin Donoghue: My faith in you all to do the what's best for everybody is 100% complete. It was just.

- Councilman McGinn: Thank you.

- Kevin Donoghue: Important for me tonight to come and give my side of it. So you can kind of get an idea of who are the people in Town that are actually.

- Councilman McGinn: Yeah.

- Kevin Donoghue: Doing this and kinda put a face to the.

- Councilman McGinn: Sure.

- Kevin Donoghue: To the issue.

- Supervisor Cardone: Alright I just wanna.

- Councilman McGinn: Well it's been great meeting everyone here. It's.

- Supervisor Cardone: I just wanna. I wanna. You have a question for him?

- (Unknown Speaker): Go first.

- Supervisor Cardone: Mary?

- Councilwoman Bingham: I have a (inaudible) for Mr. Nugent.

- Supervisor Cardone: Oh okay.

- (INAUDIBLE)

- Supervisor Cardone: I just want to move it along Kevin. Camille. How many nights a year do you rent? Cause I know you've been renting for a number of years. Eh estimate. You know.
- Camille Tokerud: Oh boy. How many nights? (Inaudible). A lot of times it's on the weekends so.
- Supervisor Cardone: 100? 150?
- Camille Tokerud: 100 probably. (Inaudible).
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.
- Camille Tokerud: 100. This is the first year I actually that I rented year-round. I used to not stay open in the winter. But because of COVID and my other photography career like everybody has their story. I had the need to stay open so I winterized the stuff and stayed open for the winter. So it's different. And I have again I was just telling them two of the families that came last year and one happens to work with the CDC. You know she's one of the head people. They're coming back for two or three weeks a piece. These two families.
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.
- Camille Tokerud: Came last year. I don't know if that will always continue. I used to be sort of a weekend thing (inaudible). Now people are coming to Monroe more and more often. So I don't really know.
- Supervisor Cardone: All right thank you. Dyer Ilia? Do you have any idea?
- (INAUDIBLE).
- Supervisor Cardone: If you know what? I'm sorry. Just come up to the mic.
- (INAUDIBLE)
- Dyer Halpern: It's seasonal to an extent. So most of the summer. And then mostly weekends when you get to the outer months. You know. So I think probably 200 would be where you would end up but.
- Supervisor Cardone: Okay.
- Dyer Halpern: It tends to be weak. You know. That's not a lot of actual guests. It's in the summer. It's almost all weeks. Which is good because.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.
- Dyer Halpern: They kinda you know plant themselves and you get to know them and then as Camille was saying they come back. We've already had repeat visitors. Now they're from Pittsburgh. But that's okay. We're very open to that.
- Supervisor Cardone: All right. Thank you.
- Councilman McGinn: As long as they're not Steeler's fans will let them stay. You know.
- (LAUGHTER)
- Councilman McGinn: Hey just by a quick show a hands how many of you spend more than 30 days a year in your residence or your AIRB&B?
- (INAUDIBLE)
- Councilman McGinn: Yeah. All right. That's good to know. Because that's kind of dovetails.
- (INAUDIBLE)

- Councilman McGinn: Into our current existing Law.
- (LAUGHTER)
- Councilman McGinn: Well I know you live there but I mean just.
- Supervisor Cardone: Yeah.
- Councilman McGinn: Just trying to get a feel for it. That's all.
- Supervisor Cardone: Mary go ahead.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Application Fee's.
- Councilman McGinn: Sorry about that Mare.
- Councilwoman Bingham: That's okay. Application Fees. I know we have a separate thing but I didn't see anything in this Draft (inaudible).
- Supervisor Cardone: We haven't settled on that yet.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Right.
- Supervisor Cardone: We will settle that with the Board. But Max is actually working on the actual application right now. So your questions in with in relation to the other Draft. He's gonna be doing all the applications and Mike and I have kind of talked about Fees but we want to run em by the Board first.
- Councilwoman Bingham: That's I just wanted to make sure it's permissible because I didn't see anything in here that said usually it says something like you know the Town Board to allow.
- Supervisor Cardone: Beyond the Fee Schedule.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Application Fee.
- Counsel Nugent: I mean you can put it on the Schedule or you could say.
- Councilwoman Bingham: (Inaudible).
- Counsel Nugent: You know the Fee to be received on in accordance with the Fee Schedule.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Okay. Thank you.
- Supervisor Cardone: Thank you everyone. Appreciate (inaudible).

Action (Resolution): 4.2 Possible Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing for Proposed Local A-V1 Amendment to Chapter 57 of the Town Code to Regulate Rental Properties and Transient Housing

2021-#174

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law A-V1 Amendment to Chapter 57 of the Town Code to Regulate Rental Properties and Transient Housing until May 3 2021 at 7:00 PM or immediately there-after.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Mike McGinn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

5. Community

Information: 5.1 Chamber of Commerce: Jenny Carrillo

To hear Jenny Carrillo regarding Chamber of Commerce and Board Members comments please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #5.1 0:39:04. Information: 5.2 Lake Street Marketplace

To hear Victoria and Matt Gubay regarding Lake Street Marketplace and Board Members comments please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #5.2 0:45:23. 6. Audit of Claims

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 6.1 General Fund Abstract

2021-#175

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #21-07 General Fund containing Check # 26881-26976 totaling \$506644.6 and Wire Transfers containing check # 334-335 totaling \$287780.23. (\$794235.60)

Motion by Councilperson - Rick Colon second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

7. Acceptance of Minutes

Action (Resolution): 7.1 Acceptance of April 5 2021 Minutes

2021-#176

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the Minutes of April 5 2021.

Motion by Sal Scancarello second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

8. New Business

Discussion: 8.1 Resident Concern Round Lake Park

To hear Maureen Kussard and Vincent Azzaro regarding Round Lake Park and Board Members comments please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.1 0:59:31. Action (Resolution) Discussion: 8.2 Conservation Advisory Council Appointment

2021-#177

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe appoints Jack Medina to the Conservation Advisory Council slot #2 term to expire 12/31/2022.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 8.3 Town Signage Seven Springs Road

2021-#178

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion for Highway Superintendent John Scherne to order signage for Seven Springs Road: "NO DUMPING - VIOLATORS SUBJECT TO UP TO \$10000 FINE."

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 8.4 Monroe Volunteer Ambulance Corps Agreement

2021-#179

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the 2021 Town Agreement with Monroe Volunteer Ambulance Corp upon review and approval of Town Attorney.

Motion by Councilperson - Rick Colon second by Mike McGinn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

9. Motions From The Floor

Action (Resolution) Information: 9.1 Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment

2021-#180

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe appoints Marci Daniels to the Zoning Board of Appeals slot #5 term to expire 12-31-2022.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Information: 9.2 Code Violations: Lanzut Court

2021-#181

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe authorizes the Town's legal counsel Feerick Nugent MacCartney PLLC to institute necessary legal proceedings to address code violations and related work occurring in violation of Town Code provisions on Lanzut Court in the Town.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Information: 9.3 O&R Utility Bonding Resolution

2021-#182

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made the following Resolution by Councilwoman Bingham and seconded by Councilman McGinn.

WHEREAS in order to make the bond process more efficient for road openings and related work by utilities and related entities working in the Town on a regular basis by avoiding the necessity of a bond being posted for each event the Town Board desires to arrange for floating bonds which cover all such work on an annual basis.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board authorizes the Town Supervisor in consultation with the Town Highway Superintendent and Town Legal Counsel to arrange for a floating bond amount of \$100000 for utilities and entities that regularly conduct work in the Town of Monroe which shall be renewed annually and acceptable in form to Town Legal Counsel.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Mike McGinn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

10. Old Business

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 10.1 Assessor's Office Car Lease

2021-#183

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the matter regarding the lease of a car for use by the Assessor's Office for official Town business.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Mike McGinn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 10.2 NDC Contract

2021-#184

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the Matter regarding NDC Contract.

Motion by Mike McGinn second by Supervisor -Tony Cardone.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 10.3 Badger Water Meter Reading Software

2021-#185

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves 2 day on-site training for \$550 1x Integration Fee for \$1620 and Engagement Fee of \$3000 totaling \$9670 for new Badger Water Meter Reading System.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Information: 10.4 Highway Surplus: 1965 LeeBoy Paver

2021-#186

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion for Highway Superintendent John Scherne to surplus 1965 Lee Boy Paver and put on Auctions International.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

11. Public Comment

Information: 11.1 Rules for Public Comment

Discussion Information: 11.2 Public Comment

The following spoke during Public Comment. To hear their comments and Town Board members responses please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #9.2 1:28:23.

- Ward Brower 12. Possible motion to adjourn to Executive and or/ Attorney Client Session

Action (Resolution) Information: 12.1 Enter into Executive Session

2021-#187

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Litigation.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

13. Return to Regular Meeting

Action (Resolution) Information: 13.1 Return to Regular Meeting

2021-#188

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe approves to return to regular session.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Mike McGinn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

14. Motions From the Floor

Action (Resolution) Information: 14.1 Assignment of Additional Water Duties

2021-#189

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to assign additional water duties to Tom Rabey with stipend to be determined after Supervisor speaks with the Union.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Supervisor -Tony Cardone.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution) Information: 14.2 Six Month Temporary Laborer for Highway Department

2021-#190

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to hire a new temporary 6 month Laborer June 1 2021-December 31 2021 at \$19.00/hr. with authorization for the Highway Superintendent to place ad.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Councilperson - Rick Colon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

Action (Resolution): 14.3 Advertisement for H.E.O. 1

2021-#191

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion authorizing Highway Department to advertise for a H.E.O. 1 position with preferred water license designation at the current Union H.E.O. 1 rates.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

15. Adjournment

Action (Resolution): 15.1 Adjournment of Meeting

2021-#192

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe adjourns the meeting of April 19 2021 at 9:12 PM.

Motion by Supervisor -Tony Cardone second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Supervisor -Tony Cardone Councilperson - Rick Colon Mike McGinn Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello

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