

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

— 05/03/2021

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA (Monday, May 3, 2021)

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Members present

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 May 3, 2021 at 7:03 PM.

2021-#197

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Town Board Meeting of May 3, 2021.

Motion by Mike McGinn, second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

3. Community Announcements

Discussion: 3.1 Town of Monroe Compost Facility

To hear Acting Supervisor, Councilman Colon regarding Town of Monroe Compost Facility, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.1, 0:1:17. Information: 3.2 Carpentry Apprentice Programs

To hear Councilwoman Bingham regarding Carpentry Apprentice Programs, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.2, 0:2:50. Information: 3.3 Troop 440 Eagle Scout Planting Project Outside Court Patio

To hear Councilman McGinn regarding Troop 440 Planting Project Outside Court Patio, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.3, 0:5:08. Information: 3.4 Orange County Law Enforcement Memorial Service

To hear Councilman McGinn regarding Orange County Law Enforcement Memorial Service, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.4, 0:5:48. Information: 3.5 Constant Contact Sign-Up

To hear Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon, and Town Clerk Mary Ellen Beams regarding Constant Contact Sign-Up, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.5, 0:7:49. 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-#198

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 Mike McGinn, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: 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, 0:10:25.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME

- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: Alright, do we have anybody to?
- Town Clerk Mary Ellen Beams: Nobody signed.
- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: Nobody signed up? Anyone out there to make a comment? Okay.
- Councilman McGinn: Okay.
- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: So.
- Councilman McGinn: So, I just wanted to bring up a couple of things regarding that. So, so Supervisor had a meeting with the stakeholders. Mostly the AIRB&B. The AIRB&B owners that have been you know, present at our meetings.
- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: Right. Right.
- Councilman McGinn: To kinda go over the draft of the Local Law, and just you know what, what they think, what works. Doesn't work. So, I sent an email. Tony kinda did a synopsis. I wasn't on the Zoom, but he did a synopsis of it. I sent it to everyone today. I know probably didn't get a chance to see it. But I just wanted to kinda run through, run through some of the recommended changes that, and see you know.
- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: Okay. (Inaudible).
- Councilman McGinn: And then, read the email that has a synopsis of the changes.
- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: And it's also on Constant Contact.
- Councilman McGinn: Yeah so, so. What's that?
- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: And it's also on Constant Contact.
- Councilman McGinn: Well, yes. So. So, if you go to page three you'll see one of the issues

was the, the having to get a Special Use Permit if you declare that your residence was a vacation residence, which means it exists solely for, for, for being used as a, as a rental, and not you never lived there. And, and that would require a Special Use Permit in whatever Zone it was in. The, the Vacation Residence Partial, is something that most of them would like to qualify for because they do spend some time. If you remember at the last meeting, I just asked by your show of hands, how many people spend you know, 30 days or more in their house, and (inaudible). So, we'd like to, we'd like to incorporate that 30 days of occupancy as a, kind of as a disclaimer in that. In the Vacation Residence Partial. So, it kinda stipulates what, what you have to be there for. So.

- Councilwoman Bingham: (Inaudible) an email which you probably also didn't have a chance to read. But I would like to see 30 consecutive days. I don't wanna see somebody there one day. Gone for four or five weeks. Only there two days. Gone again for another four or five weeks. I would like that partial person to say their residency in order to qualify for it. They're there for at least 30 days consecutively. So, I don't know what the other Board feels, but that's my opinion.

- Councilman McGinn: Yeah, I, I hear what you're saying. I mean, the only thing is I, I think a lot of these people, a lot of these people that do the AIRB&B thing, they kind of fill in when, when they, you know when they can make money, they're renting it. You know.

- Councilwoman Bingham: (Inaudible). But then the neighbors don't know that the owner is there that day. So, they don't have a chance to go over, and say you know, whatever issues they have, or maybe they don't have issues.

- Councilman McGinn: Right.

- Councilwoman Bingham: They want to go over, and compliment them and say, "Hey, how do I get involved with this?"

- Councilman McGinn: Sure.

- Councilwoman Bingham: So, I, I think just have, I don't want somebody there for one day, one day, one day. I would like a group of time.

- Councilman McGinn: All right. Well, we can take that up, and try to figure that out. It's just like I said, I know it would be, I don't (inaudible) say onerous, but it could be a little difficult. I know, like just the, the two guys that are uh, the two gentlemen you know, Ilya, and Dyer they, you know. So, they work in the city, and. So, they're 30 days of con, you know, continuous residency might be a bit of an issue for them to try to, to do that. But we can, we can discuss that.

- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: You can, or we can even make.

- Councilman McGinn: Yeah.

- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: It, break it up into you know seven-day intervals which should be.

- (INAUDIBLE).

- Councilman Scancarello: I think that would be easy.

- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: That would be.

- (INAUDIBLE)

- Councilman McGinn: So, in that same section, it is on page four. It's number three on the top there. Still section four. It's, it's objections to permit issuance are received by more than 50% of the owners located within 500 feet of the proposed short-term rental. So, they were asking, and then we kind of thought it would be all right if you just. It was within, instead of 500 feet, it was within contiguous lot lines.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Right, and again I sent you the email, and I think 500 feet is more appropriate simply because it could be the fifth house up, and most houses have a hundred-foot frontage. So, that fifth house may be seeing all the traffic impacts.
- Councilman McGinn: Right.
- Councilwoman Bingham: So that's my concern.
- Councilman McGinn: If it's on a, if it's on a cul-de-sac, then you're kind of.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Right.
- Councilman McGinn: You're outta luck.
- Councilwoman Bingham: But you know, to just say the adjoining property owners. And you may have more.
- Councilman McGinn: Well, it's contiguous. So, it would be people on your sides, and on your right.
- Councilwoman Bingham: But, if everybody has a 100-foot frontage on average in Monroe, I think having the 500 feet is better for the person who's gonna be towards the end of wherever the traffic is entering or exit, exiting to have a chance to make their opinions known.
- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: Well, I, I you know, I, I'm not exactly sure of where you're going on that, but you make it sound as if they're gonna have a hotel at the end of the, at the end of the block. There's not going to be that much traffic for AIRB&B. (Inaudible).
- Councilwoman Bingham: No, but you can have more than one AIRB&B on a street. That was one of the other questions, and it's very subjective to say, excessive I think was the word. In a neighborhood. That's later on somewhere in the, in the thing. So, yeah.
- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: (Inaudible).
- Councilwoman Bingham: Some of these things are subjective.
- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: You want em to be 500 feet apart?
- Councilwoman Bingham: And I don't want. Well, that's what the Planning Board uses.
- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: Okay.
- Councilwoman Bingham: 500 feet.
- Councilman McGinn: All right. So, Section T, number one. It was, it's kind of ill-defined about adequate parking facilities, and we thought that maybe one car per two people would be, would be adequate. So, if there's six people, there'd be three cars there in other words. And, the way at least it's defined what, what adequate parking facilities are.
- Councilwoman Bingham: And again, I sent an email saying that.
- Councilman McGinn: Well why don't we do this.
- Councilwoman Bingham: (Laughter)
- Councilman McGinn: Why don't we do this, because we could go back, and forth with this all

night.

- Councilwoman Bingham: Right.

- Councilman McGinn: So, why don't we do this. Why don't we have a Special Meeting. We'll talk to the Supervisor when he gets back, and we'll plan it. We'll sit down, all right.

- Councilwoman Bingham: That's fine.

- Councilman McGinn: Cause we go back, and forth to this whole night, and we've got other things to cover. So, if, if there's gonna be opposition or problems with everything that, that was in that email, then it's just a waste of time at this point.

- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: Right at this point.

- Councilman McGinn: So, why we why don't we just do a Special Meeting. We'll publish it, and we'll get it out there, and we'll take it from there. All right?

- Councilwoman Bingham: Cause that was definitely where the word excessive came in. That's what I said.

- Councilman McGinn: Right.

- Councilwoman Bingham: It's very subjective.

- Councilman McGinn: Yep. All right. We'll do that, this way we can address it as you know, and move on with it (inaudible).

- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: You know, here's the issue. Basically, anybody can come out with, with some guidelines, and there'll always be somebody out there to make an opposition you know. No matter.

- Councilman McGinn: Absolutely.

- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: (Inaudible).

- Councilman McGinn: Well sit down as a Board.

- Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon: You don't want to make it onerous on the owners.

- Councilman McGinn: Yeah, listen, we'll go through it, and vote on em as a Board, and come up with what the, what the, the guidelines should be, and we'll take it from there.

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-#199

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 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

Motion by Mike McGinn, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 4.3 Set Public Hearing Date: Arrow Park Water District

2021-#200

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to set a Public Hearing Date for Arrow Park Water District for May 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

Motion by Mike McGinn, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. Acceptance of Minutes

Information: 5.1 Acceptance of April 19, 2021 Minutes

NO MINUTES TO ACCEPT AT THIS TIME

Action (Resolution), Minutes: 5.2 Acceptance of April 22, 2021 Minutes

MOTION DID NOT PASS. MATTER TABLED UNTIL MAY 17, 2021. **2021-#201**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the Minutes of April 22, 2021.

Motion by Mary Bingham, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Aye: Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello

Abstain: Councilperson - Rick Colon, Mike McGinn

6. New Business

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 6.1 Advertisement for Bids, Town Hall ADA Improvements

2021-#202

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe made a Motion authorizing the advertisement for Bids regarding Town Hall ADA Improvements as per specified by Town Engineer.

Motion by Mike McGinn, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 6.2 Advertisement for Bids, Water District 12 Watermain Improvement Project

2021-#203

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to advertise for Bids regarding Water District 12 Watermain Improvement Project. Bids will be available for pick-up on May 7, 2021, and will be received by the Town of Monroe until 2:00 PM (local time) on June 1, 2021.

Motion by Mary Bingham, second by Mike McGinn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 6.3 Water District 8-New Water Source Feasibility Study

To hear Councilwoman Bingham, and Councilman Colon regarding Water District 8-New Water Source Feasibility Study, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #6.3, 0:21:14.

2021-#204

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the matter regarding Water District 8-New Water Source Feasibility Study.

Motion by Mary Bingham, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 6.4 Final Specifications, Ambulance Purchase

2021-#205

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion authorizing Supervisor to approve the final specification plans and purchase order for the new ambulance to be used by Monroe Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Total price: \$224,429

Motion by Mike McGinn, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 6.5 IMA extension, Grant Writing Services

To hear Acting Supervisor Councilman Colon regarding IMA extension, Grant Writing Services, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #6.5, 0:23:34. **2021-#206**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe made a Motion to Table the Matter regarding IMA extension, Grant Writing Services until May 17, 2021.

Motion by Councilperson - Rick Colon, second by Mike McGinn.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 6.6 Highway Department Vehicle for Surplus

2021-#207

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion approving Highway Department request to declare a 2002 red Chevy Pickup, VIN: 1GCHK24U02E200209, as surplus for sale through Auctions International.

Motion by Mary Bingham, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Information: 6.7 John Mulligan, Working Supervisor (Smith's Clove Park)

The Monroe Joint Parks and Recreation Commission passed a resolution approving the hiring of John Mulligan for the full-time position of Working Supervisor, Smith's Clove Park. John was pre-approved for this position by the Orange County Department of Human Resources. 7. Old Business

Action (Resolution), Information: 7.1 Standard Workday Reporting: Judge James McKnight

To hear Town Clerk Mary Ellen Beams regarding Standard Workday Reporting: Judge James McKnight, and Town Board Members comments, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.1, 0:27:20. **2021-#208**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve the Standard Workday and Reporting Resolution for elected and appointed officials (Town Justice James McKnight).

Motion by Mike McGinn, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

8. Public Comment

Information: 8.1 Rules for Public Comment

Discussion, Information: 8.2 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 #8.2, 0:30:00.

- Ward Brower

- Adam Paul

- Rich Faigle 9. Possible motion to adjourn to Executive and or/ Attorney Client Session

Discussion: 9.1 Enter into Executive Session

NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME 10. Return to Regular Meeting

Discussion: 10.1 Return to Regular Meeting

NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME 11. Adjournment

Action (Resolution): 11.1 Adjournment of Meeting

2021-#209

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe adjourns the meeting of May 3, 2021 at 7:50 PM.

Motion by Councilperson - Rick Colon, second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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