

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

— 05/20/2024

MONROE TOWN BOARD MEETING AGENDA (Monday, May 20, 2024)

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Members present

Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle, Maureen Richardson

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 20, 2024

2024-#288

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Town Board Meeting of May 20, 2024, at 7:01 PM.

Motion by Dorey Houle, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle, Maureen Richardson

3. Community Announcements

Information: 3.1 Memorial Day Parade, Sunday, May 26th

To hear Councilwoman Houle RE Memorial Day Parade, Sunday, May 26th, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.1, 0:0:50.

Information: 3.2 Foster Parent Recruitment

To hear Councilwoman Houle RE Foster Parent Recruitment, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.2, 0:1:33.

Information: 3.3 Walk MS: Orange

To hear Councilwoman Houle RE Walk MS: Orange, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.3, 0:1:57.

Information: 3.4 Town of Monroe Food Truck Festival

To hear Councilman Scancarello RE Town of Monroe Food Truck Festival, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.4, 0:2:51.

Information: 3.5 Village of Monroe Farmers Market

To hear Councilwoman Houle RE Village of Monroe Farmers Market, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #3.5, 0:3:45.

4. Public Hearing

Action (Resolution), Discussion: 4.1 Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Short Term Rental Application, 13 Ruby Road, (SBL#35-2-2.1) *Public Hearing Transcribed by Deputy Town Clerk Barbara Singer.

2024-#289

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Short Term Rental Application, 13 Ruby Road, (SBL#35-2-2.1).

Motion by Dorey Houle, second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle, Maureen Richardson

The following residents signed up to speak during Public Comment for the Public Hearing RE Short Term Rental Application, 13 Ruby Rd. (SBL: 35-2-2.1). To hear their comments, and Town Board Members responses, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #4.1, 0:4:14.

- Paul Carrico
- James Horan

- Councilwoman Houle: Do we have, did anyone sign up for public comment?
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Paul Carrico.
- Councilwoman Houle: Hello Mr. Carrico. So, if you could just turn the mic on there's a switch right there on the top just slide it up toward you. I think I got it, yes it sounds like you got it.
- Paul Carrico: Thank you for seeing me appreciate it very much.
- Councilwoman Houle: You're welcome.
- Paul Carrico: I think you have a letter in which I some of our concerns. Did you get that pack of information? It outlined three areas. So, I just would like to make some comments related to that, you know, especially because it's a, you know, I own 13 Ruby at one time. We also bought 14 Ruby so we have clear background. At one time as what happens when you rent your property and you live so close to each other that it becomes a disturbance because of one driveway. So, when we bought the house across the street, 14 Ruby, and renovated and then sold 13. We did so knowing that we were selling to a nice couple that had families and that they were going to live there in peace, not as a short-term rental or operating it as a motel. It really is, you know, Local Law 18 with New York. They really now have clamped down on this because it just creates problems and we have already experienced two years of their short-term rental. Of course, this was before we brought up being a good neighbor we're like, you need to get a permit, you know. And so, we were hoping to just dissuade him from

getting, you know, making it a short-term rental because it's traffic. It's one 360-foot driveway and it's shared and it's constant, no matter what the owner says, if he tries to limit it, you are going to have people coming and going. It can say 12 people but it's never 12 people; it's more than that, it's four cars. It's just one driveway and so if it wasn't for the common easement and just saying hey this is a common easement and a maintenance agreement. You know as a good neighbor, I plow it, I fixed the trees, I planted all the trees. I still talked to him and I just told him that we're against this. Imagine you with your three kids and me doing the same thing to you. Just because you go to New York City and you don't have to face these challenges we would, and we have, experienced challenges; people coming on our property, parking on our property and that was just from the year that we have been here doing this. And then, of course, we're hoping through these comments that we would have and would pursue this, if necessary, further but we just hope the town would just say look it's a unique situation, not everybody has a shared road, not everybody has a common easement and we would just request that it would be denied. It would just make things easier and we would hope someday in the future, I'm sure we may not be the only people in the town who may have challenges with short-term rentals but our circumstances are unique and we would just appreciate the extra consideration in this.

- Councilwoman Houle: Thank you.

- Paul Carrico: Any questions for me?

- Councilwoman Richardson: I was just looking at the Zillow listing just to get a better idea of the property from a satellite or like a distance and which part of the driveway is shared? Just because this image is actually not.

- Paul Carrico: It's the entire driveway, all the way down from Sapphire all the way to the end, it's about 400 feet of shared driveway when you get to the very end.

- Councilwoman Richardson: That's, yeah, it's a photo of the house.

- Paul Carrico: It's a little tiny area where he's able to park cars on his side and then I have a roundabout which we put in and that's all part of them.

- Councilwoman Richardson: They could even block that roundabout too. Yeah, they have.

- Councilwoman Bingham: I have a question. Would he have room to make additional parking on his side, to alleviate the problem imposed in the past that happened where you said people were parking on your side?

- Paul Carrico: He has a septic system in the open field next to his house; so, unless he does some major removal of landscaping things, he could find some more additional parking, if he was to do something but right now it doesn't there's just no room.

- Councilwoman Richardson: We have the survey for the lot lines to just confirm like where the driveway is shared to or?

- Councilwoman Houle: Rip Noblin, the assessor, would have that. If there was a survey provided for the property. Not all properties have surveys on them, so we'd have to check with the Assessor.

- Paul Carrico: Both of us have surveys, they're up to date, both of us have. I know because I sold him the property and then he added did some pool and then we ourselves, because of

the renovation and the permits, have very, very current surveys done on the property and the idea that anybody uses the driveway. No one uses that driveway even though like I remember a lawyer last week or a couple weeks to you, made comments, could be used by others but no one, just us, use that driveway.

- Councilwoman Houle: Is there any physical separation between your property and his property? Are there fences, are there trees or bushes or anything?

- Paul Carrico: There are some trees now. I planted 150 trees before I sold the driveway. If you ever go there, you're more than welcome because it's a beautiful driveway.

- Councilwoman Richardson: We'll just park in it.

- Paul Carrico: But you can't, you know, and so, I planted the trees, but down by his end now. And we've experienced it, it's quiet. Anyone that goes on that lake you hear it, even though there may be distance when you're in an absolutely quiet neighborhood, you know, you hear everything. You just hear everything. So, it's different when it's your neighbor and it's him and his children and that's what we were hoping for, you know. I told him I'll buy it back. I just because I didn't know you were going to make it into a motel and so because that was just there was this kind of gentleman's understanding up front. So, if there's anything you can do and then if we have to pursue this then I guess we'll just do that. It's worth the try. By the way, we moved here 11 years ago, love the town. We've been doing some, came here for volunteer work, ended up staying and just enjoying the community. So, we appreciate all that you do. I've seen these meetings before so.

- Councilwoman Houle: Thank you.

- Paul Carrico: It's odd being here before you, thank you.

- Councilwoman Houle: Thank you very much.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: James Horan. Just a reminder, you'll have five minutes for public comment.

- James Horan: James Horan, from J&G Law, appearing on behalf of the applicants in this matter regarding that we had made a submission with the photographs of the screening that was requested. I would hope that the board had reviewed that with respect to the driveway. There was a survey that was submitted with the original or one with the respond the second submission for the application but it doesn't go all the way out. There is a subdivision map, which we could provide, which shows the boundaries of the 14 Ruby because that was some property was added to that back in the 1990s and that subdivision map shows the length of Ruby Road. Ruby Road pre-existed these properties, or the driveway right of way agreements, so the right of way agreements basically just talk about how the driveway will be maintained. I had submitted a letter along with the photographs explaining the issues with respect to the driveway. Also, with respect to the criteria, with respect particularly with respect to parking the code requires, I believe, four off street parking spaces which is present here. It's the first I've heard about any parking on the neighbor's property. The driveway agreement provides that there is no parking with it on Ruby Road itself. There's a two-car garage here, there's a driveway, there's also a pull off which is shown in the submission that we made. It's my understanding that the building inspector had inspected the premises and had determined

that they met that requirement. With respect to the five criteria that the board looks at, criteria one adequate parking facilities which I addressed. Criteria two deals with new construction which is not applicable here, the structure and lot are conforming with respect to the requirements of the zoning chapter as well as all of the zoning requirements, which it's one-acre zoning and the lot consists of 1.2 acres, it meets the setback requirements. The adjoining residences, in the yards, are generally afforded a reasonable degree of privacy from view by applicants of the proposed vacation residents or partial vacation residents by a position of landscaping and prior fencing. The photographic simulation or photographs that were submitted show a very dense evergreen tree line which screens 13 Ruby Drive from Ruby Drive itself and from the neighbor's property. The only access, or the only break in that tree line, is the driveway location itself and in the photographs, you can see that as you look out the driveway from 13 the front of 14 Ruby Drive is screened by plantings on their property, so even from the driveway, where there is a break into vegetation, you can't see the house on the other side. What you can see is the driveway for 14 and the garage and that parking area. The fifth criteria is with respect to the number of permitted short-term rentals, my client had done an investigation of prior rentals. That a prior short-term rental that have been approved by the town board, there was five as of the date of this writing and none of those are nearby. The closest one is 137 Berry Road, which is about 2.18 miles away.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Time is up.

- James Horan: And if the board has any questions. So, respectfully, we would ask that the board close the public hearing and consider the application.

- Councilwoman Houle: Thank you Mr. Horan.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I did just have a question.

- James Horan: Sure.

- Councilwoman Richardson: So, how many spaces are there in total on your property, or the property?

- James Horan: So, there's, I would say, that there's probably four within the driveway, there's one pull off to the side, and then there's two spaces within the garage.

- Councilwoman Richardson: And those are all on what is distinguished as just your use of the drive?

- James Horan: Yes.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay, so not including any shared use of the driveway?

- James Horan: And the shared driveway, that is in the submission. There's, you know, you can see in the overhead, the cul de sac that was created is actually within most of the right of way Ruby Road and then approximately half of it is on the neighbor's property, 14. But the access into 13 Ruby Drive is through that cutout in the vegetation. That's basically more or less the property line and then the Ruby Road right of way abuts that. Ruby Road goes from Sapphire all the way to the lake, so the right of way extends all the way to the lake and I believe that the yoga academy up front has rights to get to the lake over from what I've been told.

- Councilwoman Houle: Anyone else have anything?

- Councilwoman Richardson: Just to confirm because you added that piece about lake rights, do you have any or that would be in the deed? Just evidence like if we are actually not allowed to approve an application if you're saying that you'll be renting it with use of the lake. I do not believe that we're allowed to approve a use of that kind of thing unless you know, pools or anything, that's not in the actual sort of deed or associated with the main property that's being rented.

- James Horan: So what parcel access shows is the lake is owned by

- Councilwoman Richardson: I just wanted to confirm is that an accurate interpretation? I know that it's in there for pools and we really only supposed to be, to my understanding in the law, so just wanted to confirm that.

- Town Council Nugent: I actually don't know because I didn't know if the property was adjacent to the lake so we'd have to look into that and get back to you on that.

- James Horan: I mean the lake is owned by the religious Society in Fai. It is not, I don't believe, a public lake, it is a private lake.

- Councilwoman Houle: I don't think it's deep enough for that.

- James Horan: No.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Oh, so there's no use of the lake, as in swimming. Okay, okay, that's what I, we're not allowed to, from my understanding, I don't want to like make a statement that's not correct. It's a relatively new law be here. Okay, okay, so that was my concern is that in reading the law, my interpretation was that we are really only allowed to allow these short-term rentals use of properties and pools and things that are associated directly with the house that they will be renting.

- James Horan: The pool here on the adjacent to the deck.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Okay.

- James Horan: But, yeah, it's not. There's no beaches or anything on this lake and I think the last sheet on the submission was a photograph of the lake from Google Maps. So, but yeah there's really not much on the lake. It's not, you know, accessible to the public right and with respect to, you know, the neighbor's complaint with respect to noise, you know, there's a limitation here on 12 guests. We, you know, the history of recent rentals was people who were visiting West Point, you know, people who had students at West Point, who were there and, you know, the rental here is relatively high so because of the value of the property you can see from the photographs the landscaping is very well maintained, you know. The property owners here use the property. Their intent is to use the properties. This is just, you know, some supplemental income when they're not present.

- Councilwoman Houle: Thank you, Mr. Horan.

- James Horan: Sure.

- Councilwoman Houle: All right, so would we like to keep this open for another meeting?

- Councilwoman Richardson: I would like to do that just to make sure that the shared driveways is also because that's really and looking at this, in my own opinion, this is like everything to me seems taken care of except that aspect of the parking. It is as you say, very

like the landscaping, I mean you shouldn't have planted those trees if you didn't want an Airbnb across the street from you because it's beautiful and private. So, that is, I'm really just looking at these pictures and it is, you know, the most privacy that you know from these photos that I could expect other than the shared driveway, so I would just really want to explore that.

- Councilwoman Houle: So, then let's keep it open until June 3rd. I'll make a motion that we keep the public hearing open for the short-term rental for 13 Ruby Road to June 3rd at 7pm or immediately thereafter.

- Councilwoman Richardson: I think we're just going to confer with the building inspector and just ask a couple follow-up questions and make sure that we're interpreting the law correctly, as far as it comes with like lot lines and privacy because part of the driveway is your neighbor's property as well does that is you know.

- Councilwoman Houle: Take a look at those surveys that are on file, seeing as though they're very recent.

- Councilwoman Richardson: It's just a newer law, so I think we just want to be err on the side of caution but I do want to just assure everyone who is, you know, affected by the short-term rentals that with noise and everything this is why we created this law. I've been doing a lot of research and working with the building inspector on this to make sure that everyone who is hosting via Airbnb and doing this, is doing it legally because it gives the town a lot of power and purview. If we receive complaints, it can go through our building department, comes to us and we can actually revoke permits and things. It's required that a manager manage these properties and be on call and available at all times to neighbors. So, it's the best that we can do, like these rentals are going to happen but this code it actually protects the neighborhoods and the neighbors as well.

Action (Resolution): 4.2 Possible Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Short Term Rental Application, 13 Ruby Road, (SBL#35-2-2.1)

2024-#290

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Keep Open the Public Hearing RE: Short Term Rental Application, 13 Ruby Road, (SBL: 35-2-2.1) until June 3, 2024, at 7:00 pm or soon there-after.

Motion by Dorey Houle, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle, Maureen Richardson

Action (Resolution): 4.3 Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Short Term Rental Application, 649 Lakes Road (SBL: 29-1-34.1) *Public Hearing Transcribed by Deputy Town Clerk Barbara Singer.

2024-#291

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Short Term Rental Application, 649 Lakes Road (SBL: 29-1-34.1).

Motion by Dorey Houle, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle, Maureen Richardson

The following residents signed up to speak during Public Comment for the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE Short Term Rental Application, 649 Lakes Road (SBL: 29-1-34.1). To hear their comments, and Town Board Members responses, please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #4.3, 0:24:34.

- Jonathan De Joy

- Yolanda & Ramon Carrion

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Yolanda and Ramon Carrion. Just a reminder, you'll have five minutes.

- Councilwoman Houle: Can you just come up to the (inaudible).

- Councilwoman Richardson: Oh, can the applicant go first so that he can provide a rebuttal

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Jonathan DeJoy.

- Jonathan DeJoy: Hello everyone, Jonathan DeJoy from law firm Catania, Mahon & Rider, for the applicant. At the last meeting, we talked about privacy the board asked us to provide some more information on that so we provided some additional photos, some videos that were hopefully helpful. We talked about some other measures relating to privacy that we're going to take such as signage, potentially a fence and adding additional foliage if the board feels that that would be helpful and with that in mind, we would ask the board to at least close the public hearing tonight and hopefully votes approve the application. Sorry, is that better?

- Councilwoman Houle: Yes. Okay, thank you, Mr. DeJoy.

- Jonathan DeJoy: Thank you.

- Councilwoman Richardson: Was that all that you wanted to say?

- Jonathan DeJoy: Yeah, I think that's all. Hopefully, everyone got a chance to review my letter and if you have any questions for me I'd be happy to answer them.

- Councilwoman Houle: Anyone have anything?

- Councilwoman Richardson: I just have a question in relation to his statement to the attorney but basically, I personally, looking at those photos, and I believe Mr. Cardone as well, did not feel that it this landscaping specifically constituted privacy. It's different trees than what we've just been looking at with the prior submission with their evergreen, they're screen, they're very close together to provide a privacy wall. Whereas, these trees were just maple trees relatively, you know, spaced out, relatively open and if we felt that we wanted to ask him to improve

privacy, would that have to be sort of he would leave and then come back again to apply or like how would that look? Just in this hypothetical, if I said I don't feel that it's private enough and he's just offered, and the landlord has just offered, to as best I heard, it that you would install a fence that he would improve that. And how would that look if we made that request like, what would that look like from our end?

- Councilwoman Houle: So, in my conversation with Brian Nugent today we discussed this, 649, we discussed the video which I'm sure you're going to discuss when you come up. So, why don't we save these comments until after we hear from the Carrions and then we can take it from there.

- Jonathan DeJoy: Thank you, everyone.

- Councilwoman Houle: Thanks, Mr. DeJoy.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: Yolanda and Ramone Carrion.

- Councilwoman Houle: Make sure you talk directly into the mic.

- Ramon Carrion: Hi, can you hear me?

- Councilwoman Houle: Yes, I can.

- Ramon Carrion: Okay, so as you had mentioned, I had, my wife had, sent in some videos. I also accompanied the videos with a letter summarizing a few of the points of my concern regarding the situation. To address the applicant's approach on privacy, I looked at the pictures that he submitted and he's taking the pictures from the house towards Lakes Road and they are pretty much a good screening between the house in the application and the main house. My issue is, where's the screening between his property and my property? There is very little. The code in New York City offers 80% obscenity. I don't know what it is here. I follow the code in New York City because that's the code I enforce. I think that the bigger picture is the how, and I see there's a common theme going on here. There's a lot of short-term rentals that are coming into Monroe. I see that most residents here are very concerned, you about the quality of life here. We all live up here, we take care of our property, I don't want to go through the same thing again but there's something that has to be done about this in terms of the enforcement of the code. I'm not against, just so the gentleman behind me hears me very well, I'm not against the short-term rental. What I am concerned about, is the enforcement of the rules. If you give this application a go-ahead, how do we know? And I live 18 inches, my property 18 inches away from that wall of that house. How do I know that they're going to follow the noise ordinance? How do I know that I'm not going to have undesirable things happening next door, right? The parking is under control. Is it going to be under control? Am I going to come home and see cars parked in my driveway? Is there going to be debris all over the place? You know, who's going to pay for additional garbage? Right, we all have, we pay for it, right? Now he's going to be there's going to be additional garbage. We need enforcement. My suggestion has always been, I hate to say it this way, but I'm getting a little bit short on it, tax it.

- Councilwoman Richardson: You are right up my alley. I just spent all last week finding every illegal rental I could and I'm like, you know what, Chester just had a law. Let's do it. I mean there's like 20 illegal ones I found.

- Ramon Carrion: They're going to make a tremendous amount of money. Fine, great American way, right but tax it. Let's hire some more building inspectors, let's get them out there on the road. Let them go check it for themselves. Let them have the ability to shut it down and do the right thing and before I end, I've got two minutes. One of the things that I want to put on the table regarding this particular situation, this house that they're planning on using in a short-term rental, has a lot of problems. They have to do a lot of upgrades. Our code would say if you have a life safety, upgrade the house now has to qualify for C of O. It's extremely important that we look at that. That house is built in the 40s. It's got asbestos issues, the flue on the house is too short; fumes are getting into the house. I know this, I've been doing this for a long time. There's a safety issue with this house and if he's going to get the approval, I would hope that we would enforce the code and tell them you must fix the house so that it can be, you can issue a C of O. That's the rule, we should enforce it.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Thank you Mr. Carrion, we'll miss you.
- Ramon Carrion: I have a copy.
- Councilwoman Houle: I have a copy in my.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Yeah, we got all.
- Councilwoman Houle: I saw the video.
- Councilwoman Bingham: I did have a question on the video. Is your property slightly higher than the back of that property?
- Ramon Carrion: We're at a slightly lower elevation.
- Councilwoman Bingham: You're lower.
- Ramon Carrion: There's a little rise and then he goes down a little bit but to the back of his house and that knoll, that rise, that's the easement, that's where his septic tank is at. It's on my property, right so, but it's okay I understood it when I bought the property, and I'm fine with it, but the back of the property where he has his deck and the parking area, is at the same elevation as my property and it's exposed. So, whoever comes to park there, I'll see them, I'll hear them. Whoever's in the back, on the deck, I'll see them.
- Councilwoman Richardson: That's definitely a privacy issue.
- Councilwoman Houle: That's the comment that I wanted to make. In watching that video, I was shocked to see exactly how close that chicken wire fence that's up there is to the side of the house.
- Councilman Scancarello: 18 in is close.
- Ramon Carrion: Yeah, that's one of the reasons why I'm here, you know.
- Councilman Scancarello: Understood.
- Ramon Carrion: I have nothing against anybody and anything like that but I like my property I have.
- Councilman Scancarello: You make valid points.
- Councilwoman Houle: I'm glad you love it. I'm glad you love it. You're very welcome.
- councilwoman Richardson: You're welcome.
- Ramon Carrion: Thank you.

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: That's all for public comment.
- Councilwoman Houle: Thank you, all right. So, in talking with Brian earlier today, we talked about receiving the new information on the video, the privacy issue. One of the things that we can do, is we can close the public hearing tonight and then you know put this on the agenda for the following meeting so that it gives the board some time to really review that video, review that letter and you know, we can make a decision in two weeks. If, if that's something that we're interested in doing.
- Councilwoman Richardson: I think you've heard everything that like, all the evidence.
- Councilwoman Houle: I agree. I agree. (Inaudible).
- Councilwoman Richardson: So, we can close it, but we don't have to decide.
- Councilwoman Houle: Mmm hmm. Okay
- Councilman Scancarello: I agree.

Action (Resolution): 4.4 Motion to Close the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Short Term Rental Application, 649 Lakes Road (SBL: 29-1-34.1)

2024-#292

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Close the Continuation of the Public Hearing RE: Short Term Rental Application, 649 Lakes Road (SBL: 29-1-34.1).

Motion by Dorey Houle, second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham, Sal Scancarello, Dorey Houle, Maureen Richardson

Action (Resolution), Discussion, Information: 4.5 Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law E-V/2023 Ch. 41 (Sewage Systems) Revisions *Public Hearing Transcribed by Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer.

2024-#293

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law E-V1/2023 Ch. 41 (Sewage Systems) Revisions.

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

The following residents signed up to speak during Public Comment on the Continuation of the Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law E-V1/2023 Ch. 41 (Sewage Systems) Revisions. To hear their comments and Town Board Members responses please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #4.5 0:34:42.

****NO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME**

- Councilwoman Houle: Mary.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Brian is not here tonight.
- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: I need a second.
- Councilwoman Houle: Oh.
- Councilman Scancarello: Second. I'll second that.
- Councilwoman Houle: Call to question.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Bingham Aye.
- Councilman Scancarello: Scancarello Aye.
- Councilwoman Houle: Houle Aye.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Richardson Aye.
- Councilwoman Bingham: But he did send a Redline version. I. Since it was received late I still need time to review that to make sure it's in complete exactly the same as what was sent by Shawn Arnott the Engineer. So I would ask that this be continued again maybe till June 3rd just so that I have ample time to review the redline version and that would also give Brian Nugent time to make a clean copy and we could possibly vote for adoption next next meeting.
- Councilwoman Houle: Okay. Excellent. You want to make a Motion for that?

Action (Resolution): 4.6 Possible Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law E-V1/2023 Ch. 41 (Sewage System Revisions)

2024-#294

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing: Proposed Local Law E-V1/2023 Ch. 41 (Sewage System Revisions) until June 32024 at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Dorey Houle.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

Action (Resolution): 4.7 Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 8 *Public Hearing
Transcribed by Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer.

2024-#295

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 8.

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

The following signed up to speak during Public Comment regarding the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 8. To hear their comments and Board Members responses please go on-line to Board Docs Video Clip #4.7 0:36:00.

****NO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME**

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No Public Comment.
- Councilwoman Houle: Okay.
- Councilwoman Bingham: And basically we haven't heard anything yet regarding Grants. We do have our monthly water meeting tomorrow. So maybe I'll have some more information at that time. But the WIAA Grants I believe June 14th seems to be the date that's in my mind that by then the new the the newest application deadline. That's June 14th.
- Councilwoman Houle: So.
- Councilwoman Richardson: Yeah. I I spoke with Dave earlier and it is. He sent me an activity report at 6:14. The deadline.
- Councilwoman Houle: So would you like to keep this open into July?
- Councilwoman Bingham: Into July probably. We only have one meeting in July. So that would be July 15. 15th. Right.
- Councilwoman Houle: You wanna make that motion?

Action (Resolution): 4.8 Possible Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 8

2024-#296

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 8 until July 152024 at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

Action (Resolution): 4.9 Motion to Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14 *Public Hearing Transcribed by Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer.

2024-#297

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Open Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14.

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

The following signed up to speak during Public Comment regarding the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14. To hear their comments and Board Members responses please go on-line to Board Docs Video Clip #4.9 0:37:18.

****NO PUBLIC COMMENT AT THIS TIME**

- Town Clerk Valerie Bitzer: No Public Comment.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Okay. And that one we also reached out to Congressman Ryan's office. So we're again waiting. Maybe we can keep that one open until August 12th?
- Councilwoman Houle: Excellent.
- Councilwoman Bingham: Okay.
- Councilwoman Houle: Go head. Make that Motion.

Action (Resolution): 4.10 Possible Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14

2024-#298

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Keep Open the Continuation of the Public Hearing in Relation to the Increase and Improvement of Facilities of the Water District No. 14 until August 12 2024 at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

5. Acceptance of Minutes

Action (Resolution): 5.1 Acceptance of May 6 2024 Minutes

2024-#299

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to accept the May 6 2024 Minutes.

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

6. Audit of Claims

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 6.1 General Fund Abstract

To hear discussion regarding General Fund Abstract please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #6.1 0:39:08.

2024-#300

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe requests approval of Abstract #24-06 General Fund containing Check # 35256 - 35319 totaling \$515029.60.

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

7. New Business

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.1 Memorial Day Parade Donations

2024-#301

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution approving donations in support of the 2024 Monroe Memorial Day Parade post-parade barbecue hosted by American Legion Post #488 American Legion Post #1573 and VFW Lake Region Memorial Post #8858 not to exceed \$2500.

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.2 Audit of Claims

To hear discussion regarding the continuation of Audit of Claims Abstract #24-06 please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.2 0:41:44.

2024-#302

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion recall the vote for the Audit of Claims General Fund Abstract 24-06 which includes check #'s 35256 - 35319

totaling \$515029.60.

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

2024-#303

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the Audit of Claims General Fund Abstract 24-06 which includes check #'s 35256 - 35319 totaling \$515029.60 until June 3 2024.

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.3 Town Hall Summer Hours

To hear discussion regarding Town Hall Summer Hours please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.3 0:46:34.

2024-#304

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to approve proposed 2024 Employee Summer Hours for Town Hall:

Monday - Wednesday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. 30 minute lunch

Thursday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. 1 hour lunch

Friday: Town Hall Closed

Effective beginning the week of June 10 2024 with normal business hours of Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. resuming the week of Monday October 14 2024.

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

Action (Resolution): 7.4 2024 Highway School

2024-#305

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Resolution authorizing Highway Superintendent James "Pat" Patterson to attend 2024 Highway School sponsored by The Association of Towns of the State of New York & The NYS LTAP Center- Cornell Local Roads Program in Ithaca NY from June 3rd to the 5th 2024.

Registration fee: \$125 (Membership Rate including School & Lunch)

Hotel accommodations: \$139/night (discounted rate secured by Orange County Highway Superintendents Association)

*Amount not to exceed \$600.

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

Action (Resolution) Discussion Information: 7.5 Zone Change Petition RE: Larkin Dr. (SBL 2-1-29)

2024-#306

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to set a Public Hearing RE Zone Change Petition Larkin Drive for July 152024 at 7:00 PM or soon there-after.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.6 Equipment Surplus Round Lake Boats

To hear discussion regarding Equipment Surplus Round Lake Boats please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.6 0:51:44.

2024-#307

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to Table the Matter RE Equipment Surplus Round Lake Boats until June 3 2024.

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

Action (Resolution) Discussion: 7.7 2024 Monroe Volunteer Ambulance Corps Agreement

2024-#308

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion authorizing the Town Supervisor to sign the 2024 Agreement with the Monroe Volunteer Ambulance Corp.

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

Action (Resolution) Discussion Information: 7.8 Short Term Rental (STR) Tax

To hear Board Members discussion regarding Short Term Rental (STR) Tax please go on-line to Board Doc's Video Clip #7.8 0:56:52.

2024-#309

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe Made a Motion to authorize Counsel to look into what other towns are doing with fees in regard to Short Term Rental (STR) Tax.

Motion by Mary Bingham second by Maureen Richardson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

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 0:59:50.

- Tom Lawrence
- Rick Colon (decided not to speak)
- Liam Wisehart (decided not to speak)

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

Action (Resolution) Information: 9.1 Enter into Executive Session

2024-#310

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

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

10. Return to Regular Meeting

Action (Resolution) Information: 10.1 Return to Regular Meeting

2024-#311

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

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Mary Bingham.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

11. Adjournment

Action (Resolution): 11.1 Adjournment of Meeting

2024-#312

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Monroe adjourns the meeting of May 202024 at 8:44 PM.

Motion by Dorey Houle second by Sal Scancarello.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Mary Bingham Sal Scancarello Dorey Houle Maureen Richardson

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