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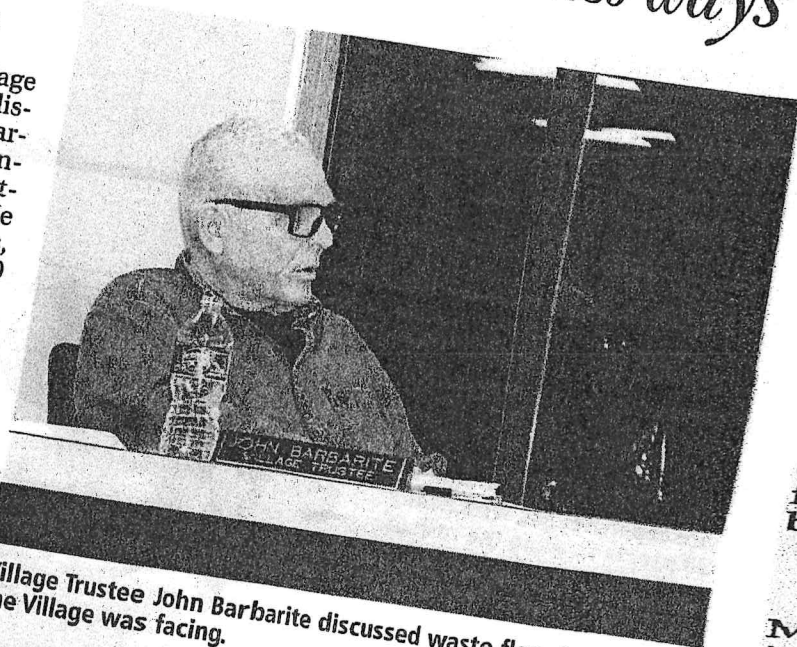
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[Village Manager] James [Snowden] and the Mayor [Rochelle] to meet with Shabazz and speak about the issues you're [Barbarite] referring to."

He said he is certain that the waste flow issues the Village is dealing with can be addressed and Greenway [via consultation] would know how to do it.

Sussman stated that he'll drop Greenway an email informing that the Board may be calling them.

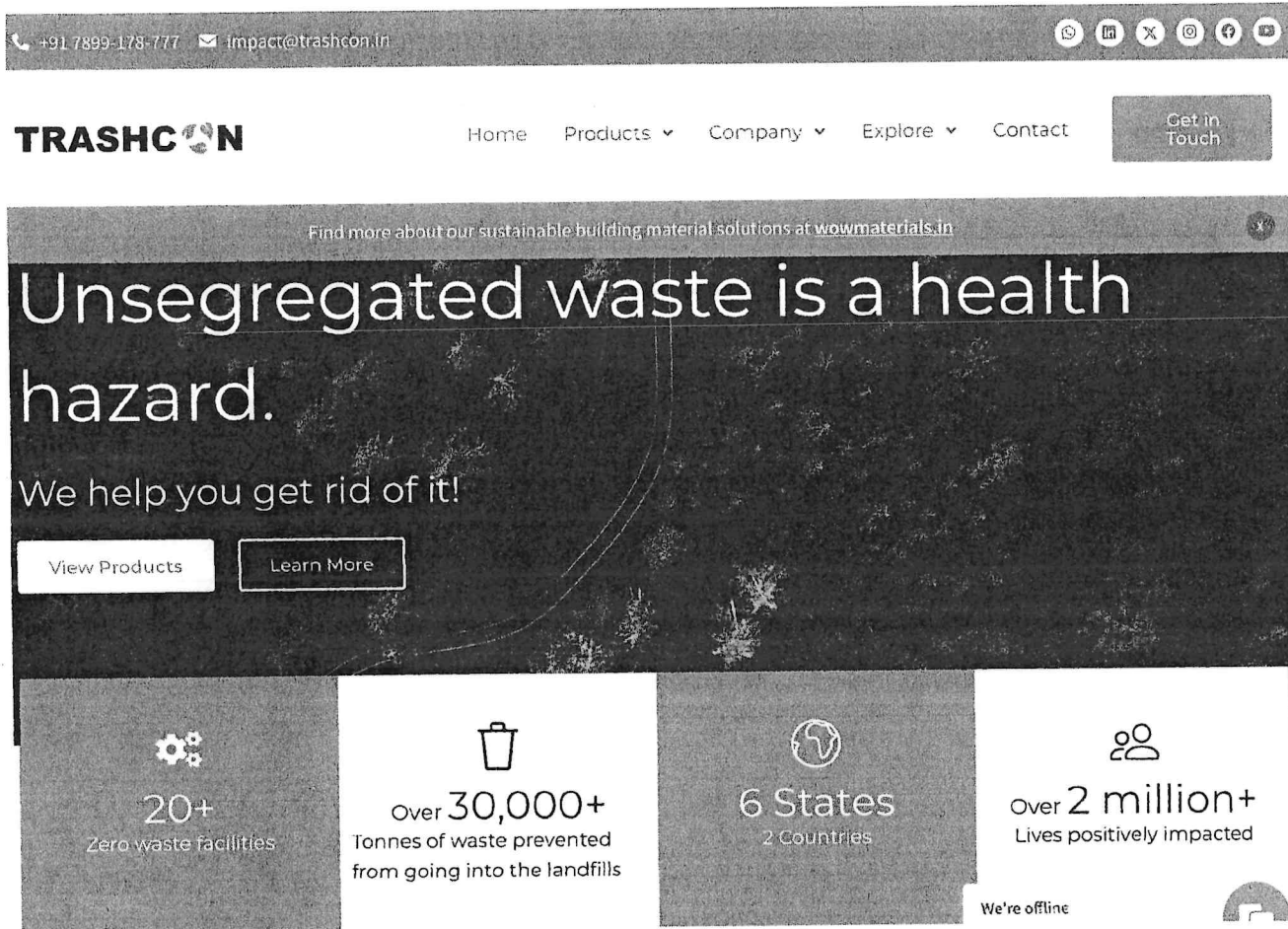
Swearing in the Surgeon
Associate Justice David Maho of Monticello swore in Mayer Rosenberg as the new Police Surgeon for Monticello.

Physician's Assistant Mayer Rosenberg was presented to the board of trustees as the recently hired Police Surgeon for the Monticello village and police force.

During the swearing-in ceremony, Mayor Massey and Associate Justice David Maho discussed the crucial role the Police Surgeon will play in preserving the health of MPD officers and their families, especially those who have been injured while performing their duties.

"Out of all the physicians that I've had, he's [Mayer] is very knowledgeable," accredited Maho following the induction.

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About TrashCon

Today, waste is either being dumped or burned causing 22 different types of diseases including COVID. Manual segregation of waste is unhealthy and not safe for those doing this sorting. The TRASHCON system provides technology to sort and recycle waste, a solution that converts the maximum amount of waste to recyclable value.

Website- trashcon.in - Email impact@trashcon.in

To: The Editor

Date: Jan. 6th, 2025

Re: Trashing Waste to Energy Garbage Incineration

I am writing to express my disbelief that despite the reams of documentation showing that burning garbage is the least efficient, most polluting and expensive method of solid waste disposal, some County officials continue to push for Waste to Energy incinerators as a 'silver bullet' solution for the solid waste tsunami currently engulfing Sullivan County and surrounding areas.

Incinerating garbage is a double calamity. It produces forever chemicals that permanently pollute land, air, water and the environment, while destroying the two highest sources of income revenue for County residents and businesses, namely tourism and second homeowners. Who is going to buy a house and raise a family in a place where you can see, smell and taste the pollution all around you? W to E incineration will quickly kill this golden goose as people leave the area in droves.

One of Sullivan's largest solid waste haulers, Thompson Sanitation recently ran a notice commenting on the skyrocketing cost of trash disposal, and rightly observed that the way to deal with the garbage dilemma is to reduce the amount of garbage we make, not burn it into a toxic sludge. There are better and less costly ways to reduce our waste, such as a 25% to 30% reduction of total waste volume, via self-sorted pre-cycling, as is being practiced in Wayne County, PA. Dumping single stream and restoring individual pre-sort and recycling will reduce pollution and the volume of solid waste in Sullivan County. It is a simple equation; more recycling equals less trash and pollution. And it maybe even help save the Earth. Star D. Hesse, Narrowsburg