

VILLAGE OF MILLERTON
Board of Trustees
December 16, 2024
6:00 PM

A Special Meeting of the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees was held on Friday, November 8, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM with Mayor Jenn Najdek presiding. Deputy Mayor Matt Hartzog, Trustee David Sherman, Trustee Lisa Hermann, and Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Cope were present. Roll call was completed. Trustee Matt Soleau arrived at 6:05 PM.

Minutes

A *Motion* was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog and seconded by Trustee Sherman to approve the minutes from 10/21/24, 11/8/24, and 11/18/24. All five (5) present members agreed.

Vouchers

A *Motion* was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartzog to approve voucher numbers 2021988-2022003 for the amounts: General \$26,418.87 and Water \$17,070.47 for a total of \$43,489.34. All five (5) present members agreed.

A *Motion* was made by Trustee Hermann and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartzog to approve voucher numbers 2022004-2022030 for the amounts: General \$5,651.49, Water \$9,153.19, and Capital Police Grant \$7,000.00 for a total of \$21,804.68. All five (5) present members agreed.

Department Reports

Police –Police Chief Joseph Olenik provided the police activity report for November 19, 2024 to December 16, 2024. The Millerton Police totaled 160 patrol hours and 8 court hours. Shift patrol breakdown consists of 2 patrols on Monday, 3 on Tuesday, 3 on Wednesday, 3 on Thursday, 4 on Saturday, 1 on Sunday. Further breakdown resulted in 5 calls for service in the Village and 3 calls for the Town of North East. Millerton officers covered the Festival of Lights Parade and street festival on November 29, 2024 totaling 34 man hours. The week of November 11, 2024, the contractor installed security and camera systems. The systems have been operational as of November 20, 2024.

Tighe and Bond to discuss the Environmental Information Document for the Congressman Ryan EPA earmark for the proposed sewer district

Brandee Nelson provided a brief overview of the Environmental Information Document and supporting documents.

A *Motion* was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog and seconded by Trustee Soleau to authorize Tighe and Bond moving forward on the process. All five (5) present members agreed.

Acceptance of NYSERDA Grant

The Village of Millerton was awarded the NYSERDA Grant for the Water Department building upgrades. Once the energy audit is completed, we will receive suggestions of what needs to be completed. Mayor Najdek signed the acceptance.

Jane Morgan requested to have a menorah in Veteran's Park

Jane Morgan requested to have a menorah in Veteran's Park to share her culture and spread hope and joy. Deputy Mayor Hartzog suggested to place the menorah at the big tree near the stop light

but Jane was concerned about an area for congregation. Mayor Najdek was concerned that if one denomination is allowed to have displays at Veteran's Park, then every denomination would have to be allowed. Deputy Mayor Hartzog suggested Jane Morgan reach out to the NECC, as it is still a prominent area of the Village.

30-Day advance notice for the Millerton Cinema, LLC.

A *Motion* was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartzog to approve waiving the 30-day notice. All five (5) present members agreed.

Review of approved IMA for Zoning Administrator

The new Zoning Administrator, Justin Noyes, will be ready to begin working on January 6th.

Accept the resignation of Crystal McCarthy – Recreation Director

A *Motion* was made by Trustee Soleau and seconded by Trustee Sherman to accept the Recreation Director's resignation. All five (5) present members agreed.

The Mayor suggested that the board take a look at the County's job description of Recreation Director and determine a job description that makes sense for the Village.

Discussion on purchase of a new backhoe

Mayor Najdek stated that the numbers for a new backhoe will be needed before January 13, 2025 in order to prepare a resolution for approval.

Mayor

John and Jean Roccanova submitted feedback that the village's composting toilet was very well kept each time it was used during a fundraising event for the Irondale Schoolhouse and that they appreciate that the village has provided a public restroom facility. NECC needs the Village of Millerton's permission to survey the wetlands. Trustee Soleau suggested that whoever is on the property for the survey be additionally insured. Trustee Hermann suggested that the NECC share the completed survey with the Village.

A *Motion* was made by Trustee Soleau and seconded by Trustee Hermann to send a letter in writing . All five (5) present members agreed.

Trustee Hermann provided an update on the Millerton Community Project. The banner has been placed. Townscape, Dutchess County Human Rights Commission, and NECC are involved where eventually they will reach more into the village to have more art installations that promotes community and caring for each other in response to other signs that were and are still displayed in the village that aren't so kind. The village Christmas party is this Thursday.

An Executive Session will be added to the next meeting.

Adjourn

A *Motion* was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog and seconded by Trustee Hermann to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM. All five (5) present members agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Cope
Village Clerk/Treasurer
Date approved: January 13, 2024

Prepared By:
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Deputy Clerk