

VILLAGE OF MILLERTON
Board of Trustees
March 24, 2025
6:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees was held Monday, March 24, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with Mayor Jenn Najdek presiding. Deputy Mayor Matt Hartzog, Trustee David Sherman, Trustee Lisa Hermann, Trustee Matt Soleau, Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Cope, and Delora Brooks were present. Roll call was completed.

Minutes

A **Motion** was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog and seconded by Trustee Sherman to approve the minutes of 3/10/25. All five (5) present members agreed.

Vouchers

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Hermann and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartzog to approve voucher numbers 2022148-2022180 for the amounts : General \$11,959.06, Water \$5,638.99, PB Escrow \$44.00, Capital Project and Rec \$120,663.75, Capital Highway Backhoe \$124,325.00, Capital LED Lights \$2,324.57, Engineering Century Boulevard \$2,995.00, DPW Fire Expenses \$88,807.76 for a total of \$357,041.98. All five (5) present members agreed.

Department Report

Police - Police Chief Joseph Olenik provided the police activity report for February 25, 2025 – March 24, 2025. The Millerton Police totaled 126 patrol hours, and 12 court hours. Shift patrol breakdown consists of 1 patrol on Monday, 4 on Tuesday, 4 on Wednesday, 4 on Thursday, 2 on Friday, 4 on Saturday, 2 on Sunday. Further breakdown resulted in 5 calls for service in the Village. They are no longer responding to calls in the Town due to a lack of MOU. Chief Olenik also attended a County Car Seat Organizational Meeting in Poughkeepsie with Sgt. Rudin for a total of 5-man hours.

Oblong Books will be celebrating their 50th anniversary and are asking if South Center Street could be closed to have a block party. The request was forwarded to Chief Olenik.

Treasurer's Report

A **Motion** was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog and seconded by Trustee Hermann to accept the February 2025 treasurer's report. All five (5) present members agreed.

Resolution 2025-16 Resolution authorizing the execution of memorandum of understanding for the use of the Town of North East's old highway garage

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Soleau and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartzog to approve Resolution 2025-16. All five (5) present members agreed.

Resolution 2025-17 Resolution adopting determination of significance for amended Eddie Collins Memorial Park Revitalization Project

A **Motion** was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Hermann to approve resolution 2025-17. All five (5) present members agreed.

Mayor Update

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartzog to accept the

resignation of Planning Board Chairperson Lance Middlebrook. All five (5) present members agreed.

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Soleau to appoint Patti Lynch VanDeBogart as the Planning Board Chairperson and member for the remainder of the term. All five (5) present members agreed.

Wastewater The earmarks granted for the wastewater project were removed but Senator Gillibrand stated the village could apply again using the same application.

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Soleau and seconded by Trustee Sherman to apply again for the wastewater earmark in fiscal year 2026. All five (5) present members agreed.

Fire Update The village is working with water engineers to create a short-term plan for getting well #2. Alpine Services will look at pre demo inspection of materials. Insurance will cover the cost of moving into the old highway garage.

MIG Grant from Dutchess County was \$200,000. \$979,752 Pat Ryan earmark 100% guaranteed. Tighe and Bond are working on an application to get more funding for the Sewer. The WQIP grant is reimbursable through earmark funding, so Mayor Najdek suggested borrowing money from the Fund Balance and pay engineers.

DASNY Mayor Najdek stated to get in contract with DASNY, the village must show \$200,000 in funds. The project bonding resolution must list the total cost of the project. A separate resolution must be made to take out a portion of money to sit in NYCLASS to show DASNY we have the cash flow to start the process. The next step is to talk to the attorney to write a bond resolution. The village will reach out to three local banks to find if they have the potential of loaning one million dollars.

Eddie Collins Memorial Park Phase II Park construction is scheduled for early August 2025.

The DPW will undergo construction in June-July so there will be no Summer Camp for 2025.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Executive Session

A **Motion** was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog and seconded by Trustee Soleau to go to executive session at 6:37 PM for matters leading to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person. All five (5) present members agreed.

A **Motion** was made to return to regular session was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog and seconded by Trustee Sherman to return to regular session at 7:09 PM. All five (5) present members agreed.

Promotion of Spencer Parks

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Hermann, seconded by Trustee Sherman, to move Spencer Parks from probationary to permanent employee at the agreed upon rate. Mayor Najdek abstained from voting and the remaining four (4) present members agreed.

Water Rates

Dan Valentine has proposed water rates which Mayor Najdek will forward to the board for review.

Tentative Budget Discussion

The Village Board reviewed the tentative budget provided by Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Cope. Members suggested changes that Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Cope should make to the budget and scheduled a meeting for April 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM to review and approve the changes suggested.

Executive Session

A **Motion** to go to executive session at 6:37 PM was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Soleau to go to executive session for potential litigation. All five (5) present members agreed.

A **Motion** was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog and seconded by Trustee Sherman to exit executive session at 8:12 PM. All five (5) present members agreed.

Public Comment

Delora Brooks stated she needs two trees removed on her property that were affected by blight. She requested that a streamline effort of procedure should be implemented to allow digging for approved planted trees. Mayor Najdek agreed with Delora Brooks and suggested calling the water department to talk to Pete Dellaghelfa.

Adjourn

A **Motion** was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog and seconded by Trustee Sherman to adjourn the meeting at 8 :17 PM All five (5) present members agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Cope

Village Clerk/Treasurer

Date approved: April 28, 2025

Prepared By:

Emerald Havelin

Deputy Clerk