

**VILLAGE OF MILLERTON**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Special Meeting**  
**July 29, 2025**  
**6:00 PM**

A Special Meeting of the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, July 29, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with Mayor Jenn Najdek presiding. Deputy Mayor Matt Hartzog, Trustee David Sherman, Trustee Matt Soleau, Trustee Katie Cariello, and Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Cope were present. Fifty-three members of the public signed in. Roll call was completed.

**Village of Millerton and Town of North East residents to discuss limiting cooperation between our local law enforcement and Immigration and Customs Enforcement**

Mayor Najdek opened the floor for members of the public who wish to speak on the request to limit cooperation between our local law enforcement and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Over thirty members of the public spoke on this matter.

**Public Hearing on Local Law X of 2025 - Residency Requirements to Allow Members of the Planning and Zoning Boards to be Residents of Dutchess County, NY**

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartzog to open the Public Hearing on Local Law X of 2025 at 7:33 PM. All five (5) present members agreed.

Mayor Najdek stated that the seats for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board have been open for months. The proposed local law will allow residents of Dutchess County to apply for the position.

Ray Nelson stated one of his concerns is that residents outside of the village may not understand the issues of the village. Kelly Kilmer stated that the local law is for the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, not the Village Board. As the newly appointed chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Kelly Kilmer stated it is very important to fill the positions on the boards. Unless village residents want to step up and have a say of what happens in the village, the law must go into effect. Joanne Scasso stated she thinks it is a great idea. If no one is stepping up, it must be someone else. Cathy Fenn stated that the board members need more training and she hopes that priority is given to applicants from the Town or Village.

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Soleau and seconded by Trustee Hartzog to close the Public Hearing on Local Law X of 2025 at 7:45 PM. All five (5) present members agreed.

**Resolution 2025-40**

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Soleau and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartzog to adopt Local Law 2 of 2025. All five (5) present members agreed.

**Minutes**

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Cariello and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartzog to approve the minutes from 7/8/2025. All five (5) present members agreed.

## **Vouchers**

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Soleau and seconded by Trustee Sherman to approve voucher number 2022334 dated 6/13/2025 in the amount of DPW Fire Expense – New police cars \$89,744.20 for a total of \$89,744.20. All five (5) present members agreed.

A **Motion** was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog and seconded by Trustee Soleau to approve voucher number 2022398 dated 7/10/2025 in the amount of DPW Fire Expense \$26,589.00 for a total of \$26,589.00. All five (5) present members agreed.

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Soleau to approve voucher numbers 2022399-2022400 dated 7/22/2025 in the amount of General \$75.19, DPW Fire Expense \$30,281.98, and Police Grant \$699.98 for a total of \$31,057.15. All five (5) present members agreed.

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Soleau and seconded by Trustee Sherman to approve voucher numbers 2022401-2022434 dated 7/19/2025 in the amount of General \$2,529.26, DPW Fire Expense \$13,316.98, Water \$28,899.25, Police Grant \$2,529.26, Capital Wastewater \$30,874.40 for a total of \$99,875.99. All five (5) present members agreed.

A **Motion** was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog and seconded by Trustee Sherman to approve voucher number 1-2025 dated 7/29/2025 in the amount of NYSWIMS \$68,976.96 for a total of \$68,976.96. All five (5) present members agreed.

## **Resolution 2025-38**

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Cariello and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartzog to authorize the execution of an intermunicipal agreement for provision of court officer. All five (5) present members agreed.

## **Resolution 2025-39**

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Matt Soleau and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartzog to approve an intermunicipal agreement for the village park and recreation program. All five (5) present members agreed.

## **Department Reports**

Police - Police Chief Joseph Olenik provided the police activity report for June 10, 2025 – July 22, 2025. The Millerton Police totaled 145 patrol hours, and 12 court hours. Shift patrol breakdown consists of one patrol on Monday, six on Tuesday, three on Wednesday, seven on Thursday, six on Saturday, and one on Sunday. Further breakdown resulted in eight calls for service in the Village. Coverage was provided for the soccer tournaments which totaled 30-man hours, Oblong Street Fair totaling 18-man hours, and Domestic Violence Training totaling 12-man hours.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Mayor Najdek stated that Treasurer Lisa Cope has been receiving assistance correcting cells in Excel for the reports. Treasurer Lisa Cope mentioned to the public that the village has two new programs in place: Textmygov and Xpress Bill Pay.

**Mayor**

Mayor Najdek stated park construction has not begun yet, also that she has met with Belfore a couple times regarding the DPW fire. The Village's adjuster and adjuster's boss are working together to find out what the rebuild price will be and what insurance will allow, taking into account there needs to be two buildings.

**Public Comment**

Cathy Fenn asked if anything is being done about two trees on South Center Street. Mayor Najdek said there needs to be a follow-up on tree replacement. The final plans for CDBG 2024 need to be sent to the county. Townscape will send a letter to the Village Board. Natalie Pere asked if the village police are crisis intervention trained.

A **Motion** was made by Trustee Soleau and seconded by Deputy Mayor Hartzog to submit a letter of intent to become a pro-housing community. All five (5) present members agreed.

**Adjourn**

A **Motion** was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog and seconded by Trustee Cariello to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. All five (5) present members agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Cope

Village Clerk/Treasurer

Date approved: August 26, 2025

Prepared By:

Emerald Havelin

Deputy Clerk