

**VILLAGE OF MILLERTON**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Business Meeting**  
**January 27, 2026**  
**6:00 PM**

A Business Meeting of the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees was held on Monday, January 27, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with Mayor Jenn Najdek presiding, Deputy Mayor Hartzog, Trustee David Sherman, Trustee Katie Cariello Trustee Matt Soleau, and Clerk/Treasurer Lisa Cope were present. Members of the public were in attendance. Roll call completed.

**Minutes**

A *Motion* was made by Trustee Sherman and seconded by Trustee Cariello to approve the January 12, 2026, minutes. All five (5) present members agreed.

**Vouchers**

A *Motion* was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Soleau to approve Voucher # 2022748-2022777– dated 1/27/2026 in the amount of General = \$10,067.86, DPW Fire Expense = \$36,179.64, Water = \$15,163.37, for a Total = \$61,410.87 All five (5) present members agreed.

**Department Reports:**

**Police-**Chief Oleinik presented his report from Dec 1 to Jan 24, 2026. He reviewed the number of patrol hours and reviewed that the village received eleven calls for service as well as sixteen traffic summons and one motor vehicle accident.

**Highway-** Mr. Oleinik said the highway crew have been working day and night with all the snow we have received this year. Said that they are working on clearing sidewalks. Mr. Olenek also mentioned that he was having Crown Energy come in and look at the boiler at the highway garage as it does not seem to be keeping up.

**Treasurer's Report-** Clerk-Treasurer Lisa Cope presented the treasure's report for December 2025 and mentioned that budget discussion for next fiscal year would be starting soon.

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

**Building Department request to increase fire inspection fee:**

The building department is requesting that the fee charged for fire inspections be increased to \$100 from \$50.00.

A *Motion* was made by Trustee Soleau, seconded by Trustee Cariello to increase the fire inspection fee from \$50.00 to \$100.00. All five (5) present members agreed.

**Annual Agreement for DWI Patrol:**

The board has received and reviewed the annual agreement for DWI patrols and has authorized the mayor to sign the contract.

A *Motion* was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Cariello to authorize the mayor to sign the contract with Dutchess County for Stop DWI Patrol for 2026. All five (5) present members agreed.

**SEQRA for CDBG 2024 Veteran’s Park improvements and put documents out to bid:**

This item has been tabled to the next meeting.

**Discussion of ideas for the 2026 CDBG, letter of intent and set public hearing:**

The board discussed which project they should submit a letter of interest and application for the 2026 CDBG grant application. The letter of intent is due on February 2, 2026. The board felt that they should submit a letter of intent and application to continue the sidewalk on Church Street up to Highland Street as a continuation of the CDBG grant that they submitted last year and were awarded. Trustee Sherman will work on the letter of intent with the mayor.

A *Motion* was made by Trustee Soleau, seconded by Trustee Cariello to set the public hearing for the CDBG 2026 grant application for Monday, February 23, 2026, at 6:05pm. All five (5) present members agreed.

A *Motion* was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Cariello to authorize the mayor to submit a letter of intent for the CDBG 2026 grant application. All (5) present members agreed.

**Introduction of local law to create tree commission local law A-2026:**

Village Attorney Victoria Polidoro reviewed the three commissions local law. The Village Board will have to hold an Arbor Day celebration every year. The committee would be open to residents of Dutchess County. A tree management plan would have to be updated every three years. Tree plantings would be in accordance with plan A section will be added to the law for penalties for cutting any village tree without permission. Ms. Polidoro will spell out in the law who are the owners of the trees. This will be discussed at our next meeting.

**Mayor:**

The mayor asked that everyone be patient with the highway department as they clear the sidewalks up.

The board is working on the final design of Veteran’s Park as well as the final design of Eddie Collins Park.

## **Public Comment**

Several residents attended the board meeting to follow up on their stance as a community against the police department helping ICE. Police Chief Olenik said that he did not believe his department would be asked to assist as they are a part-time department and that mostly the state police would be requested.

Ms. Hannah Juang was back before the board to finalize her request to hold an artist fair in the village by the rail trail the weekend of September 5-6 of this year. Mayor Najdek asked Ms. Juang to come to the office tomorrow and would like to work with the building department to get the required paperwork submitted. The board would need Ms. Juang to follow up with us again at the beginning of August to make sure everything is in order.

## **Executive Session:**

A *Motion* was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Cariello at 7:03 PM to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation. All five (5) present members agreed.

A *Motion* was made by Trustee Soleau, seconded by Trustee Cariello to exit executive and return to regular session at 7:13 PM. All five (5) present members agreed.

## **Adjourn**

A *Motion* was made by Deputy Mayor Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Soleau to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. All five (5) present members agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Cope

Village Clerk/Treasurer

Date approved: 2/9/2026