

**Village of Millport
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
December 2, 2024**

Meeting brought to order @ 7:00 pm by Mayor Damon

Pledge of Allegiance & A Moment of Silence

Present: Mayor Damon, Trustees Auld, Grow, Kraus. Trustee Trimmer arrived at 7:08 pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Session One) Saji Vamshi of Catherine Trailer Park to request forgiveness on present Water Bill and of the next water bill in Feb. 2025. Mr. Vamshi explained he did not know the extent of the water issues in the park. Due to the amount of broken meters that need repair, he is asking For some kind of relief as his water bill as of Dec. is over \$5600. The Board discussed the issue and a motion was made by Mayor Damon and seconded by Auld that he pay \$3000.00 on Dec. bill and the next 2 billing cycles to get him to Spring and having all the repairs done. All Ayes, vote carried.
CORRECTION: “the next 1 (one) billing cycle to get him to Spring”

Communications:

- Normal magazines and flyers
- Comp Alliance Check Loyalty Award
- Letter from NYS announcing CDBG Program Award of \$1,051,423.00 for the water system.

Minutes & Bank Statements: Trustee Grow moved, seconded by Trustee Trimmer to dispense with reading & accept both as submitted in writing. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

Superintendent of Streets: Nothing to report.

Water Technician Report:

- WIIA Grant – Notice of Sale \$200,000 Bond Anticipation Notes 2024 approved by phone, in process of completing paperwork, Greene County Commercial Band with the low bid of 4.19% interest rate. Cash to be received on Dec. 5, 2024.
- The Clerks need approval to pay Hunt Engineers \$108,192.60 once cash is confirmed to be in the bank. A motion was made by Mayor Damon and seconded by Trustee Trimmer giving the Clerks permission to pay Hunt Engineers once the cash is confirmed in the Bank. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

Fire Council: Chief’s report and CHO report received.

Code Enforcement: Report received.

- Ken Ripley reported that he has authorized a forced clean-up of the property located at 1983 Maple Street. This took place on November 11th with the property owners to be responsible for paying the bill for clean-up. The bill is to be split between 1977 and 1983 property owners.
- Regarding the complaint about roosters in the Village, a notice is being sent out this week that rooster are not allowed. There was discussion about allowing hens. This may require an update to the Local Law and having the property owner be required to have a special use permit.

Planning Board: There will be no meeting in December.

Recreation & Youth Activities:

- For the Winter Holiday, they are considering an offsite event @ Crystal Lanes. Megan is requesting \$750.00 for the event & party. Family Days 2025 is scheduled for July 12th.

Old Business:

- The board discussed the need to increase the water rates and due dates for payment of said bills. Mayor Damon listed some of the current charges being paid by residents of other local municipalities. Trustee Auld and seconded by Grow made a motion to increase the water bills as follows: For in Village residents the bill will be raised from \$45.00 to \$50.00. For outside of Village water users the bill will rise from \$55.00 to \$60.00, and the bill will be due in 30 days instead of 45 days and re-addressing this issue in a year. A notice will be sent out to all Water customers of the rate increase and will start in the next billing.
Vote: All Ayes, vote carried
- The installation of the concrete floor at Whitney's garage is complete.

New Business:

- Do we know who we are going to appoint our next Attorney? No, not of as yet.

Village Accident, Sickness, Death: Beverly Sheffield past away and Randy Gordon is in the hospital.

Bills:

A motion was made by Trustee Kraus and seconded by Trustee Trimber to adopt the following resolution: **WHEREAS** the Board of Trustees requests to pay the prepared list of bills totaling ; **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board authorizes the payment in the amount of \$10,481.31 + \$750 + \$108,192.60= \$119,423.91 from the General Fund
\$10,213.51 from the Water Fund
\$3,144.63 from the Trust & Agency Fund.

Vote Ayes: Auld, Damon, Trimber, Grow. Vote carried.

Public Comments: (Session Two) None

Next meeting scheduled for January 6, 2025 @ 7 pm.

AJOURNED: A motion was made by Mayor Damon and seconded by Trustee Auld to adjourn the meeting @ 8:08 p.m. **Vote:** Ayes: All Ayes. Vote carried.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lillian West
Village Clerk/Treasurer