

**Village of Millport
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2025**

Meeting brought to order @ 7:00 pm by Deputy Mayor Charles Kraus

Pledge of Allegiance & A Moment of Silence

ELECTED OFFICIALS – Charles Kraus and George Grow took their Oath of Office for fiscal years 2025-2027.

Present: Trustees Auld, Grow, Trimber and Kraus. **Absent:** Mayor Michael Damon

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Session One)

John May, 712 W. Broad Street, Horseheads, NY (as Fire Chief) expressed concern that the Village does not have a contract with animal control. There were 2 kittens injured at a fire in Millport and no one would come out and get them for Vet services.

Ken Bellinger, 5562 Maiden Lane spoke up and said there are still roosters in the Village. The Code Officer is working on this issue.

Communications:

- Normal magazines & flyers

Minutes & Bank Statements: Trustee Auld moved, seconded by Trustee Trimber to dispense with reading & accept the minutes and the bank statements as submitted. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

Superintendent of Streets:

- There is no report on the water drainage problem on Maple St. as the Mayor is not here.
- We have a resolution from the Town of Veteran relative to an inter-municipal agreement for department of Public Works Services with the Town of Veteran. A motion made by Trustee Grow and seconded by Trustee Trimber to adopt the following Resolution:
WHEREAS the Town of Veteran has notified the Village of Millport of the Town terminating the current Intermunicipal Agreement for Highway Services on May 31, 2025; and
WHEREAS it is anticipated that the Town of Veteran will present a new Intermunicipal Agreement to the Village of Millport prior to May 31, 2025; and
WHEREAS it is also anticipated that the new agreement will not require any payments from the Village of Millport to the Town of Veteran.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Village Mayor Michael Damon is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Veteran at a cost not to exceed \$1.00 (One Dollar). Vote: Ayes: Auld, Grow, Kraus, Trimber. Vote carried.

Water Technician Report:

- Update on WIIA and CDBG Grants. Deputy Clerk Joan Santulli gave an overview of the updates on both grants. Please see attached.
- Mike Coats stated that he needed to get a vest and/or some kind of verification that identifies him as the Water Meter Reader as new people have moved into the Village and have approached him as what he was doing as he was reading meters. John May stated he will order a Vest for the Village that states "Water Dept."
- The Clerks reported that the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2024 will be sent to residents as required with the May Water Billing.

Fire Council:

- Chief's report and CHO report received.
 - A motion was made by Trustee Grow and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kraus to approve the Fire Department's election of Chiefs and Directors as follows:
 - Fire Chief John May
 - 1st Asst. Chief Gary Davis
 - 2nd Asst. Chief Jimmy Knuppenburg
 - 3rd Asst. Chief Ken Bellinger
 - Directors: Bill Gruver, Randy Gordon and Mary Hartsock
- Vote: Ayes: Trimber, Kraus, Grow, Auld. Vote carried. The elected Chiefs took their oaths of office at the end of this meeting.
- Deputy Mayor Kraus informed the Fire Chief that today he observed a paving company dumping on the new lot across the street from the fire department. Chief May stated he will check into this.

Code Enforcement: Report received.

Planning Board:

- Nothing to report.

Recreation & Youth Activities:

- The Easter party was held on April 19, 10 children participated.
- Earth Day event was held, 7 people showed up to help.

Old Business:

- Regarding the fencing at the basketball court on the playground, nothing to report as Mayor Damon is absent.

New Business:

- Regarding the 2025-2026 Budget and Salary Schedule: A motion was made by Trustee Auld and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kraus to adopt the following resolution;
WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has met at the time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on the tentative budgets by fund and heard all persons desired to be heard thereon;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the tentative budgets by fund as amended and revised and as hereinafter set forth, are hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the column entitled "Final Budget-Adopted" in the Appropriations portion of each fund's budget be, and they hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, and the salaries and wages stated in the Salary Schedule of such budgets shall be, and are hereby fixed, at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2025 Total Appropriations=\$360,126 Estimated Revenues=\$233,481 Fund Balance=\$58,000 Tax Levy=\$68,645 and Tax Rate=\$9.00/M

VOTE: Ayes: Auld, Grow, Kraus, Trimber. Vote carried.
- Regarding the Village's authorization to levy taxes: A motion was made by Trustee Grow, and seconded by Trustee Auld to adopt the following levying the total taxes and other charges extended and levied against each parcel of real property shown on the roll prepared and verified by the Assessors for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.
RESOLVED, THAT THERE BE LEVIED AND ASSESSED AGAINST THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE Village of Millport the following sums for the Village Government and other charges for the year 2025/2026 a tax rate of \$9.00 per thousand of assessed taxation.
VOTE: Ayes: Trimber, Kraus, Grow, Auld. Vote carried.
- Regarding the authorizing for collection of taxes, a motion was made by Trustee Auld and

seconded by Deputy Mayor Kraus directing the Village Clerk to levy and collect the taxes in accordance with the Tax Levy Resolution just passed.

VOTE: Ayes: Auld, Grow, Kraus, Trimber. Vote carried.

➤ End of Year Transfers:

(1) General Fund to Water Fund a total of \$30,916.45 which includes the 24/25 Water Tax Levy of \$17,339 and \$13,577.45 for Credit Card payments for Water Bills – both collected in the General Fund.

(2) Water Fund to General Fund \$7,120 for Water Fund share of General Fund Expenses per 24/25 Budget.

A motion was made by Trustee Trimber and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kraus to approve the transfers as listed above. VOTE: Ayes: Auld, Grow, Kraus, Trimber. Vote carried.

➤ BUDGET AMENDMENT needed for the 2024-25 budget to cover the payment of the Motorola invoices signed by former Chief Michael Cleveland and dated 3/30/2020 – 3/21/2023.

Resolved by Trustee Grow , seconded by Trustee Auld to make the following budget amendment to the 2024/25 Village budget: Increase the Fire Department Expense line for equipment A3410.2 by \$51,396.49 (new budget amount to be \$90,686.49) and increase the General Fund “Fund Balance” amount by \$51,396.49 (new amount of Fund Balance \$104,104.49) with the funding for the Fund Balance increase to come from the following - \$35,000 from Capital Reserve – Fire bank account (leaving a balance of \$3,001.32) and 16,396.49 from General Fund Savings account.

VOTE: Ayes: Trimber, Kraus, Grow, Auld Vote carried.

➤ Dumpster Days is scheduled for May 24th from 8 – 3 at the Village Hall parking lot. Town residents will be allowed to dump their load at a cost to them of \$25/load. Village residents can dump for free.

Village Accident, Sickness, Death: Richard Keyes’s son passed away.

Bills:

➤ Resolution for paying bills.

A motion was made by Trustee Trimber and seconded by Trustee Auld to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees requests to pay the prepared list of bills

Totaling: \$63,151.07 (which includes the addition of \$310 to pay the election inspectors)

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the payment

In the amount of \$58,997.75 from the General Fund

\$1,065.57 from the Water Fund, and

\$3,087.75 from the Trust & Agency Fund.

VOTE: Ayes: Auld, Grow, Kraus, Trimber Vote carried.

Public Comments: (Session Two) None

AJOURNED: A motion was made by Trustee Auld and seconded by Trustee Grow to adjourn the meeting @ 7:32 p.m. **Vote:** Ayes: Trimber, Kraus, Grow, Auld. Vote carried.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lillian West & Joan Santulli, Village Clerk/Treasurer