

**Village of Millport  
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes  
April 4, 2022**

**Present:** Kraus, Damon, BeCraft, Auld, Grow

Mayor Becraft brought the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

**Pledge of Allegiance & A Moment of Silence**

**Oath of Office**

- ❖ Newly elected Mayor Michael Damon and Trustee Aaron Auld took their Oath of Office. Mayor Damon then assumed control of the meeting.

Mr. Damon stated that it is an honor to serve as Mayor for the Village of Millport. He is human and will make mistakes but will do his best in the position.

At this time Mayor Damon made two appointments to be effective immediately. Charles Kraus has agreed to serve as Deputy Mayor and Joan Santulli is appointed as Deputy Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Millport. A motion was made by Auld, seconded by Grow to accept the appointment of Charles Kraus as Deputy Mayor for the Village of Millport. VOTE: 3 Ayes, Kraus abstained. Vote Carried. A motion was made by Grow, seconded by Auld to accept the appointment of Joan Santulli as Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer for the Village of Millport and to authorize Ms. Santulli to have signing privileges for banking and contract purposes. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried. Mr. Kraus and Ms. Santulli then took their Oath of Office.

Regarding other election results, Amanda Auld withdrew her name from the ballot for the vacant trustee position as she has moved out of the Village of Millport. The Village Board will look to possibly appoint someone to fill that position to serve until the next Village Election.

**Communications:**

- ❖ Regular magazines and advertisements
- ❖ Comp Alliance – the Village received \$2,199 for the workplace safety award for 2022

**Minutes & Bank Statements:** If there is no questions, omissions or additions, do I have a motion to dispense with reading & accept both as submitted in writing? A *motion* was made by Auld and seconded by Grow to accept the Bank Statements and Minutes. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

**Superintendent of Streets:** No report. However concerning the entrance to the pump house, Mr. Grow will speak to Kurt regarding installation of a 4 x 4 post and gravel at the water tower to make the road more accessible. Mike Bravo will also be contacted.

**Water Technician Report:** It was requested that a new report be generated concerning the houses on the water system that have no active or working meter in the residence. Said houses are receiving estimated water bills at this time. New meters need to be installed. The board received a listing of the water Shut Off notices that were mailed out on March 31, 2022.

**Fire Council:**

Fire Chiefs Report- report submitted.

C.H.O. Report- report submitted.

The Chief reported that the annual Fire Department banquet is being held on April 23, 2022 and all board members are invited to attend. Awards will be distributed at the banquet.

**Code Enforcement:** Report submitted. Mayor Damon reported that he has met with Mr. Ripley who is taking the job seriously. He is currently dealing with the trailer park. Prior to any action by the Code department, the file is run by the attorney. The resident receives the summons from Ripley. It then goes to Court. Because courts in NY have been backed up since COVID, it takes a longer than normal time to be able to take further action.

**Planning Board:** Justin and Crystal Spicher have submitted a letter of resignation from the Planning Board. A motion was made by Grow, seconded by Auld to accept the resignation of Justin Spicher and Crystal Spicher from the Village of Millport Planning Board. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried. Mayor Damon stated that the board will look for people interested in serving the Village to fill these positions. He anticipates the Planning Board will have work to do in the near future.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** no report

**Recreation & Youth Activities:** Mr. Auld reported a good turnout at the Village Easter Party held on 4/2. The kids had a great time making Easter crafts.

**Report on Village accident, sickness, and death:** Two funerals during the month – Mark Hartsock, Sr. and Terry Hartsock, Jr. Services were held at the fire station.

**Tabled Items:**

- ❖ Need a quote from Kurt Rhodes to stone and oil Morris Hill and Lewis St. or a recommendation on who he suggests can do the work.
- ❖ Mr. Kraus will order a charcoal grill pit to be installed at the Pavilion for visitors to use. A concrete base will be installed as well.

**Old Business:**

- ❖ Lights that need to be converted to LED – NYSEG – no report
- ❖ A Public Hearing on the proposed 2022-2023 Village budget is scheduled for April 14 at 7pm

**New Business:**

- ❖ The Clerk has received the final assessment roll from the Chemung County Real Property Tax Service.
- ❖ ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) requires a report 4/30/22 of landlords who received assistance with late fees during COVID. To date the Clerk's estimate is \$1,687.89. A motion was made by Kraus, seconded by Auld to give board approval of that amount to report to ARPA. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.
- ❖ Mayor Damon stated that the board is looking into getting quotes to have some dumpsters brought into the Village to assist residents in getting rid of their junk. It would be a one-day event if it is deemed possible to do.
- ❖ Mr. Auld reminded the board that April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day and in past years the board members has picked up garbage in the Village. This will take place on Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Village will supply garbage bags and pizza.
- ❖ There was some discussion about a sun dial that belongs to the Village which was taken years ago to be repaired. A follow-up will be done to determine where the sun dial is now.

**Bills :** General:\$8,821.55  
Water:\$886.10  
Trust & Agency:\$3,291.61

A ***motion*** was made by **Damon** and seconded by **Auld** to adopt the following resolution;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees requests to pay the prepared list of bills totaling: \$12,999.26.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board authorizes the payment in the amount of \$8,821.55 from the General Fund,

\$886.10 from the Water Fund, and \$3,291.61 from the Trust & Agency Fund.

**VOTE:** Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- ❖ Kitty Becraft, 4207 Main Street stated that when Bob took over as Mayor, he talked to residents prior to shutting off their water. She asked if residents calling their number with problems or complaints can be given Mayor Damon's phone number. (The answer was yes). Also in the past the Village attorney was present at meetings. The new lawyer, Bryan Maggs does not. (Mayor Damon stated that the new lawyer is being paid by the hour and is not on a retainer to be paid each month even if he does no business for the Village. The Village is striving to save money.)
- ❖ Bob Becraft, 4207 Main Street regarding the above conversation that he was giving residents a courtesy shut off notice. (the Village now gives residents 45 days to pay their water bills and there is a low income program that will give assistance if the resident is eligible and applies for the help.)
- ❖ Shirley Kwasnik, 4261 Main Street and a member of the Planning Board read a letter to the board dated November of 1991 which requested grants from New York State for the Village. She stated that she would like to have a copy of the Codes for the Village.
- ❖ Dianne McDonald, 2055 Church Street complained about the over population of cats in the Village. It was recommended that she contact the SPCA.

Mayor Damon thanked Robert (Bob) Becraft for his many years of service as Mayor of the Village of Millport.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2022 @ 7 pm.

**AJOURNED:** A motion was made by Grow and seconded by Auld to adjourn the meeting @ 8:06 pm.

**Vote:** Ayes: All Ayes. Vote carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joan Santulli– Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer

**Village of Millport  
Board of Trustee Public Hearing Minutes  
Proposed 2022-23 BUDGET  
April 14, 2022**

Mayor Damon brought the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM

**Present:** Kraus, Damon, Auld, Grow

The purpose of the Hearing is to hear public comments for or against the proposed 2022-2023 budget for the Village of Millport.

There were no public comments.

The Hearing was closed at 7:18pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joan Santulli– Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer