

**Village of Millport  
Board of Trustee  
Public Hearing Minutes  
April 14, 2022**

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

Mayor Damon brought the Public Hearing to order at 7:06 PM. The purpose of the Hearing was to hear public comments regarding the proposed 2022-2023 budget for the Village of Millport.

There were no comments by the public.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Santulli  
Deputy Village Clerk

**Village of Millport  
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes  
May 2, 2022**

Mayor Damon brought the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

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

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

**Presentation:** Nicole Watts, Farm Bureau of Chemung County was present to discuss and receive local support for a new position she is proposing to Chemung County Legislators -- Executive Director and Natural Resource Educator for the Chemung County Fairgrounds. Currently events at the fairgrounds are run by volunteers. This new position would oversee planning, hosting and assisting with events at the fairgrounds, would look for grants and other funding opportunities to include the construction of an Event Center. The fairgrounds needs to be revitalized and could potentially hold regular flea markets, craft shows, farmer's markets and even host concerts throughout the year. What she would like from the Village Board is a resolution of support for this project and new County position.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** Mayor Damon stated that due to the vacancy on the board, he will appoint Danny Yontz to a one-year Trustee position. Mr. Kraus moved, seconded by Mr. Auld to approve of this appointment by the Mayor. VOTE: Ayes: Kraus, Auld, Grow. Mr. Damon abstained. Vote carried. Mr. Yontz then took his Oath of Office.

**Communications:**

- Regular magazines and advertisements
- Mayor Damon reported receipt of a letter from FEMA and Homeland Security confirming that FEMA has closed out the Village's sub grant #4397-DR-NY for flood damage as the Village has met all requirements for meeting the non-federal share of the grant.
- Mayor Damon stated that the board agreed last month to continue the NYSEG bills as a fixed rate as opposed to a variable rate which could increase at any time.
- Mayor Damon reported being approached by a local business that wanted to bid on the Village's garbage collection. As there have been no issues with the current provider, the Village will continue the service with Frank's Disposal.
- The Village's insurance company confirms payment to the Village for the remainder of the restitution owed by former clerk Haverly in the amount of \$1,541.90. This issue is now closed.

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

**Superintendent of Streets:** Mayor Damon reported that NYSEG has come and fixed 4 lights that needed to be converted to LED. It was found that the Village has been charged for one extra pole that did not have a light installed. The Village may or may not receive a refund from NYSEG.

Mr. Grow reported that a bid is coming soon to stone and oil Morris Hill and Lewis St. and the corner "diamond" pipe will be included.

**Water Technician Report:** One current account remains shut off for non-payment of the water bill. The property has been posted as uninhabitable. The board has requested to receive a list of estimated billings in the Village so that new water meters can be installed at those properties.

Mayor Damon reported that it has been requested that he attend a meeting this month regarding the revised lead and copper regulations for the Village's water system. The meeting is for Water System Operators. Dean Wenzel will also be in attendance.

**Fire Council:** Fire Chiefs Report- report submitted. Michael Cleveland has been elected by the body of the Fire Company to continue as Chief for the next fiscal year. Mr. Auld moved, seconded by Mr. Grow to approve of this appointment. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.  
C.H.O. Report- report submitted.

**Code Enforcement:** Report submitted. Mr. Ripley reported that two properties in the Village have been condemned and posted as uninhabitable. The addresses are 142 Morris Hill Road and 4377 Main Street.

**Planning Board:** Appointments to the Planning Board for the new fiscal year will be made at the June meeting. In the new budget, members will be receiving a quarterly stipend for their position on the board.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** no meeting

**Recreation & Youth Activities:** The board received the Easter Party Report. Ms. Crystal Spicher stated that she intends to remain in charge of the activities until the end of this year.

**Report on Village accident, sickness, and death:**

**Old Business:**

It was reported that Earth Day was a success. Twelve-Fourteen volunteers worked to clean up the Village. Refreshments were provided by the Village.

The board failed to make a resolution adopting the Assessment Roll at its April meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Grow and seconded by Mr. Auld to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Village board on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, presented a tentative Assessment Roll to the Village Clerk.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Assessment Roll as presented to the Village Clerk be duly adopted, verified, and filed with the Village Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT THE Village Clerk is directed to advertise within ten days of filing of said assessment roll. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

**New Business:**

Mr. Kraus discussed and submitted plans to repair the damaged bridge at the playground. The board reviewed the information and the issue was tabled at this time.

Mayor Damon stated that the Village has contracted with Green Leaf Recycling to provide 3 dumpsters for use by Village residents only to be able to clean up their properties. Dumpster day will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 8am – 12 Noon. Proof of residency will be required. Two dumpsters will be for garbage and one specifically for metal. There is no fee for residents.

Mr. Damon also stated that he is looking into having a Facebook page for Village residents only so that events like the Dumpster Days can be advertised. He will follow the government model for this page.

**Budget Adoption**

A motion was made by Mr. Kraus and seconded by Mr. Grow to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, this 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 desiring 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 Appropriation's porting 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, 2022. Total Appropriations- \$283,370. Estimated Revenues=\$182,304. Fund Balance=\$56,000. Tax Levy=\$45,066 and Tax Rate=\$5.75/M. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

### Tax Cap Override

#### LOCAL LAW #1-2022

A motion was made by Mayor Damon, seconded by Mr. Kraus to adopt the following Local Law:

WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2022-2023 budget for the Village of Millport requires a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and WHEREAS, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the Village board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millport voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for 2022-2023 fiscal year. VOTE: 5 Ayes. All in Favor. Local Law #1-2022 passed and carried.

### Levy Taxes

A motion was made by Mr. Auld and seconded by Mr. Kraus to adopt the following resolution to levy 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 2022-2023 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 fiscal year 2022-2023 a tax rate of \$5.75 per thousand of assessed taxation. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

### Collect Taxes

A motion was made by Mr. Auld and seconded by Mr. Kraus directing the Village Clerk to levy and collect the taxes in accordance with the Tax Levy Resolution just passed. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

Regarding Nicole Watt's presentation at the start of this meeting, a motion was made by Mr. Grow, seconded by Mr. Kraus to send a letter giving the Village of Millport's full support to the new position of Executive Director and Natural Resource Educator for the Chemung County Fairgrounds. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

The Village Hall was open from 6pm – 7pm to hear comments from the public on the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's MS4 annual report regarding the Village of Millport. There were no comments at that time. Mr. Auld moved, seconded by Mr. Grow to accept the draft report for the Village as submitted in writing by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

**Bills:** General: \$16,297.67

Water: \$7,482.43

Trust & Agency: \$3,036.98

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees requests to pay the prepared list of bills totaling: \$26,817.08.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board authorizes the payment in the amount of \$16,297.67 from the General Fund, \$7,482.43 from the Water Fund, and \$3,036.98 from the Trust & Agency Fund.

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

### **Public Comments:**

- Shirley Kwasnik, 4261 Main Street expressed concern about the properties in the Village that have been condemned and asked if they are torn down, can they be rebuilt. She is not aware of the Village Codes concerning this question. Ken Ripley, the Village's Code Enforcement Officer stated that he is willing to meet with the Planning Board to discuss their questions about the Village's codes.

- Barb Kraus, 4264 Main Street expressed concern about the church on Crescent Street. It appears that people are living in the church. Mr. Ripley stated that Code Violations on that property are in the hands of the Village Attorney awaiting direction on how to proceed.
- David Lewis of 4272 Main Street expressed concern on the manner in which the board adopted the budget override and also about the legality of the Village having a private Facebook page.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2022 @ 7 pm.

AJOURNED: A motion was made by Grow and seconded by Auld to adjourn the meeting @ 8:46 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

Joan Santulli– Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer

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Proposed 2022-23 BUDGET  
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