

**Village of Millport
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2022**

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

Present: Kraus, Damon, Auld, Grow, Yontz

Pledge of Allegiance & A Moment of Silence

Communications:

- Regular magazines and advertisements

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

Superintendent of Streets: Mayor Damon reported receipt of an estimate from Curt Rhodes to repair Lewis Street and Morris Hill Road. The job includes grinding down the street and putting down oil & stone. The total of the estimate is Lewis Street \$3,944, Morris Hill \$4,854, oil & stone \$10,325. Mr. Damon moved, seconded by Mr. Grow to approve the estimate for repair of these streets as stated above. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried. Regarding the drainage problem in that same area, Mr. Grow will speak to Curt Rhodes about repairing the drain prior to completing the street project. Mayor Damon stated that the Village has approximately \$40,000 in State CHIPs funds that will pay for this project.

Water Technician Report:

- Twenty-three shut-off notices were sent out in June.
- Mr. Coates reported that after the leak in the water tank, everything is back up and running. The filter in the pump has been cleaned. He stated that there appears to be a leak between the Palmer's house and the tank on Cemetery Hill Road. Mr. Damon stated that he will get with Dean Wenzel to get it fixed as it is the Village's job to maintain this pipe.

Fire Council: Fire Chiefs Report & C.H.O reports – reports received. The Department has purchased 12 new pagers – the bill was paid half by the Fire Department and the other half by the Village. Truck #1131 is out of service and will be sold to the Town of Erin for \$12,000. There are currently 8-10 new fire fighters for the Village Department They would like the truck money to purchase 6 new sets of gear for the new recruits. Mr. Grow moved, seconded by Mr. Yontz to approve the sale of the truck for \$12,000 and to allow the funds from the sale to be used to purchase the new gear as needed. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

- It was noted that the Ithaca and Millport Fire Departments will be having a combined fund raiser next year to be held at Nel's Tractor. More information to come as needed.

Code Enforcement: Report submitted. Mr. Ripley received invoices from Holden Lawn Care for mowing the property at 2006 Crescent Street (\$300) and from JDog Junk Removal for clean up of property at 4242 Main Street (\$1,414) and 4238 Main Street (\$399). Discussion ensued regarding whether the home owner should be notified of these charges prior to adding them to the tax bills. The consensus was that the Village board would prefer the owners be notified. They will be given until October 1st to make payment before the bill is added to their taxes.

Planning Board: Report from June meeting was received. A request was made to receive a map of Village streets.

- There was mention of whether or not the Village can own several of the vacant properties. Mr. Damon stated that he will look into what the Village needs to do to get the properties transferred under eminent domain.

Zoning Board of Appeals: no meeting

Recreation & Youth Activities: Family Day is this Saturday, July 16th with fireworks at the end of the day.

- Crystal Spicher is stepping down from running the recreation program. Diane McDonald expressed interest in being involved in the future.

Report on Village accident, sickness, and death: Lillian West – mass is shrinking, 3 more months of chemo. George Benway had a heart attack last week and Linda Stoddard French passed away last week.

Old Business: The credit Card machine has been received. Joan will work with the vendor to get it set up.

- The clerk will work with Tim Steed of Hunt Engineers to set up a meeting with the board to discuss possible upcoming grant opportunities.
- There are several places in the Village where weeds have not been taken care of, the Fire Dept being one of them. Mr. Kraus will speak to Lenny Kemmerer about getting the job done.
- The Village's sun dial was mentioned again. Mr. Kraus will follow-up to see when it can be returned.

New Business:

- The owner of Catherine Trailer Park has requested a meeting with the board to discuss his recent water bill and his repairs to the park's water lines. A meeting was set for July 25th at 7p.m.
- Mr. Damon reported that the owner of 3954 Watkins Road has contacted the Village about the creek near her property eroding soil away and she was concerned about the Village's water system being affected. Mr. Damon spoke to the County Soil & Water office and the matter will be taken care of.
- Ms. Santulli requested that the board consider getting a bank credit card for the Village to use for large purchases (like the new QuickBooks program which was charged to her personal card) Mr. Damon moved, seconded by Mr. Grow to approve getting a credit card with a credit limit not to exceed \$2,000. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.
- The Clerk has sent a letter to the State Comptroller's Office requesting an extension for the filing of the Annual Report. The new deadline will be October 1st.
- Ms. Santulli will be on vacation the week of July 18th; the Village office will be closed.

Bills: General: \$13,220.15

Water: \$1,478.21

Trust & Agency: \$5,333.23

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees requests to pay the prepared list of bills totaling: \$20,031.59.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the payment in the amount of \$13,220.15 from the General Fund, \$1,478.21 from the Water Fund, and \$5,333.23 from the Trust & Agency Fund.

VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

Public Comments:

- Shirley Kwasnik, 4261 Main Street asked about liability for the Village to have the bouncy house available on Family Days. The owner of the equipment accepts all liability.
- Barb Kraus, 4264 Main stated that a letter needs to be sent to Young Explosives regarding Millport Family Day. This has been done.
- Diane McDonald expressed concern about Mike Grow roaming around the Village at all hours and wondered what can be done. If concerned about your safety, call the Sheriff.
- Dave Morgan expressed concern about people blocking the road at 140 Morris Hill Road and parking on the road to change the oil, etc. in vehicles. Mr. Damon will look into it.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2022 @ 7 pm.

AJOURNED: A motion was made by Grow and seconded by Auld to adjourn the meeting @ 8:32 pm.

Vote: Ayes:All Ayes. Vote carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joan Santulli– Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer