

**Village of Millport
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2023**

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

Present: Auld, Yontz, Damon. **Absent:** Kraus, Grow

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:

- A motion was made by Mr. Auld, seconded by Mr. Yontz giving approval for the mayor to sign applications to DOT for a total of \$37,408.92 in CHIPS reimbursement for the paving of Morris Hill Road. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried. This will give the Village a remaining balance to keep for next year in the amount of \$11,269.36. Total of Paving invoice was \$55,340.00.

Water Technician Report:

- The Village received maintenance agreement proposal from Corpro in the amount of \$880 for inspection of the cathodic protection corrosion control equipment. Dean Wenzel was contacted and has stated that this is just a proposal. The Cathodic Protection has not been working for some time. He suggests that sometime in the future an inspection of the tank would be in order.
- Water System Field Compliance Report – There has been no response from Dean on the purchase of a new Chlorine Booster Pump. Mayor Damon will reach out to him tomorrow.
- Regarding Dave Morgan’s water problems at 140 Morris Hill Road, there was air pressure in the hydrant near his house that was causing the milky water. Mr. Coats reported that as soon as the pressure in the hydrant was released, the water became clear and ready to be used.
- Report on light installation at pump house – Mr. Coats will complete the project of getting proper lighting at the pump house.
- The Clerk reported that the Catherine Trailer Park is still being sent an estimated billing each quarter. The Village has requested information from Dean about which meter to purchase for the park. There has been no response to date.

Fire Council: Fire Chiefs Report & C.H.O reports – reports received.

- Chief Mike Cleveland stated that the fire company members are discussing the possible purchase of property across from the station at 2009 & 2013 Crescent Street (the former church building and parsonage). The funds for the purchase would come from the fire company’s reserves. The current owner of the property, Simpco LLC, has stated he is willing to sell to the Fire Department at a cost of \$77,000. If the purchase goes through, Simpco has agreed to remove the present buildings, take care of any asbestos found and level the property back off with fill. The Chief stated that if the Fire Department has available land, they can then apply for grants to build a new station/garage.
- Chief Cleveland also stated that the fire company is resubmitting the FEMA grant for the 3rd year hoping to receive approval this time.
- Mayor Damon reported that the Fire Department budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year has already been overspent. For the remainder of the year, the bills to be submitted to the Village for fire

department expenditures will be fuel costs, major equipment repairs and the normal building expenses.

Code Enforcement:

- The Village received verification that Mr. Ripley's reports to NYS for 2022 have been submitted and received by them.
- Mr. Damon stated that he has spoken to Mr. Ripley about the church building on Crescent Street being used for housing. There has been no certificate of occupancy given to the owner. Mr. Ripley is working with the Village Attorney on this matter.
- The Brookhaven Trailer Park has a new owner who plans to install new electric and new water and sewer lines. Since the park is already zoned for trailers, there is no need for this to go to the Planning Board. Mr. Ripley will monitor the improvements to the park.
- Mr. Ripley will be in Rochester on March 17th for Code School.

Planning Board: Report received.

- Ms. Kwasnik stated that the grant submitted to the Chemung County Youth Bureau has been denied because they no longer allow municipalities to apply for the funding. Another not-for-profit in the Village can apply for the funds. She was told that this may change by the end of the year.

Recreation & Youth Activities:

- The Village received the official resignation of Crystal Spicher as children's activity director. Mr. Damon moved, seconded by Mr. Auld to accept the January 5, 2023 resignation of Crystal Spicher as submitted. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried. Mayor Damon stated that he is not ready to appoint a new director of children's activities at this time.

Report on Village accident, sickness, and death:

Old Business:

- The clerk submitted a General Fixed Asset policy to the board for their review. The policy establishes the method of maintaining fixed asset information and the minimum cost that is used to determine the fixed assets to be recorded in the Village's financial records. The proposed policy states that assets worth \$1,000 and above will be considered to be listed on the report. The board will review the policy and discuss it at the next meeting.
- Regarding possibility of enacting a local law giving Volunteer Fire Fighters a property tax exemption, it has been confirmed by NYCOM that they cannot receive both the NYS income tax exemption and the Fire Fighter exemption. Board members agreed that the Village is not interested in moving forward with this local law at this time.

New Business:

- RESOLUTION – ELECTION INSPECTORS
WHEREAS, the Village Election is now scheduled for March 21, 2023;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following individuals are hereby appointed Election Inspectors for the Village of Millport at the following rates of pay:
Barb Kraus - \$142/day and Priscilla McGrain - \$142/day and Kathleen Becraft is named as an alternate if one of the appointed inspectors cannot be available.
IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Priscilla McGrain is hereby appointed Chairperson.
VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.
- The Clerk has received the Assessment Roll for the 2023-24 fiscal year from the Chemung County Real Property Tax office. She stated that the new assessment is almost \$84,000 less than last year's assessment. The loss in assessed value will affect the budget and tax rate per

thousand for the upcoming year.

Bills: General: \$7,340.19
Water: \$11,244.24
Trust & Agency: \$2,803.00

A *motion* was made by Mr. Auld and seconded by Mr. Damon to adopt the following resolution; **WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees requests to pay the prepared list of bills totaling: \$21,387.43 **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board authorizes the payment in the amount of \$7,340.19 from the General Fund, \$11,244.24 from the Water Fund, and \$2,803.00 from the Trust & Agency Fund. **VOTE:** Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

Public Comments: None

Next meeting scheduled for March 6, 2023 @ 7 pm.

Planning ahead – Joan will be on vacation from Feb 27 – March 15. Lillian plans to be available to fill in.

AJOURNED: A motion was made by Mr. Auld and seconded by Yontz to adjourn the meeting @ 8:05 p.m. **Vote:** Ayes: All Ayes. Vote carried.

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