

**Village of Millport
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2023**

Meeting brought to order @ 7:00 pm. By Mayor Damon

Pledge of Allegiance & A Moment of Silence

(In memory of what happened to our country 22 years ago)

Present: Kraus, Yontz, Damon, Grow, Auld

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Session One) None

Communications:

- Normal magazines and flyers

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

Superintendent of Streets: Work is continuing on the removal of trees on Cemetery Hill Road.

Water Technician Report:

- Mr. Coats reported that the pump house lost power during the month. He is currently running the pump manually to keep it leveled out. He is working with Mr. Wenzel and Verizon to get the issue resolved. He will make sure that J. Manwaring is aware of the problem and has a key to the pump house.
- Mr. Coats requested that the property at the pump house be brush hogged. Rob Gruver volunteered to do the job.
- He is working on locating the curb stop at the 4408 Main Street property.

Fire Council: Fire Chiefs Report & C.H.O reports – Received for the month of August.

- Fire Chief Gruver reported that the company responded to 10 calls during the month. There are 7 firefighters taking either BDFO or EMT classes. There are 8 new or returning members who will need gear which will be expensive to purchase. All trucks have been inspected, repaired as needed and certified for use. The newly purchased truck is being repaired, total cost between purchase and repairs is expected to be \$100,000 and the truck should last 15 years (still a good bargain). The Village should be proud of its 32 active member Fire Department.
- Mr. Gruver also requested that the board pass a resolution allowing the surplus of 2 items with the understanding that the items will be sold and the funds received will be designated to be returned to the current budget for the Fire Department. Mayor Damon moved, seconded by Mr. Kraus to surplus the following items: (1) 1999 GMC C8500 fire engine (1132) and (2) a royal blue Pacifica Structural Fire Helmet (does not match all other helmets) and as requested that the funds received for these items be used to offset 2023/24 expenditures from the Fire Department budget. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

Code Enforcement: Report received. There were 2 complaints/violations and 9 inspections/site visits during the month.

Planning Board: Planning Board minutes received.

- The members expect to start going door to door with the survey starting this week and hope to have it finished by the end of this week. They will then work on compiling the information for the board to review. It was requested that a reminder of their visits be put on the Millport Facebook page.

Recreation & Youth Activities: The Halloween party is set for 10/28 at noon with games and a hay ride. The Christmas party is already being planned as well.

Old Business:

- Mayor Damon has not yet been able to purchase a grill for the Pavilion. Due to how late it is in the year, this purchase may wait until 2024.
- The property at 2013 Crescent Street which is being purchased by the Fire Department looks good. The demolition of the buildings is almost complete. The bell in the old church has been able to be saved and will be given to the Fire Department. Some residents expressed being upset by the demolition, however those persons complaining do not have full information on what has been happening in the properties these last few years. There is an outstanding water bill on the properties at 2009 and 2013 Crescent Streets. A motion was made by Mayor Damon, seconded by Mr. Kraus that these water bills amounting to \$104.42 be forgiven due to the fact that the Fire Department has purchased the properties. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

New Business:

- Annual report for fiscal year 2023 has been filed with the Office of the State Comptroller, awaiting approval from the state. Once the State has approved it, the board will review it and sign off that they have inspected the Village Clerk's records for the year 2022/23.
- The first tax reminder notices were sent out for all unpaid tax bills. The unpaid bills will be sent to the County at the end of October.

Village Accident, Sickness, Death:

Bills:

- Resolution for paying bills.

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees requests to pay the prepared list of bills
Totaling: \$35,069.05.

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

In the amount of \$29,937.12 from the General Fund
\$1,392.05 from the Water Fund, and
\$3,739.88 from the Trust & Agency Fund.

VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

Public Comments:

- Barb Kraus, 4264 Main Street stated that there is a Family Days meeting this Wednesday, the 13th at 6pm at the Village Hall.
- Ms. Kraus also reported that while out of town, the camera on their property caught a local person stealing a bike. She felt violated and wanted others to be aware so they can protect their property.

Next meeting scheduled for October 2, 2023 @ 7 pm.

AJOURNED: A motion was made by Mr. Auld and seconded by Kraus to adjourn the meeting @ 7:40 p.m. **Vote:** Ayes: All Ayes. Vote carried.

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