

Board of Trustees
VILLAGE OF MILLERTON
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2020

A regular business meeting of the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees was held on Monday, August 17, 2020. It was called to order at 6:00 PM via Zoom meeting telecommunication (due to COVID-19 restrictions from State and County levels), with Mayor Debra Middlebrook presiding. Trustees Alicia Sartori, Matthew Hartzog and Joshua Schultz and Clerk Kelly Kilmer were present, as were Police Officer-in-Charge Michael Veeder and Highway Supervisor Cole Lawrence. Jodi Miller, Daniel Goldhagen, and Chris St. Germain -- all from the Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights -- joined the meeting to introduce the Commission to the Board. Members of the public were able to view and ask questions through the Village of Millerton Facebook page, where this meeting was televised live.

Presentation

Dutchess County Commission on Human Rights representatives introduced the Commission and described its role. They outlined local pertinent issues and the Commission's intention and action in those situations and gave examples of how it works in tandem with local leaders.

Departments

Police

Officer-in-Charge Veeder reported the most recent crime statistics, comparing them with those of the same time last year. He also discussed accreditation companies, policies, and associated costs. Mayor Middlebrook said she believes it is important to work toward accreditation, particularly considering current events. Other potential benefits are insurance breaks and grant eligibility.

Highways

Highways Superintendent Lawrence said the Village needs to conduct an overnight dig for a curb box on Route 22 (Kent Glass) and said the Village will need a State permit for it. He said he would also like to set up a pavement maintenance program, implementing routine schedules, and explore repair options beyond chip-and-seal or simple overlays. He will share a related Indus proposal with the Board. Clerk Kilmer reminded the Board of the Village's Procurement Policy.

Vouchers

A motion was made by Trustee Hartzog and seconded by Trustee Sartori to approve **Vouchers 2019511-2019546**, allocated as follows: **General \$18,428.64; Water \$9,648.33 – Total \$28,067.07**. All (4) trustees present voted in favor of the motion and it passed.

Trustee Reports

Trustee Sartori said she is working with Clerk Kilmer on finding a part-time assistant for the Village office. Trustee Hartzog said he is working on a drainage issue with Housatonic Valley, exploring potential branch funding. Trustee Schultz said he is working on the 5G project and would welcome serving as the Village's liaison to the DCCHR.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Kilmer announced that the Greenway grant is complete and needs to be closed out. She also said the Village's MVP Insurance needs to be renewed. *Motion* to allow the Mayor to sign the MVP Renewal was made by Trustee Schultz, seconded by Trustee Sartori, all (4) members

were in favor and the motion passed. *Motion* for the Mayor to sign Payroll Certification was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Sartori and all (4) members approved, thereby passing the motion. Clerk Kilmer then reminded the Board that all members need to have on file annually that they completed sexual harassment training in that respective year, and that a virtual training would be conducted on August 25, 2020. She also stated that preparations for Village Elections were nearly complete, but that certain remaining Board actions were necessary. Thus, *motion* was made by Trustee Hartzog to introduce Resolution 20 of 2020, appointing the election inspectors, setting logistical details of the elections, and covering timely compensation of poll workers. Trustee Sartori seconded the motion, all (4) members present were in favor and the motion passed. A roll call vote was then taken; all (4) members present were in favor and the Resolution passed. Clerk Kilmer added that in order to pay election inspectors in a timely fashion, a motion was necessary to use prepaid vouchers already approved by the Board in advance. *Motion* to include three prepaid vouchers in the September vouchers was made by Trustee Sartori, seconded by Trustee Hartzog, all (4) present members were in favor and the motion passed. Discussion ensued regarding Village Hall insurance, and upcoming annual renewal of the Village's policy with Emory and Webb. *Motion* for Mayor Middlebrook to sign insurance renewal forms for a new amount regarding the new location of Village Hall and the Police Department office, not to exceed \$40,000, was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Sartori, all (4) present members approved and the motion passed. An email posing a request to obtain and house an addition six chickens (totaling 12) at a home on Barton Street was shared with the Board. The Board determined it would be best not to grant the request, but rather to continue with six chickens and no roosters in order to keep the peace among neighbors pro tempore. The Board stipulated that permission can be revoked if complaints begin, and that the property owner needs to return to the Board in a year to renew this permission.

Treasurer's Report

Clerk Kilmer reported that she and Treasurer Eisermann are working with the accountant to put together the AUD and that everything is up to date.

Mayor's Report

The Mayor discussed whether the Village should open the composting toilets in light of the circumstances. Members of the Board expressed concern over ensuring that they are well-supplied for COVID safety and are set up for regular and thorough cleaning, ultimately agreeing they should be open with cleaning personnel and the Police responsible, respectively (as they have been previously), to unlock and lock them daily.

Public Comment

No public comment or questions were posed.

Adjourn

A *Motion* to adjourn was made by Trustee Sartori, seconded by Trustee Schultz, all (4) members present were in favor and it passed, effectively ending the meeting at 7:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Kilmer
Village Clerk

Approved: 11162020