

**Board of Trustees**  
**VILLAGE OF MILLERTON**  
**Workshop Meeting Minutes**  
**April 11, 2016**

The workshop meeting of the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7:03pm at the Village Hall, 21 Dutchess Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546 with Mayor Marty Markonic presiding. Trustees present: Christine Bates, David Sherman, Stephen Waite and Debra Middlebrook. Also present: Amber Jordan - Village Clerk-Treasurer, no members of the public in attendance. (Sign in sheet attached)

**2016-2017 Budget**

Motion made by Trustee Sherman to open the 2016 Proposed Village Budget @ 7:05pm, seconded by Trustee Bates, all five (5) board members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

There were no members of the public in attendance. The board discussed the budget briefly. Trustee Christine Bated read a statement

**Statement Asked to be Included in Minutes of Public  
Budget Hearing of the Village of Millerton, April 11, 2016**

For the third consecutive year in a row the Village Board has held down government expenses and, despite declining revenues, produced a budget for our next fiscal year that does not increase taxes on village property owners. Next year this will be impossible because of the known expenses to be incurred on delayed sidewalk construction, deferred maintenance and ever rising personnel expense.

Residents need to be involved in a public discussion of whether or not our village should continue to spend over \$100,000 yearly on a part time village police department – over 17% of our total expenditures this year. Voters should consider whether this money might be better spent reducing village taxes or improving our village infrastructure – sidewalk replacement, road repairs, basketball courts and playground at Eddie Collins Field, restoring our village hall, a new swimming pool, lighting. The cost of the village police versus the benefit to village residents should be thoughtfully and publically discussed before preparations begin for the village budget of 2017/2018.

Christine Bates, Village Trustee

Motion made by Trustee Bates to close the 2016 Budget Public Hearing @ 7:30pm, seconded by Trustee Middlebrook, all five (5) board members in attendance approved and motion was passed.  
Approved: 02212017

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Trustee Bates to adjourn the meeting @ 7:40pm, seconded by Trustee Sherman, all five (5) board members approved and motion was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Jordan  
Clerk - Treasurer