

Board of Trustees
VILLAGE OF MILLERTON
Regular Meeting
November 20, 2017

The regular meeting of the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Village Hall, 21 Dutchess Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546 with Mayor Debra Middlebrook presiding. Trustees present: Christine Bates, David Sherman, Jennifer Najdek and Stephen Waite. Also present: Clerk Stephany Eisermann, Highway / Water Operator Coleman Lawrence, Attorney Ian MacDonald, Officer In Charge David Rudin, Jenny Hansell (NECC) and Matt Hartzog (Sign in sheet attached).

Spring for Sound

Mayor Middlebrook inquired as to how many stages would be set up at Eddie Collins Memorial Park for the event. Jenny Hansell said that she believed there would be two stages at that location for the entirety of the event. Mayor Middlebrook brought up the following related to the event:

- Since there will no longer be double stages by Steed's Real Estate (there will be two at Eddie Collins) and it is an issue to break down and remove the stage on South Center Street when the music ends at 8:00 PM, perhaps a stage could be set up by the Gazebo and all of the vendors could be set up on South Center Street. With this set up, once the music ends at 8:00 PM, the vendors can pack up and move the vehicles. At that point, South Center Street can then be opened up to traffic. Jenny Hansell stated that they had reached out to the stage crew about breaking down the stage on South Center Street. She said that part of the issue is that the people that build and break down the stages are the same people that are operating the other stages so there is not enough manpower to get the South Center Street stage down. Jenny will reach out to the other coordinators with Mayor Middlebrook's idea.

- There were costs that were absorbed by the Village in the amount of approximately eight hundred (\$800.00) dollars relating to office administration and highway related duties relating to the event. Going forward, Spring for Sound must cover the expenses relating to the event (although it is expected to be less than this amount since most of the insurance items have already been established.

- People in the community have voiced concerns about music playing until midnight. The maximum support that Mayor Middlebrook will provide is 11:00 PM based on what she is hearing from the community.

The Committee and Spring For Sound Organizers will be having future meetings.

NE Fire District

Trustee Waite stated that he has researched this matter and cannot find any information as to how the rate of three hundred sixty (\$360.00) was calculated nor could he find any agreements for water charges between the Village of Millerton and the North East Fire District. Trustee Waite also stated that commercial rates are billed at one hundred thirty-five (\$135.00) per quarter. Mayor Middlebrook did reach out to a previous attorney, but did not receive any information.

Motion made by Trustee Waite to amend the water rate charged to the North East Fire District from three hundred sixty dollars (\$360.00) per quarter to one hundred thirty-five (\$135.00) per quarter for each building effective the water bill issued October 1, 2017 (covering the period it was brought to this Village Board's attention), seconded by Trustee Waite, all five (5) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

Attorney's Report

The board requested that Attorney MacDonald check with Dutchess County on the status of the building located on South Center Street. Attorney MacDonald said that he would reach out to the County – he did inform the board that Carol Vogel had been the one handling it and she had retired

Approved:

in October.

Reports from Department Heads

Highway / Water –Supervisor Cole Lawrence

Supervisor / Operator Lawrence explained that there is a dead maple tree outside the Panzer residence at 25 Park Street. The Village had the tree topped last year but it is a tremendous hazard at this point. Supervisor Lawrence reached out to quite a few companies and three (3) companies got back to him with quotes. The lowest quote was provided by Wood to Ashes and is in the amount of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00). Wood to Ashes would cut the tree down and the Highway Department would take care of the rest.

Motion made by Trustee Najdek to go with the lowest bid to remove the tree at 25 Park Avenue provided by Wood to Ashes in the amount of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00), seconded by Trustee Sherman, all five (5) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

Supervisor / Operator Lawrence stated that a new chlorometer is necessary for the water system.

Motion made by Trustee Waite to allow Supervisor / Operator Cole Lawrence to purchase a new cholometer within a reasonable amount not to exceed six hundred dollars (\$600.00), seconded by Trustee Sherman, all five (5) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

The board approved the purchase of the plate tamper at the last meeting but unfortunately the sale is now over; a new motion is necessary.

Motion made by Trustee Waite to allow Cole to purchase a plate tamper in the amount of nine hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$999.99) due to the fact that the sale is over, seconded by Trustee Bates, all five (5) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

Supervisor / Operator Lawrence explained that Treasurer Jordan informed him that the current water turn off / on fees does not cover the costs incurred by the Village and he may want to bring that to the board to discuss.

Motion made by Trustee Bates to change the water service call fee to fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) from twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) effective immediately, seconded by Trustee Najdek, all five (5) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

Trustee Waite mentioned that both he and Trustee Sherman of the Public Works Committee reviewed an itemized list that Cole prepared of items he recommends to be deemed surplus.

Motion made by Trustee Najdek to allow Supervisor / Operator Lawrence to get rid of the surplus items on the list provided, seconded by Trustee Waite, all five (5) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

Trustee Waite also brought up the fact that at this time, the 2007 John Deere (model # 1565) is out of commission. It either needs to be repaired or scrapped; 8000 hours on a machine like this is a lot of hours. The cost to repair the 2007 John Deere (model # 1565) could be anywhere from two thousand six hundred dollars (\$2,600.00) to four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00). Currently, there is nothing in working order to clear the sidewalks. Instead of fixing the old machine, Supervisor / Operator Lawrence suggests purchasing a new cab and blower for the 2016 John Deere (model #1025-R). In the spring when the board knows what the budget looks like, the board can consider drawing up a BAN to purchase a new tractor that the attachments from the old tractor will be able to fit.

Motion made by Trustee Najdek to allow Supervisor / Operator Lawrence to purchase a cab and blower for the John Deere machine in the amount of six thousand seven hundred dollars (\$6,700.00), seconded by Trustee Sherman, all five (5) members in attendance approved and

Approved:

motion was passed.

Police - Officer In Charge David Rudin

Within the month of October, there was a total of thirty-seven (37) incidents; twenty-three (23) within the Village and fourteen (14) within the Town. Of those, a total of three (3) arrests were made; two (2) within the Village and one (1) within the Town.

Vouchers

Motion made by Trustee Sherman to pay voucher #'s 2018186 – 2018240 with signatures from the majority of the board in the amounts of:

General Fund \$ 89,979.71

Water Fund \$ 30,912.13

Seconded by Trustee Najdek, all five (5) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

Minutes

Motion made by Trustee Sherman to accept the minutes for 11/06/2017 as presented, seconded by Trustee Bates, all five (5) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

Honorary VP to Dutchess County Historical Society

Motion made by Trustee Waite to nominate Edward Downey to be the honorary VP of the Dutchess County Historical Society representing the Village of Millerton, seconded by Trustee Sherman, all five (5) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

Committee Reports

Jennifer Najdek

No report.

Christine Bates

Trustee Bates emailed a draft of the Event Policy to the board for review.

David Sherman

No report.

Stephen Waite

Emailed Report. [SEE ATTACHED](#)

Mayor

Debra Middlebrook

NYS Paid Leave

Motion made by Trustee Bates for the Village of Millerton to opt in to the new York State Paid Leave option, seconded by Trustee Najdek, four (4) of the members in attendance approved and motion was passed. Trustee Sherman abstained.

Cupola

There seems to be some “visitors” in and out of the cupola at the Village Hall. Mayor Middlebrook will ask Supervisor / Operator Lawrence if someone in the department could take a look.

Executive Session

Motion made by Trustee Najdek to enter executive session for personnel at 8:59 PM, seconded by Trustee Bates, all five (5) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

Approved:

Motion made by Trustee Najdek to exit executive session at 9:31 PM, seconded by Trustee Bates, all five (5) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Waite to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 PM, seconded by Trustee Najdek, all five (5) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephany Eisermann
Clerk