

**Board of Trustees**  
**VILLAGE OF MILLERTON**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**January 25, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 at 7:02 PM at the Village Hall, 21 Dutchess Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546 with Mayor Martin Markonic presiding. Trustees present: Debbie Middlebrook, Christine Bates, and Stephen Waite. Also present: Stephany Eisermann - Village Clerk, Amber Jordan – Treasurer, Ian MacDonald – Attorney, Andrew Schultz – Police Officer (Sign in sheet attached).

**Reports from Department Heads**

Officer Andrew Schultz – Police Department

- There was a total of forty-two (42) incidents; thirty-one (31) in the Village and eleven (11) in the Town. A total of seven (7) arrests were made.

Building Inspector Ken McLaughlin – Building Department

- It has been several years since the Village Board has reviewed the Fee Schedule. Many municipalities have been evaluating their fees schedules. A proposed fee schedule will be put together and presented to the board at next month’s meeting.

**Attorney’s Report**

- Planning & Zoning Boards

Discussion commenced on the possibility of merging the two boards vs having two separate board with the same members or the possibility of reducing the number of the board from five (5) members to three (3). The board was in agreement that both the Planning and Zoning Boards would remain five (5) member boards.

- Property Annexation

A letter will need to be sent to the Town of Northeast requesting the annexation of the two properties.

**Chris Kennan**

Mr. Kennan brought up the fact that there is a lot of talk about one (1) trillion dollars becoming available relating to water and wastewater management. He expressed that if that money were to become available, it would be extremely beneficial to have a “shovel ready” project to receive infrastructure funds.

**Committee Reports**

**Debbie Middlebrook**

Trustee Middlebrook brought up that people are more frequently putting things at the edge of their yards when they do not want them anymore. But if no one picks up the unwanted item – it sometimes remains there for weeks. Trustee Middlebrook asked Zoning Enforcement Officer Nancy Brusie if there was a “rubbish” rule in the Village Code which ZEO Brusie stated there was not. We will address these issues by letter to property owner as they arise for the time being.

**Christine Bates**

- No Report

**David Sherman**

- Absent

### **Stephen Waite**

- Composting Toilets

Trustee Waite explained that a letter was received from the Dutchess County Department of Health requesting a number of different items. The Composting Toilet Committee is working with a professional to get the required documentation over to them as they want to see some professional stamps on the project. For this reason, the committee will be working with Engineer Ray Jurkowski on this. The Department of Health is also looking for more detailed information on the daily maintenance of the facility. It will cost money for the maintenance so the board will need to discuss and decide how the facility is to be maintained. Treasurer Amber Jordan will reach out to Ann Saylor and Audra Murray regarding all the documentation we are being asked to provide to the Dutchess County Department of Health.

- Baseball

Trustee Waite spoke with Eric Farnham regarding the baseball program. Mr. Farnham explained that baseball will have a new organizer this year – Amber Jordan will be taking over the program.

- Recreation Committee

Trustee Waite explained that when the committee was formed, it was done so with the understanding that it would be a trial for a year and it is coming up on that mark. The meetings have not been attended in the way that Trustee Waite had hoped they would. The Board will need to decide if, at this point, they would like to keep the committee going.

- Summer Program

Trustee Waite also mentioned that the board will need to discuss and decide what needs to happen with the summer recreation program.

### **Clerk's Report**

- Budget Workshop Meeting – January 31, 2017

*Motion* made by Trustee Waite to hold a Budget Workshop Meeting on January, 31, 2017 @ 6:30 PM, seconded by Trustee Middlebrook, all four (4) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

- Vouchers

*Motion* made by Trustee Bates to pay bills – Voucher #'s 20171263-2017301 with the exception of Voucher # 2017283 (Engineering Services), seconded by Trustee Middlebrook, all four (4) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

- Resolution 2017-01 Election Inspectors

## **RESOLUTION # 2017 - 01**

### **Appointment of Election Inspectors**

**Be it resolved**, that Lynda Chase and Dorothy Silvernale as election Inspectors” and Gail Schroeder be appointed “Alternate Inspector” for the Village Election to be held on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at a compensation of \$150.00 per day, and that Richard Howard be appointed “Voting Machine Custodian” at a compensation of \$150.00 for the day.

**Be it resolved**, that the polling place for 2017 Village Elections on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, will

be held at the Nutrition Site located at 21 Dutchess Avenue (on Simmons Street side of building), Millerton NY 12546, Dutchess County. The polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 9:00 p.m.

**That this Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution, as regularly adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millerton duly held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017, and further that such Resolution has been fully recorded in the 2016 Resolution Book in my office. In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.**

MOTION MADE BY: Trustee Middlebrook  
SECONDED BY: Trustee Waite

Roll Call:	Martin Markonic	<u>AYE</u>
	Debra Middlebrook	<u>AYE</u>
	Christine Bates	<u>AYE</u>
	David Sherman	<u>ABSENT</u>
	Stephen Waite	<u>AYE</u>

- Rail Trail Parking – Dutchess County Agreement

*Motion* made by Trustee Waite to allow Dutchess County to draft necessary documents to transfer ownership of property contingent on review by Village Legal counsel, seconded by Trustee Bates, all four (4) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

- NAMI Proclamation



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2016 AS  
“MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH“**

**WHEREAS**, mental health is essential to the wellbeing and the vitality of our families, businesses, and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation with 1 out of 4 Americans and 1 out of 5 children affected by mental illness.

**WHEREAS**, more people die from suicide in the United States than from traffic accidents and an estimated 22 veterans die from suicide each day.

**WHEREAS**, stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help; and

**WHEREAS**, with effective treatment those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

**WHEREAS**, education, compassion, and awareness about mental illness can change negative attitudes and behaviors toward people with mental illness.

**WHEREAS**, each business, school, government agency, law enforcement agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I Mayor Markonic** on behalf of **Village of Millerton** do hereby proclaim the month of May 2016, as **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**.

As the **Mayor**, I also call upon all **Village of Millerton** citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illnesses, reducing stigma, and discrimination, and promoting appropriate and accessible services for all individuals.

*Motion* to accept said Proclamation by Trustee Middlebrook, seconded by Trustee Waite, all four (4) board members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

*Motion* made by Trustee Waite to allow the mayor to sign “NAMI” Proclamation, seconded by Trustee Bates, all four (4) members in attendance approved and the motion was passed.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

- Treasurer’s Report presented to the board.

*Motion* made by Trustee Middlebrook to accept the Treasurer’s report, seconded by Trustee Bates, all four (4) members in attendance approved and the motion was passed.

- BAN – Bank of Millbrook

*Motion* made by Trustee Bates to accept the BAN with Bank of Millbrook for \$59,899.38 @ 1.5%, seconded by Trustee Waite, all four (4) members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

### **Executive Session**

*Motion* made by Trustee Bates to enter Executive Session for Personnel @ 9:58 PM, seconded by Trustee Waite, all four (4) members of the board approved and motion was passed.

*Motion* made by Trustee Bates to exit Executive Session for Personnel @ 10:10 PM, seconded by Trustee Waite, all four (4) members in attendance agreed and motion was passed.

### **Adjourn**

Motion was made to Trustee Middlebrook to adjourn the meeting @ 10:11 PM, seconded by Trustee Bates, all four (4) members in attendance approved and the motion was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephany Eisermann  
Clerk