

**Board of Trustees
VILLAGE OF MILLERTON
Workshop Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2015**

The workshop meeting of the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees was held on Monday, May 4, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Village Hall, 21 Dutchess Avenue, Millerton, NY 12546 with Mayor Marty Markonic presiding. Trustees present: Christine Bates, Debra Middlebrook, and David Sherman, and Stephen Waite. Also present: Jennifer Owens – Secretary for the Village, Zoning Board Chairman Delora Brooks, and members of the public, see list attached.

Hudson Valley Rail Ride

Beth and Bob from BB Cycling Events who put on the Harlem Valley Rail Ride: enquired about the status of the Village pool. Mayor Markonic explained that the pool would not be opening this season, due to the fact that the prior winter's frost heaves, along with ongoing issues with the pool being in disrepair due to age, made repairing it so that it would pass safety inspections cost prohibitive. Beth and Bob then consulted with the Village Board about details on the Rail Ride event, which will be held on July 26, particularly parking on the Eddie Collins park grounds. Plans were made to section off areas where no parking would be allowed in order to both prevent damage to the playing fields and ensure the safety of the event participants. Other parking areas off of Village property will be at Arnoff's, Flood's, the Elementary School and Associated Lightning Rod, and if there is indication of high turnout, BB Cycling will work with Rob Cooper to clear out the brush from the land between NAPA and Irving Farms.

The tent setup will be moved back a little towards the pavilion from where it was located last year. Because the pool will not be open, the BB Cycling people will look into suggesting that the event participants utilize Rudd Pond instead for swimming. Mayor Markonic thought that would help let the public know about what Rudd Pond has to offer.

Status of Getty Project Site Plan & Village Economic Development

Zoning Board chairman Delora Brooks asked about the status of the Getty Project Site plan application (proposed Dunkin Donuts/Mavis Tire). Trustee Middlebrook explained that the process of determining lead agency between the Village and the Town of Northeast could not move forward until the engineering company representing Getty Properties, Renna Designs, provided the Town and the Village an escrow, which to date they have not done for either.

Trustee Bates made the board aware that this Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00 pm there will be a meeting held by merchants association at the Old School House. This will be their first meeting in their revamping. Trustee Bates said it would be a good idea if someone from the Village Board went as well having a member of the merchants association attend regular Village Board meetings. Mayor Markonic and Trustee Sherman said they would attend the May 5th meeting.

EMS Update from Town

Trustee Middlebrook and possibly Mayor Markonic said they would attend the May 13th, 5:30 pm meeting on the EMS at the Town Hall.

Recreation Contracts with Town of Northeast and Town of Amenia

Trustee Waite brought up the meeting with Chris Rikard, manager of Taconic State Park- Rudd Pond Area, on May 14th, and Trustee Bates explained that the main topic of the meeting would

be discussing how Rudd Pond could accommodate both the Millerton and Amenia camps, with the Amenia camp utilizing it 2 days a week. Mayor Markonic suggested that the Village go into a recreation contract with Amenia, similar to the one the Village has with the Town of Northeast. It was reiterated by the Mayor that no changes were needed to be made to the recreation contract to be submitted to the Town of Northeast.

Police Contract with Town of Northeast

Mayor Markonic said that the police contract with the Town for 2015-2016 (6/1/15-5/31/16) had been worked out, particularly the fees paid by the Town for police court appearances. The police contract has to be renegotiated annually, so Trustee Middlebrook suggested that the police committee which includes her and Trustee Waite start preparing the police contract with the Town with Officer in Charge Rudin in July and August of 2015 because the 2016 Town budget is prepared in September. Trustee Bates suggested that we adjust our contract so that it is in cycle with the Town's fiscal year (calendar year). Mayor Markonic suggested rather that the Village Board come up with a presentation to give to the Town Board at that time showing hard numbers—how much it costs the Village to supply police coverage to the Town. Trustees Bates and Middlebrook agreed that was a good idea. Trustee Middlebrook suggested that any calls logged for extra hours when police are working special grant-funded projects should be excluded from the regular hours, because it would make coming to an agreement on the next contract easier. The amendment to the current contract (expiring 5/31/15) prepared by the Village Attorney Ian McDonald was addressed by the Village Board, and it was clarified that it needs to be signed by the Town and is retroactive to 1/1/15. The Town will also need to sign the same amendment, but one that will cover 6/1/15 through 5/31/16. Trustees Middlebrook and Mayor Markonic reiterated that the rate did not need to be renegotiated at this time, only that a contract for 2015-2016, including the amendment, needed to be signed.

Motion made by Trustee Bates to Pass Resolution # 2015-03, Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Police Contract with Town of North East, seconded by Trustee Sherman, all five (5) board members in attendance approved and motion was passed.
(Resolution attached)

Employee Health Insurance

The board discussed the 2015-2016 Employee Health Insurance. Trustees Middlebrook and Bates said that the board had previously agreed that the amount budgeted would be the same as it had been the prior year. They pointed out discrepancies on the summary of health insurance costs for the Village and the Village employees prepared by Village Clerk/Treasurer Jordan (being reviewed at this time). They noted that the amount budgeted last year, which they believed to be the same amount budgeted for this year, was \$1151.91 less than the costs listed on Clerk Jordan's summary for the total portion of the insurance that the Village would pay. Mayor Markonic recalled that the budgeted amount for 2015-2016 was in line with what was stated on Clerk Jordan's summary. He suggested that the matter be tabled until they next board meeting on May 18th when the budgeted amount and the cost to the Village could be confirmed.

Open Container Law

The topic of lifting the open container ordinance for Spring for Sound was discussed. The issue of boundaries was brought up, and Trustee Middlebrook clarified that there was no way to mark set boundaries for where open containers would be permitted; it would have to be lifted for entire village, or for example a specific location such as the park. Mayor Markonic stated that he discussed it with the police department, who had said that they would put up signs and direct people with open containers back into the area where the festival is being held. Trustee Waite

said his only concern was glass bottles, and Mayor Markonic stated that all drinks would have to be put into plastic cups. Trustees Middlebrook and Bates agreed that would be a good idea. Trustee Waite and Middlebrook emphasized that the safety of festival goers was most important and that the Village should make sure there is enough security to ensure that safety.

Sidewalks

Trustee Middlebrook asked about the status of Village engineer, Ray Jurkowski, working on the sidewalk project. She recalled that the board and the engineer had wanted the north side of Main St. done before Memorial Day, but that it was too late for that. Trustee Sherman recalled that in March the engineer was going to the DOT to get the needed permits and once that was done he would come back the board and begin the process of going out to contract. Trustee Middlebrook requested that the engineer come to the next board meeting.

Computers

Trustees Bates brought up that there are issues with the Village Hall computers which are 10 years old and still running on Windows XP which is not supported by Microsoft and making the computers run very slowly. Trustee Sherman said the board should come back with a proposal on upgrading the computers.

Water Meters

Trustees Sherman and Bates reported back about the meeting they had with Ti Sales. The representative from Ti Sales said the existing meters should have a long life, over 20 years, but there are indeed two different models in use around the Village that have different operating systems for how you can read them outside: some read out 4 digits, some read out 6 digits. The Ti Sales agent recommended that the Village do a physical inventory of the meters to see which models they are. Trustee Middlebrook questioned whether an inventory was cost effective, or rather there should be another way of billing other than reading meters. Trustee Bates emphasized that no matter what the billing should be fair. Mayor Markonic made the point that the Village should study and project how any changes to billing would affect the overall revenue of the water system before implementing any of those changes. Trustees Bates said that Ti Sales offered to send in a technician who would, at no cost to the Village, go over the water billing system in KVS to see if there are any ways the processing of water billing could be made more efficient.

Adjourn

Motion made by Trustee Bates to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm, seconded by Trustee Waite, all five (5) board members in attendance approved and motion was passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Owens
Village Secretary