

**Board of Trustees
VILLAGE OF MILLERTON
Special Workshop Meeting
May 24, 2022**

A special workshop meeting of the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees was held Monday, May 24th, 2022. It was called to order at 6:05 PM with Mayor Jenn Najdek presiding. Deputy Mayor Alicia Sartori, Trustees Matthew Hartzog and David Sherman, and Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Kilmer were present.

Clerk/Treasurer

Hometown Heroes

Clerk Kilmer announced Hometown Hero Banners will be going up soon on Main Street and Dutchess Avenue, according to the American Legion.

Budget Adjustments

Motion to pass budget adjustments as presented was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sartori, and all four (4) present members approved.

Presentation

Eddie Collins Memorial Park

Jeanne Vanecko requested Board support regarding the park revitalization committee's suggestion to add to Phase I handicapped accessible bleachers and an accessible pathway from the parking lot to the playing field. This addition will allow a conduit for little league field lights. If the concept is approved, the committee can obtain contractor plans and pricing. *Motion* to allow the committee to move forward with the concept design for new improvements for walkway handicap accessibility and handicap bleachers for the little league field was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Hartzog, and approved by all four (4) present members. *Motion* to approve Change Order #9 – wheel stops for parking lot expansion -- was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Sherman and all four (4) present members approved.

Mayor

Sidewalks

Mayor Najdek reported the Main Street sidewalk replacement project is currently on schedule for completion before the July 4th weekend.

Multi Modal Crosswalk Signs

The multi-modal crosswalk signs are also being formed.

Recreation

The Town agrees to the terms of the recreation contract along with certain attorney increases. *Motion* to sign the recreation contract was made by Deputy Mayor Sartori, seconded by Trustee Hartzog, and approved by all four (4) present members.

Wastewater Feasibility Study

Motion to submit the application for the Intended Use Plan completed by Tighe & Bond was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Sherman, and approved by all four (4) present members.

New Attorney

Mayor Najdek introduced Ms. Victoria Polidoro, of Rodenhausen, Chale and Polidoro, as the new Village Attorney (technically, the firm has been contracted). Ms. Polidoro, a partner in the firm, is a graduate of Pace University Law School and is well-versed in the prismatic nuances and demands of municipal and land use law.

Local Law B

This local law was introduced to abolish the Village of Millerton Police Department and replace policing services with contracted services. It is akin to Local law A with the exception that it provides for mandatory referendum vs. the permissive referendum that would be enacted with the otherwise passage of Local Law A. If a vote were to be called this evening, a quorum is present. However, the Board is absent a fifth member to break a potential tie. The Board thus agreed to consider the proposed law while tabling a vote to a future meeting. Discussion ensued among members of the Board regarding the need for more data and public information as well as additional time to determine costs and benefits of the proposed law. Mayor Najdek and Attorney Polidoro explained the process and timing requirements for the proposed law, public hearing, and voting. The Board will clarify information in the interim and synthesize it into a document outlining various considerations in determining the merits of the proposed law. These will ideally include hours, costs, shifts, benefits, coverage, reliability, and any other factors that will paint a clear picture of what is being proposed and how that compares with the current situation.

Public Comment

Members of the public commented on: the necessity for solid data from which to base decisions; police data gleaned during the height of COVID potentially misrepresenting a typical reference sample; the need for zoom access to Board meetings; the value of social media; potential catalysts for the police proposal; the role of the late-2021 fatal fire in introducing this proposal and perspectives thereof; the necessary presence of the Officer-in-Charge to respond to public comment and other points raised in Board meetings for further public understanding; the importance of police presence and community policing for the residents of the Village; and the challenging nature of this time period for law enforcement across the board.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:27 PM by Deputy Mayor Sartori. The motion was seconded by Trustee Sherman, and all four (4) present members approved, thus the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Kilmer
Village Clerk

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