

**Board of Trustees  
VILLAGE OF MILLERTON  
Regular Meeting  
September 27, 2021**

A workshop meeting of the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:04PM on Monday, September 27, 2021, with Mayor Jenn Najdek presiding. Deputy Mayor Alicia Sartori, Trustees Matthew Hartzog, David Sherman and Laurie Kerr, Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Kilmer, and Police Officer-in-Charge Michael Veeder were present (joining later). Jennifer Dowley and Jeanne Vanecko were present for the ECMP Committee. Other members of the public were also present. A sign-in sheet is attached.

**Presentation**

Eddie Collins Memorial Park Committee update. Jennifer Dowley updated the Board on fundraising and the successful beginning of an endowment for ongoing maintenance and repairs at the park. She reviewed overall financing for the phases of work and then Jeanne Vanecko discussed the need for change orders, the process for them and potential costs. *Motion* to allow Mayor to sign any change orders from Nicky Diggs Construction for the Eddie Collins Memorial Park Revitalization Project not to exceed \$60,000 was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Sherman, and approved by all five (5) present members.

**Department Reports**

***Police***

Officer-in-Charge Veeder reviewed the crime statistics from the current month and compared them with those from last year at the same time. General points of the car seat program were discussed, as was the stray emu in Millerton some residents had reported sighting and were attempting to return home.

***Highways and Water***

*Motion* to move forward on the purchase of the Kubota tractor that was researched and quoted not to exceed \$30,000 was made by Trustee Sartori, seconded by Trustee Kerr, and all five (5) present members approved.

**Vouchers**

*Motion* was made to accept and pay **Vouchers # 2020056-2020084**, allocated as follows: **General Fund - \$16,070.34; Water Fund - \$7,589.81; Capital Fund \$237.60; Total \$23,897.75**, was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sartori and all five (5) present members approved.

**Committee Reports**

Deputy Mayor Sartori updated the Board on CDBG and MIG grants. Trustee Hartzog reported the Police Committee is considering the most appropriate way to evaluate police policies. Trustee Sherman updated on Public Works having to do with catch-basin overflows and their causes and more.

**Clerk/Treasurer's Report**

The Clerk/Treasurer gave an update from the annual NYCOM conference. *Motion* to approve minutes of July 19, July 27, and August 2, 2021 was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Kerr, and all five (5) present members approved.

**Mayor's Report**

Mayor Najdek reported she received the CDBG 2021 contract for the library side of the sidewalk project along Main Street. *Motion* to allow the Mayor to sign the contract was made by Deputy Mayor Sartori, seconded by Trustee Hartzog, and approved by all five (5) present members. The Mayor called for more discussion on the cannabis question before a decision is made. Discussion ensued about opting into a marijuana dispensary and lounge allowance in the Village. The Mayor asked Board members to review

and consider this question and noted that the Board's decision is imminent. The Mayor informed the Board she received a letter from the Department of Health that the temporary water storage container will quickly be phased out and original tank will be back in operation as early as tomorrow. The engineer for the sidewalks is in the process of finalizing required forms for extension with DOT.

### **Public Comment**

Claire Goodman asked for Board thoughts on what she considers an eyesore to keep people from parking in front of Steed's building. The Board agreed it isn't attractive but that it is private property. Ms. Goodman asked if there wasn't some way to compromise to make it more appealing as there is an aesthetic issue with the existence of what he has implemented.

Cathy Fenn said she attended the last Planning Board meeting and the Chair was rude to her, the Planning Board needs training, and applicants should not be made to waste time and money and be discouraged from bringing benefit to the Village due to disorganization and lack of knowledge.

Jeanne Vanecko said the Village should be working with the property owner to make that anchor edifice more appealing and for it to be a welcoming business for those coming into the Village. The Mayor said she understands the increase in expense and time spent with delayed projects due to disorganization and other issues, so she can urge the Chairs to move more quickly, and as far as training goes, that can be looked into and provided if needed. She said perhaps obtaining an attorney proficient in land use matters would help. Ms. Fenn suggests Planning Board members attend classes or webinars, or begin by conferring with the zoning law to remind themselves of requirements of the code.

### **Executive Session**

*Motion* to enter executive session at 7:14 PM for personnel and pending legal issues was made by Deputy Mayor Sartori, seconded by Trustee Hartzog and all five (5) present members approved. *Motion* to exit executive session at 8:00 PM was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Hartzog and approved by all five (5) present members. The Clerk reminded the Board of a workshop meeting next Monday.

### **Adjourn**

*Motion* to adjourn at 8:01 PM was made by Deputy Mayor Sartori, seconded by Trustee Sherman and all five (5) present members approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Kilmer  
Village Treasurer/Clerk

Prepared By:

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Deputy Clerk (11/24/21)