

**Board of Trustees
VILLAGE OF MILLERTON
Regular Business Meeting
May 16, 2022**

A regular business meeting of the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees was held Monday, May 16th, 2022. It was called to order at 6:02 PM with Mayor Jenn Najdek presiding. Deputy Mayor Alicia Sartori, Trustees Matthew Hartzog, Laurie Kerr and David Sherman, and Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Kilmer were present.

Vouchers

Motion to pay **Vouchers # 2020408-2020430**, allocated as follows: General \$8,864.90; Water \$3,333.81; Total \$12,198.71 was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Kerr, and approved by all five (5) present members.

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of meetings of January 18th, February 7th and 22nd, March 7th, 21st and 29th, and April 4th and 18th of 2022 was made by Deputy Mayor Sartori, seconded by Trustee Sherman, and approved by all five (5) present members.

Clerk/Treasurer's Report

Clerk/Treasurer Kilmer addressed the following subjects: water bill relevies, NYCLASS, Mr. Carol's request to use a lift on the sidewalk to paint 50 Main Street in relation to sidewalk safety -- especially during the sidewalk refurbishment project, impending budget adjustments for each department, and the need to restrain spending through the completion of this fiscal year, barring any unforeseen emergencies.

Old Business – Police Department, Special Meeting, Wastewater SEQR Upcoming

Mayor Najdek addressed the proposed local law to abolish the Millerton Police Department – specifically any issues of consideration that may have arisen since the May 10th special workshop meeting regarding budget, schedules, patrol area, general costs, liability, management, and public review time. Attention was brought to the need for a briefing document offering an executive summary and an overview of facts presented clearly for public review and understanding. The Board then discussed potentially redrafting the local law or introducing another to bring the proposal to special referendum.

Motion to hold a special meeting on the proposed local law and related issues on May 24th at 6:00 PM was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Hartzog, and approved by all five (5) present members. The next (mandated) step in the wastewater project – the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) – will also be raised at the May 24th workshop.

New Business – Police Week, ECMP Sign, Employment Manuals, Town Support Letter

Mayor Najdek announced that May 15th through 21st is National Police Week and, on behalf of the Village Board, she expressed gratitude to the Village of Millerton's police officers for all their work and hardships they have endured to keep the community safe and secure. Deliberation of the proposed Eddie Collins Memorial Park sign followed, with Board members offering opinions of various versions of the future sign that will greet park patrons. The mayor told the Board the labor consultant has advised that there should be an employment practices and compliance manual and a compensation and benefits manual for all Village employees.

Motion to sign professional services agreement with municipal consultant Michael Richardson to proceed with human resources consulting services at a cost of up to \$1500 and then request a progress report if more time and cost are needed was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sartori, and approved by all five (5) present members.

Approved:

The Town of North East has asked the Village Board to provide a letter of support for its application to the Long Island Sound Futures Fund for a feasibility study for green infrastructure practices and adaptive reuse of the former Town Highway garage site at 11 Center Street in the Village.

Motion to sign letter was made by Trustee Kerr, seconded by Trustee Sherman, and approved by all five (5) present members.

Announcements – Rail Trail Structure and Sidewalk Update

The mayor made two announcements for the Board's information: 1) the building that is currently owned by the county on South Center Street and is home to Rail Trail parking, is coming down and it is a Dutchess County project that entails metal scrapping and clearing interior contents; and 2) the sidewalk project is progressing without issue.

Public Comment

A comment was made that if the police issue goes to public vote, the public should have the facts to review first. A question arose whether anyone on the Board asked the Town if they will continue to share the police contract with the Village. Trustee Hartzog replied that -- until action is taken -- what anyone on the Town Board says will happen is not a definite reality. Another member of the public commented – and another agreed – that evaluating the police proposal seems unnecessarily rushed, which may not prove favorable for the Village. Election laws were also discussed and addressed in overview terms by the Clerk and confirmed by Trustees – the Board would have at least 10 days and no more than 60 days after adopting a resolution to put the proposed law on referendum ballot to hold that election. Officer-in-Charge Veeder asked a question about Millerton Police Department liability having to do with Town involvement or continuation with the contract. A question then arose regarding liability and taxes. Another question was posed about the park name change.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:25 PM by Deputy Mayor Sartori. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hartzog, and all five (5) present members approved, thus the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Kilmer
Village Treasurer/Clerk

Prepared By:

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Deputy Clerk

Approved: