

Board of Trustees
VILLAGE OF MILLERTON
Workshop Meeting
March 7, 2022

A workshop meeting of the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees was held Monday, March 7, 2022. It was called to order at 6:00 PM with Mayor Jenn Najdek presiding. Deputy Mayor Alicia Sartori and Trustees Matthew Hartzog, Laurie Kerr and David Sherman, Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Kilmer, Police Officer-in-Charge Michael Veeder, and Highway Supervisor Coleman Lawrence were present. Nuno Ramos and Erin Moore of Tighe & Bond were also in attendance to present to the Board. A sign-in sheet is attached.

Vouchers

Motion to pay **Vouchers # 2020299-2020308**, allocated as follows: **General Fund \$7,971.26; Water Fund \$4,199.51; Capital Fund \$46,851.11; Total \$59,021.88**, was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sartori, and approved by all five (5) present members.

Presentations

Composting Proposal

Nuno Ramos explained how a composting pilot program could work, stating that hosts throughout the Village would set up their own composting sites and others would be invited to deposit compost there. He said there are incentives for this effort, and it is equally important and positive to compost at this time. Trustee Kerr pointed out that in recent tests old landfills exhibited higher emissions than those of the overall Town. The proposed program at the Village level would serve as a test program that could be expanded to the Town after best practices are learned and/or become evident. The Board will examine the proposal for future deliberation.

Wastewater Proposal – Goal: Finalizing the Service Area

Erin Moore of engineering firm Tighe & Bond reviewed results of the wastewater committee’s canvassing and encouraged urgency in the Board deciding upon a service area. Mayor Najdek reminded the Board that the initial intent of this effort was to resolve issues expressly brought forward by the Village’s business district, even while, as Ms. Moore indicated, the challenges should not be resolved in a vacuum. Trustee Kerr said the Board needs to look ahead to affordable housing entities that may need to be served by this system and would be smart to cover more ground with the service area, to have more options in the future. Ms. Moore reminded the Board that deciding upon the service area will allow the update of the preliminary engineering report, which qualifies the Village for greater funding opportunities. Mayor Najdek stated the Board’s intention to decide this next meeting.

Highway and Water Department

Highway Supervisor Lawrence introduced Mr. Hurley from Indus, who explained what his company does regarding road improvement. The Park Avenue tree, the need for work near West Street, and surplus of equipment item #8 were discussed. *Motion* to surplus the 2007 John Deere tractor (#8) after the new one has arrived was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Sherman, and approved by all five (5) present members. Two sets of broom bristles that carry a retail price of approximately \$700 could be sold to the Town of Pine Plains at a courteous municipal discount. *Motion* to surplus #6 broom wafers to the Town of Pine Plains in the amount of \$350 was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Kerr, and approved by all five (5) present members.

Police Department

Officer in Charge Veeder left to respond to a call that required his presence in person.

Clerk/Treasurer’s Report

Motion to set the tentative budget public hearing for April 4, 2022 was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by

Approved:

Deputy Mayor Sartori, and approved by all five (5) present members. Treasurer Kilmer called for final questions regarding the tentative budget. She said she will offer budget adjustments at the next regular meeting. *Motion* to set the public hearing for Local Law 1 to March 21, 2022 at 6:00 PM was made by Trustee Kerr, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sartori, and approved by all five (5) present members. **Resolution 2022-03**, carrying **Local Law 1**, authorizing a property tax levy greater than the limit established in *General Municipal Law, Section 3C* was introduced. *Motion* to accept the Resolution, submitting it for public comment, was made by Deputy Mayor Sartori, seconded by Trustee Kerr, and approved by four (4) of five (5) present members.

Committee Reports

Trustees Hartzog and Sherman of the Public Works Committee reported they met with Highway Superintendent Lawrence and discussed waivers, surplus and various subjects. Mayor Najdek reported that the Village will meet with the Town soon to see where Recreation stands, offering that it may behoove the Village to join the Town of Amenia in offering Recreation this summer while park construction is still underway.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Najdek announced Eliot Ramos has resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals effective April 1. *Motion* to accept Eliot Ramos' resignation from the ZBA and express gratitude for her service to the community was made by Deputy Mayor Sartori, seconded by Trustee Kerr, and all five (5) present members approved. Mayor Najdek also stated that the Village still awaits approval for the anticipated land use grant from Dutchess County Planning and Pace University. *Motion* to sign a new contract with ConTech Construction for \$375,927.72 – a 1.5 percent increase for material costs, representing a total increase of \$5,232.72 -- was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sartori, and approved by all five (5) present members.

Executive Session

Motion to enter executive session for pending litigation pertaining to police department matters as well as contract negotiation for specialty services was made at 7:56 PM by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Hartzog, and approved by all five (5) present members. *Motion* to exit executive session was made at 8:44 PM by Deputy Mayor Sartori, seconded by Trustee Hartzog and approved by all five (5) present members.

Motion to accept per diem counsel from Rodenhausen Chale and Polidoro at the rate of \$220/hour was made by Deputy Mayor Sartori, seconded by Trustee Hartzog, and all five (5) present members approved.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:46 PM by Deputy Mayor Sartori, seconded by Trustee Hartzog and approved by all five (5) present members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Prepared By:

Kelly Kilmer
Village Treasurer/Clerk

Suzanne Bressler (4/4/22)
Deputy Clerk

Approved: