

Board of Trustees
VILLAGE OF MILLERTON
Regular Business Meeting
July 19, 2021

A regular business meeting of the Village of Millerton Board of Trustees was called to order on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:00 PM, with Mayor Jenn Najdek presiding. Trustees Matthew Hartzog, David Sherman and Laurie Kerr, Clerk/Treasurer Kelly Kilmer, Deputy Clerk Suzanne Bressler, Millerton Fire Department Chief Jason Watson, Millerton Police Department Officer-in-Charge Mike Veeder, Highway Supervisor Coleman Lawrence and Millerton Business Alliance Chair Thorunn Kristjansdottir were present. Deputy Mayor Alicia Sartori was absent. Members of the public also attended. A sign-in sheet is attached.

Presentations

Millerton Fire Department Chief Jason Watson announced an event to highlight the new building and new truck Sunday, September 12, 2021 from 11 AM to 4 PM and asked the Board for its input. He explained that Century Boulevard from North Maple to Dutchess Avenues would be closed from 10AM to 5PM that day and that the Mayor and County Legislator are among anticipated attendees. He also asked for better communication regarding water tank and temporary water storage capacity and capability as well as hydrant updates from the Water Department during the implementation of planned water system improvements. Without it, he said, he cannot strategize to get what the Village will need in the event of any emergency. The Mayor asked Supervisor Lawrence and Mr. Watson to meet to be on the same page moving forward.

Millerton Business Alliance Chair Thorunn Kristjansdottir requested permission for the group to host a food festival September 18th with three food trucks and a farmers' market. She outlined details of the group's plan for the day and answered Trustees' questions as they considered what may be needed to ensure public safety, continual Village operation without undue disruption and liability issues. The Mayor requested a sketch of planned operations for the Village Board to review and approve before the event, and that Fish Street not be advertised as an entry-exit and parking point in promoting the event, to allow for Fire Department maximum emergency access outside of crowded areas. *Motion* to tentatively allow the Millerton Business Alliance to host a food festival on September 18th -- provided requested plans and other event documentation are filed with the Board for approval by August 2nd -- was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Sherman and approved by all four (4) present members.

Department Reports

Police

Officer-in-Charge Veeder reported on incident statistics for the previous month. He also stated that since the Department's server has been down, the department bought a used replacement server on State bid at a cost of \$1,576.82 to continue operations efficiently.

Highways and Water

Supervisor Lawrence reported on Highway Department equipment needs and discussed the potential for the Village and the Town to work together on certain reported problems when they arise. The Mayor raised issues the Supervisor and the Board would need to address, among them the response time for reported leaks (namely a meter leak at the former McDonald's on Route 44, then tasked to Trustee

Approved:

Sherman and Supervisor Coleman jointly, and an ongoing pipe leak at the old Elementary School), which as a whole she termed the Village's next priority. *Motion* to add 74 Rudd Pond Road to the water district was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Kerr and all four (4) present members approved. *Motion* to allow the Mayor to sign a change order issued by Utility Services Company, the entity contracted to paint the water tower, was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Kerr and approved by all four (4) present members.

Buildings/Planning/Zoning

Clerk Kilmer reported on happenings within these departments. She announced a public hearing is scheduled on two variance applications Wednesday, July 21st.

Vouchers

Motion to pay **Vouchers #2019965-2019997**, allocated as follows: **General \$7,903.41; Water \$4,991.43; and Capital \$4,782.00, Totaling \$17,676.84**, was made by Trustee Sherman, seconded by Trustee Hartzog and all four (4) present members approved.

Committee Reports

The Mayor outlined how she recommends Board members go about their committee work and reporting. No reports were submitted this meeting. Discussion ensued around technology and committees that assist the Village and inform the Board having access to the website to update their information and announcements, which ultimately must be done through the Clerk. The responsibilities of a potential Wastewater Committee will be discussed at the next workshop meeting on August 2 when Village-contracted engineers will make a presentation to the Board. The Treasurer distributed the most recently enacted Village Budget to the Board.

Clerk's Report

Clerk Kilmer distributed the official NYCOM informational manual to new trustees. Also, an insurance renewal document was distributed for consideration as the Board will be expected to act on it August 2nd.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Kilmer reported positively on the AUD Report status and its impending deadline, stating she would be slightly less available in the next couple of weeks due to ensuring the report makes its deadline.

Mayor's Report

Reminder: August 2, 2021, is the next workshop meeting with Tighe & Bond engineers. The Mayor requested that the September 6th meeting be changed to September 13th and indicated September 27th would be the month's regular business meeting. Upcoming is also a discussion on whether the Village will opt out of the marijuana dispensary and lounge allowances recent enactments have enabled, or if it will take no action and therefore be automatically expected to support them. A special, brief meeting was announced for July 27 regarding certain grant applications the Village will be submitting forthwith. The Mayor then announced appointments to the Zoning and Planning Boards: to Planning Board, Carol Gribble 7/2021-7/2026; to ZBA, Eliot Ramos to the vacated seat 7/2021-7/2025; to ZBA, Lisa Erdner 7/2021-7/2026; as alternate, John Eboli to ZBA. *Motion* to appoint two members to ZBA and one to PBA, made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Kerr and approved by all four (4) present members.

Public Comment

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Sven Lindbaek of Svendale Brewing, 2 Main Street, says he is working with the PBA on a site plan for a proposed project of his, and now hears a performance bond is necessary. He has investigated it and doesn't understand if he really needs that. Mayor Najdek suggested the PBA recommendation will inform the Board. Another person asked whether all meetings are open to the public. The Clerk explained that generally they are all open to the public and are also posted in various media and locations in advance as required.

Motion to enter Executive Session regarding litigation and new employee hires was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Sherman at 7:54 PM, and all four (4) present members approved. *Motion* to exit Executive Session at 8:35 PM was made by Trustee Hartzog, seconded by Trustee Sherman and approved by all four (4) present members.

Adjourn

A *motion* to adjourn was made by Trustee Hartzog at 8:36 PM, seconded by Trustee Sherman, and all four (4) members present agreed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Prepared By:

Kelly Kilmer
Village Treasurer/Clerk

Suzanne Bressler
Deputy Clerk (8/2/21)

Approved: