

**Village of Millport
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024**

Meeting brought to order @ 7:00 pm. by Mayor Damon

Pledge of Allegiance & A Moment of Silence

Present: Auld, Grow, Damon, Yontz, Kraus

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Session One) None

Communications:

- Normal magazines and flyers

Minutes & Bank Statements: Trustee Auld moved, seconded by Trustee Grow to dispense with reading & accept both as submitted in writing. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

Superintendent of Streets:

- Sluiceway by Benway and Sieberkrob has trees growing in them that need to be removed to prevent future flooding. DOT was contacted by the Clerk and they were going to get right on it. Yontz reported that Justin Kraus took care of the one next to Sieberkrobs.

Water Technician Report:

- A letter from NYS Environmental Facilities Corp. informing us the Village that we have been awarded a NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Grant in the amount of \$934,427 for upgrades to our water system. A resolution is needed authorizing the Mayor to acknowledge and accept the WIIA Grant Award.
A *motion* was made by Grow and seconded by Auld for the Mayor to acknowledge and accept the WIIA Grant Award. **Vote:Ayes:** Auld, Grow, Damon, Yontz, Kraus Vote carried.
- Report on the FEMA Generator Project – the Attorney has approved an RFP (Request for Proposal) to be sent to the Star-Gazette for interested Engineering Firms to respond. Quarterly reports on the Villages progress are required. The first one is due Jan.15. A resolution is requested to authorize the Mayor to sign all quarterly reports for this project.
A *motion* was made by Auld and seconded by Grow to allow the Mayor to sign all quarterly reports for this project. **Vote:** Ayes: Kraus, Yontz, Damon, Grow, Auld Vote carried.

Fire Council: Fire Chiefs Report – Received.

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- The Fire Dept. is requesting from the Village Board to reconsider allowing immediate family members to be allowed to ride to parades and like events in the fire trucks. If this is allowed, there will be a policy in place that all riders will be seat belted when the vehicle is in motion and there will only be the maximum people in the truck for the seat belts available. The Fire Dept. will also be willing to have people or parents to sign a waiver to release liability as well if that is required.
The Village Board is in agreement with what the Fire Dept. is requesting and the Mayor stated he would like the Fire Chief to contact the Insurance Co. to get a rider or waiver on it.

Code Enforcement: Report received. The property on stilts at the south end of Millport is an issue as it has become unstable. Code Enforcement wanted to know if the Village would be willing to pay for the demolition of the property if the land owner won't. The monies would be recouped as the demolition bill would be put on the land owners taxes. Trustee Grow spoke up and stated a stranger stopped and was asking questions about that property and would like to purchase it and gave Trustee Grow his contact information. Trustee Grow will contact him.

Planning Board: Report on survey findings. No one from the committee attended to report.

Recreation & Youth Activities: The Youth Christmas Party held on December 16, 2023 was a success. A discussion was held on parties held for Village Youth to also include the Fire Dept. volunteers children. The Board was in agreement with this.

It was also mentioned that the Family Days Committee received a grant of \$1,500.00 from the Chem. Co. Legislator.

Old Business:

- Update on lights on the Village Hall. No update.

New Business:

- Village Board to authorize the Mayor to sign the NYS Master Contract for the Generator FEMA Grant. A motion was made by Auld and seconded by Grow to have the Mayor sign the NYS Master Contract for the Generator FEMA Grant. A vote was taken, all Ayes.
- The Arc of Chemung-Schuyler is asking for a donation of \$35.00.
A motion was made by Damon and seconded by Kraus to donate \$35.00 to the Arc of Chemung-Schuyler. Vote: All Ayes.
- Need to look into getting a more secure mailbox and a camera security system like the one they have at the Fire Station.
- Chemung Co. Municipal Roadway Improvement Grant – The Village has applied for funding to resurface State and Mill St. and the entrance to Maiden Lane. Approximate amount of grant is \$5,000.00. No response as of yet.
- Snow Removal- the Mayor asked the clerk to send a letter to the neighbor that keeps parking on municipal property as their vehicle is a hazard during snow removal.
- Resolution to identify the polling place and hours polls will be open.
A motion was made by Kraus and seconded by Yontz to adopt the following resolution,
WHEREAS, the Village of Millport has scheduled the annual Election for the Village of Millport;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Election for the year 2024 shall be held on March 19, 2024 at the Village Hall at 4246 Main St. Millport, NY. Said hours of election will be from 12:00 noon until 9:00 pm. VOTE: All Ayes.
- Mayor Damon wanted to address an issue that some folks are having with not having all their trash bags picked up. Trash pick up allowance is 4 bags no more than 25 lbs. each. If anyone is having an issue with our trash pick-up they should contact the Village Clerk's office.

Tabled Items: Grill purchase for the Pavilion in 2024
Concrete Floor @ Whitney's Garage
Water Fountain @ Playground

Bills:

- Resolution for paying bills.
A motion was made by Mr. Kraus and seconded by Mr. Auld to adopt the following resolution:
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees requests to pay the prepared list of bills
Totaling: \$10,438.51.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the payment
In the amount of \$6649.47 from the General Fund
\$922.09 from the Water Fund, and
\$2866.95 for wages from the Trust & Agency Fund.

VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

Village Sickness & Death: Charlie Sieberkrob recently discharged from hosp., J. MacDougall had eye surgery.

Public Comments:

Next meeting scheduled for February 5, 2024 @ 7 pm.

AJOURNED: A motion was made by Mr. Auld and seconded by Grow to adjourn the meeting @ 7:55 p.m. **Vote:** Ayes: All Ayes. Vote carried.

Respectfully submitted by:
Lillian West - Village Clerk/Treasurer