

Village of Millport
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
April 7, 2025

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

Pledge of Allegiance & A Moment of Silence

ELECTED OFFICIALS – Charles Kraus and George Grow took their Oath of Office for fiscal years 2025-2027.

Present: Mayor Damon, Trustees Auld, Grow, Trimber and Kraus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Damon moved, seconded by Trustee Grow to move into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel issue. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried. Trustee Auld moved, seconded by Trustee Trimber to come out of Executive Session. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Session One)

Kenneth Bellinger, 5562 Maiden Lane requested a meeting with the Village Board off the record at the end of the meeting to discuss a personal issue.

Bill Gruver, 4896 Hillview Road stated that the Department of Environmental Conservation has requested that the property at 2013 Crescent Street (now owned by the Fire Department) be cleaned up now that the building has been taken down. The Fire Department has hired an individual to come and push the area back.

Dianne McDonald, 2055 Church Street asked whether the Village would be holding “Dumpster Days” again this year. Normally this takes place in May.

Communications:

- The Village received a thank you letter from The ARC of Chemung-Schuyler for the recent gift of \$50.
- Mayor Damon reminded residents that there is a burn ban currently in effect in Chemung County until May 15, 2025.
- Mayor Damon requested that if residents have any issues with services provided by the Village (i.e. Water, Streets) to please contact him directly and not just complain on FaceBook.

Minutes & Bank Statements: Trustee Auld moved, seconded by Trustee Trimber to dispense with reading & accept the minutes and the bank statements as submitted. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

Superintendent of Streets:

- Regarding the ice problem on Maple Street that occurs each winter, Mayor Damon stated that board members have spoken to a representative at the Chemung County Soil & Water Conservation District who is looking into the possibility of getting funding from the Finger Lakes Water Shed to fix the drainage problem at the street level. There has been no response yet. Once the problem is fixed, the Village will need to repave the street. The Village has funding from the DOT (CHIPS) to cover this cost.
- Trustee Grow reported that the street light on State & Maple Streets has been replaced. He also stated that the street sign for Highland Avenue is missing.

Water Technician Report:

- Mike Coats reported that he has taken care of the residents whose water was scheduled to be shut off. Two of the properties on the list have curb stops that are unable to be located. Mayor

Damon stated that he will speak to Harley Conley, Hunt Engineers about hiring someone to come in and located any and all curb stops that the Village cannot find.

Fire Council:

- Chief's report and CHO report received.

Code Enforcement: Report received.

- Mayor Damon stated that a resident on Highland Avenue contacted him about people being at the abandoned house on that street. The New York State Troopers and Code Enforcement Officer Ken Ripley went to the house but no one was there. The property will continue to be monitored and once the trespassers are found, tickets will be issued.

Planning Board:

- Chair Mary Hartsock stated the board is still working on the Comprehensive Plan. They are also recreating the pamphlet to give to new residents "Welcome to Millport".

Recreation & Youth Activities:

- The Easter party is scheduled for April 19. Trustee Auld moved, seconded by Trustee Grow to give permission for the Clerk to issue a check to Megan Auld for party expenses at an amount not to exceed the balance in the party budget. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

Old Business:

- Regarding the fencing at the basketball court on the playground, Trustee Grow stated that he will contact the Town Highway Superintendent to see if they can assist with removal of some of the trees in the area. The Village needs to be sure the Court is in a safe condition for use. Mayor Damon stated that he will get quotes from local contractors on what it will cost to replace the fencing.

New Business:

- Mayor Damon listed his appointments for the 2025-2026 fiscal year which included the Official Bank, Official Newspaper and the regularly scheduled Monthly meetings. Trustee Auld moved, seconded by Trustee Kraus to approve the list of appointments as submitted to the board in writing. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried. A copy of the appointments will be kept with the original of these minutes.
- RESOLUTION to adopt 2025-2026 Assessment Roll.
WHEREAS, THE Village Board on the 3rd day of March presented a tentative Assessment Roll to the Village Clerk, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Assessment Roll as presented to the Clerk be duly adopted, verified and filed with the Village clerk; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is directed to advertise within 10 days the filing of said assessment roll. A motion made by Trustee Grow, seconded by Trustee Auld to adopt the resolution concerning the assessment roll. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.
- RESOLUTION Tax Cap Override- A motion was made by Mayor Damon and seconded by Trustee Auld to adopt the following;
WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget for the Village of Millport will require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and **WHEREAS**, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the Village Board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Millport voted and approved to exceed the tax levy limit for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

Village Accident, Sickness, Death: Lillian West is not doing well, J. Manwaring in Buffalo to determine his next step.

Bills:

- Resolution for paying bills.

A motion was made by Trustee Kraus and seconded by Trustee Trimber to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees requests to pay the prepared list of bills

Totaling: \$16,384.46

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes the payment

In the amount of \$10,188.02 from the General Fund

\$3,162.81 from the Water Fund, and

\$3,033.63 from the Trust & Agency Fund.

VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

Public Comments: (Session Two) None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Trustee Kraus moved, seconded by Trustee Auld to move into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel issue with a Fire Department member. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried. Mayor Damon moved, seconded by Kraus to come out of Executive Session. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes. Vote carried.

AJOURNED: A motion was made by Trustee Auld and seconded by Trustee Trimber to adjourn the meeting @ 9:07p.m. **Vote:** Ayes: All Ayes. Vote carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Joan Santulli

Deputy Village Clerk/Treasurer