

**Village of Millport  
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes  
May 4, 2026**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance & A Moment of Silence**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Session One)**

**VILLAGE ACCIDENT, SICKNESS, DEATH:** Priscilla McGrain Has passed away. Also, David Orr has been airlifted to Rochester.

**Communications:**

- Normal magazines & flyers

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

**Superintendent of Streets:** Mayor Damon stated he will get a quote on street signs that need to be replaced in the Village.

**Water Report:** Mayor Damon stated that the building at the pump house location looks good, it has all new doors and locks.

Mike Coats stated that he and Dean Wenzel will be exercising the fire hydrants in the near future. He was asked to get a date for this so that the Village can let the public know about it.

**Fire Council:** Chief report received  
CHO report received

The newly elected Line Officers and Directors need to be approved by the Village Board.

Mayor Damon moved, seconded by Trustee Grow to approve the following Chiefs: Fire Chief John May, 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Chief Gary Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief Ken Bellinger and 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Chief Jim Knuppenburg. VOTE: *Ayes:* All ayes. Vote carried.

Mayor Damon moved, seconded by Trustee Grow to approve the following Directors: Randy Gordon, Mary Hartsock and William Witkowski. VOTE: *Ayes:* All ayes. Vote carried.  
All officers and directors then took their Oaths of Office.

Mayor Damon thanked the Fire Department for the 2026 Annual Banquet which celebrated 100 years of service to the Village & Town residents. It was nice to see State Officials attending and their commendations were appreciated. He also thanked Company President Ken Bellinger for recognizing the Village Board at the banquet.

**Code Enforcement:** Report received. The abandoned car at 2005 Crescent Street has been removed to Sundown Road behind the Fire Station. The Village Attorney is being contacted to determine if the Fire Department can use the vehicle for training purposes.

Other items during the month: Lattimer's Garage has been cleaned up; Mr. Wrenn, 4288 Main Street has been given a timeline for removal of his shed, the unsafe building owned by Riverview Park at 4426 Main Street has been notified of its need to remove it; and Ms. Evans, 4242 Main Street has been notified to remove rubbish at her residence.

Regarding the concrete basement walls located at 4177 Main Street (the house was removed in February), Mayor Damon said he will speak to Code Enforcement about the possibility of leveling it out.

**Planning Board:** Nothing to report.

**Recreation & Youth Activities:** The Village's clean up day is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Volunteers are needed. Mayor Damon stated that any garbage collected can be put in the dumpsters that will be on location that weekend across from the Fire Station.

To raise funds for this year's Fireworks, Family Days are selling t-shirts for \$15 each. They are looking into having a tie-dye party for those interested.

**Old Business:** Mayor Damon stated that he has contacted two companies for quotes on fencing around the basketball court. He has not yet received a response from either of them.

**New Business:**

Mayor Damon read the Salary Schedule for 2026-2027 fiscal year. A motion was made by Trustee Kraus and seconded by Trustee Trimber to accept the Salary Schedule for the year 2026/2027. VOTE: *Ayes:* All ayes. Vote carried. A copy of the schedule will be placed with the original of these minutes.

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

***WHEREAS***, this Board of Trustees has met at the time and place specified in the notice of Public Hearing on the tentative budgets by fund and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon;

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the tentative budgets by fund as amended and revised and as hereinafter set forth, are hereby adopted and that the several amounts stated in the column entitled "Final Budget-Adopted" in the Appropriation's portions of each fund's budget be, and they hereby are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, and the salaries and wages stated in the Salary Schedule of such budgets shall be, and are hereby fixed, at the amounts shown therein effective June 1, 2026. Total Appropriations=\$406,458. Estimated Revenues=\$262,419. Fund Balance=\$72,900. Tax Levy=\$71,139 and Tax Rate=\$6.81/M.

VOTE: *Ayes:* All ayes. Vote carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Auld and seconded by Trustee Grow to adopt the following resolution to levy the total taxes and other charges extended and levied against each parcel of real property shown on the roll prepared and verified by the Assessors for the 2026/2027 fiscal year.

***RESOLVED***, that there be levied and assessed against the real property of the Village of Millport the following sums for the Village Government and other charges for the fiscal year 2026/2027 a tax rate of \$6.81 per thousand of assessed taxation.

VOTE: *Ayes:* All ayes. Vote carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Kraus and seconded by Trustee Auld directing the Village Clerk to levy and collect the taxes in accordance with the Tax Levy Resolution just passed.

VOTE: *Ayes:* All ayes. Vote carried.

End of Year Transfers:

A motion was made by Mayor Damon, seconded by Trustee Auld to Transfer \$6,196.86 from the General Fund to Water Fund for Credit Card payments of Water Bills collected in the General Fund from December 2025 – April 2026. VOTE: *Ayes:* All ayes. Vote carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Damon, seconded by Trustee Grow to transfer \$16,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve – Fire account. This amount represents the balance in the 2025/26

budget which was designated for the Fire Department but was not expended during the year.

VOTE: *Ayes:* All ayes. Vote carried.

Mayor Damon stated that the Village's annual Dumpster Days is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The dumpsters will be located on the property across from the Fire Station.

**BILLS:** General Fund: \$9,121.32

Water Fund: \$124,163.94 + Matco -\$781.38 = \$124,945.32

Trust & Agency: \$4,388.75

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

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees requests to pay the prepared list of bills totaling \$138,455.39.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Board authorizes the payment in the amount of

\$9,121.32 from the General Fund

\$124,945.32 from the Water Fund and

\$4,388.75 from the Trust & Agency Fund

VOTE: *Ayes:* Auld, Grow, Trimber, Kraus, Damon. Vote carried.

**Public Comments:** (Session Two)

Ken Bellinger, 5562 Maiden Lane stated that the Fire Department will be installing fencing at the property where the dumpsters will be delivered. The gate will be open for access. He also requested that any contract with the Southern Tier Animal Control be terminated for failure to respond and that the Elmire animal control be contacted instead. Also, he has found potential grand funds from 3M to supply signs to every address in the fire district. He would like the Village board to make it a requirement that every resident have one on their property.

AJOURNED: A motion was made by Mayor Damon and seconded by Trustee Kraus to adjourn the meeting @ 7:59 p.m. **Vote:** *Ayes:* Kraus, Trimber, Grow, Auld, Damon. Vote carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Lillian West/Joan Santulli

Village Clerk/Treasurers