

**Village of Millport
Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2026**

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

Pledge of Allegiance & A Moment of Silence

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Session One)

Dan & Jean Yontz, 4234 Main Street were present to express their frustration regarding cars parking in front of their driveway and the pile of junk on the property located at 4238 Main Street. It appears that there are people living in the truck that is parked at 4238 Main Street. There are also 3 pit bulls being allowed to run free without leashes. "Enough is Enough". Mayor Damon stated that the board will go into Executive Session at the end of this meeting to discuss what can be done about this issue.

VILLAGE ACCIDENT, SICKNESS, DEATH: Lillian West is off work due to an injury to her back, J. Manwaring and Donna Becraft have been hospitalized in recent days.

Communications:

- Normal magazines & flyers

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: Mayor Damon reported that the Town of Veteran (Spencer Paving) paved some Village streets during the month which included State Street to the bridge on Mill Street and the upper portion of Church Street Extension. Mayor Damon also requested the list of streets that are in need of signage. He will contact Eastern Metal to get this done.

Water Report: Mayor Damon requested that Mike Coats get him a list of curb stops in the Village that need to be located or repaired.

Mayor Damon stated that he has signed a Change Order from John Mills Electric for the Generator Project which reflected a \$1,000 reduction in the contract for proposed tree work that was not needed. There is a training session on the new generator being held at the well house on June 18th. Both the Mayor and Mike Coats plan to attend. Mr. Coats will be paid for his time off from his regular job. NYSEG is also requiring an on-site backup Generator Facility Agreement for the Operation of the Well Pump Station. Mayor Damon has signed this agreement

Fire Council: Chief report received
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Chief May stated that NYSEG is upgrading their gas meter at the Fire Station. He stated that the Millport Fire Company is hosting an EV safety class this month. He is looking at applying for a regional grant for the purchase of portables – several local departments including Town & Country Fire Department will be part of this grant.

Mayor Damon requested that any Fire Department or Fire Company business be discussed during this part of the meeting instead of waiting until the Public Hearing portion of the meeting as was done last month.

Code Enforcement: Report received. The report includes the 11 cases he is working on at this time.

Planning Board: Members of the Planning Board will have training next week at the Corning Community College. The Mayor asked them to start looking into any grants that may be available of an update to the Village playground.

Recreation & Youth Activities: Trustee Auld stated that the Village Clean-Up day was a success.

Mayor Damon met with NYMIR (the Village's insurance agent) at the playground to discuss items that need to be rectified or repaired. The "merry-go-round" has a broken bar and since the State is considering making this equipment illegal to have on a playground, the Mayor is recommending removal. The wooden picnic table has a broken board; the Mayor is looking into cost of replacing instead of repairs. He will contact the Town and Village of Horseheads to see if they have any old equipment that could be donated to the Village of Millport. He stated that the old fencing around the Basketball Court has been removed. He will look again into replacing it since some residents feel it is necessary to keep the ball from going down into Catherine Creek.

Old Business:

New Business: All board members and Village employees need to annually have training for Anti-Discrimination, Cybersecurity and Workplace Violence. The insurance company has sent information on training; The Clerk's office will be responsible to administer and forward any information regarding this training to individuals as needed.

Chemung County is developing a Comprehensive Plan which will act as a detailed guide for the County to pursue planning and Capital improvement projects, etc. This plan, prior to adoption by the County needs to have each municipality within the county review and make recommendations. Mayor Damon moved, seconded by Trustee Kraus to consent that the Chemung County Legislature serve as lead agency in the matter of the Chemung County Comprehensive Plan. VOTE: *Ayes:* All ayes. Vote carried.

Mayor Damon moved, seconded by Trustee Auld that the Village adopt the following Resolution regarding a review of NYSEG electric delivery charges, etc.

A Resolution strongly urging immediate review of electric delivery charges, demanding improved cost controls and transparency, and authorizing formal complaints to the New York State Public Service Commission regarding the escalating cost of electricity.

WHEREAS, residents and businesses in the Village of Millport are experiencing unsustainable, repeated and compounding increases in electric bills that are placing a growing financial strain on households and the local economy; and

WHEREAS, a substantial portion of these increases is attributable not to increased energy consumption, but to escalating delivery charges, fees, and approved rate adjustments imposed by NYSEG; and

WHEREAS, electric delivery charges and rate structures are regulated and approved by the New York State Public Service Commission, which is statutorily charged with ensuring that utility rates are just, reasonable, and affordable for ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Millport Village Board has received numerous complaints from residents who are struggling to afford basic electric service and who have expressed serious concern regarding the frequency, magnitude and lack of transparency surrounding recent and ongoing rate increases; and

WHEREAS, rural and low-density communities such as the Village of Millport are disproportionately impacted by delivery charge increases and cost-recovery mechanisms that fail to adequately account for affordability, equity and the cumulative burden placed on ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Millport finds that continued approval of rate increases without stronger cost controls, greater transparency and meaningful affordability protections is unacceptable and contrary to the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Millport formally and strongly urges the New York State Public Service Commission to conduct a thorough and immediate review of electric delivery charges, rate increases and cost-recovery practices applicable to NYSEG customers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Millport calls upon the Public Service Commission to prioritize ratepayer affordability, demand greater transparency from NYSEG, and require demonstrable cost-containment and operational efficiency measures before approving any future rate increases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of Millport expressly opposes continued or automatic rate increases that shift rising operational, infrastructure and administrative costs onto ratepayers without clear justification or adequate protection for rural communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Mayor of the Village of Millport is hereby authorized and directed to submit formal complaints, written comments and supporting documentation to the New York State Public Service Commission on behalf of the Village and its residents, objecting to excessive electric costs and requesting regulatory intervention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk of the Village of Millport is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the New York State Public Service Commission, NYSEG, the Governor of the State of New York, our representative members of the New York State Legislature and adjoining municipalities served by NYSEG, and to encourage coordinated action among affected towns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

<u>Roll Call Vote</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Michael Damon, Mayor	Aye	
Charles Kraus, Trustee	Aye	
Amy Trimber, Trustee	Aye	
George Grow, Trustee	Aye	
Aaron Auld, Trustee	Aye	

BILLS: General Fund: \$36,408.91

Water Fund: \$158,467.65

Trust & Agency: \$4,317.50

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

\$36,408.91 from the General Fund

\$158,467.65 from the Water Fund and

\$4,317.50 from the Trust & Agency Fund

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

Public Comments: (Session Two)

Julie Coats, 2001 Maple Street was present to stated that the Coffey Dam located by the Village Pavilion is in need of repairs. She will send pictures to the Clerk to follow through before Family Days on July 11th. Once the pictures have been received the Clerk will contact NYS DEC and the Chemung County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Executive Session: Mayor Damon moved, seconded by Trustee Kraus to move in to Executive Session at 8:02pm for the purpose of discussing the Public Safety of Village residents. VOTE: Ayes: All ayes.

Vote carried. A motion was made by Mayor Damon, seconded by Trustee Grow to come out of Executive Session at 8:40pm. VOTE: *Ayes*: All ayes. Vote carried. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Village's attorney regarding the formation of a Local Law that would address people living in their vehicles within the Village limits. Mayor Damon will draft a letter to both DA Weeden Wetmore and Sheriff William Schrom regarding the response to calls being made by local residents to the Sheriff's Department regarding some of the Public Safety issues.

The Mayor stated that he will be officiating a marriage on Saturday for local residents.

AJOURNED: A motion was made by Mayor Damon and seconded by Trustee Kraus to adjourn the meeting @ 8:47 p.m. VOTE: *Ayes*: All ayes. Vote carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 6th, 2026 @ 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joan Santulli
Deputy Village Clerk