

**Village of Millbrook
Board of Trustees
Minutes of June 19, 2007**

Mayor Andy Ciferri opened the meeting at 7:02 pm. Present were Trustees Mary Alex, Judy Bondus, Stan Morse and Tom Whalen.

Mayor Ciferri led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Ciferri asked for a motion to approve the April and May minutes. Trustee Morse made a motion to accept the April and May minutes as submitted. Trustee Bondus seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Michael McGown presented two employee health insurance options, MVP and Oxford. He gave the two comparisons. Trustee Bondus asked if he knew of HAS (Health Savings Account) and HRA (Health Reimbursement Account). Mr. McGowan said New York State has been slow going to these options but he would work some figures and get them to the board. It was decided he would meet with the board on June 26, 2007 at 7:00 pm as we must decide on a policy for July 1st.

Planning Department:

Linda Roberts stated she was told the door to the Planning Board records was left open. Trustee Morse said he found the door open on May 21st and closed the door on May 25th. It was said a box marked Bennett Records was left open on a table. Linda Roberts was disturbed about this and said Attorney Rich Olsen said she is the person responsible for the integrity of those records. Linda Roberts said the Library has two copies of the Bennett information and the developer put up a web site for people to review the material. It was said the library and web site information is incomplete. Linda Roberts will have her secretary make the file available to the public by appointment and also once a week at a certain time. Mr. Van Allen said the developer is required to pay for the records.

Fire Department:

Matt Rochford stated the department is very short on help for the carnival and would welcome help from people outside the Fire Company. The Board will have to vote to put a rider in our insurance for these volunteers. Any cost to the Village will be reimbursed from the profits. A motion for the insurance was made by Trustee Bondus and seconded by Trustee Morse. All were in favor.

Chris Hawks reminded the Board he will bring the fuel bills for the fire company so he can bill the fire department for their fuel use. Chris also said he will be starting to talk about a new tanker in the near future.

Police Department:

John Imperato submitted the attached report.

Highway Department:

Bob Collacola gave the attached report.

Water Sewer:

Cathy Dahlin gave the attached report.

Additions:

Highway additions: Bob Collacola said brush removal will end June 29th. He thanked Judge Prisco for having the information flyers delivered to the village residents.

Bob met with F.E.M.A and S.E.M.A. about the damages from the storm. They will reimburse the village for hours worked, equipment, materials and any services needed. Bob is meeting with the rep on Friday to go through the damages. Mayor Ciferri said there are 2 agencies working on different problems. Any residence that lost essentials for living will be reimbursed. Business owners are not covered by these agencies. Trustee Alex complimented Bob for the work he did putting all this information together.

Cathy Dahlin asked Mayor Ciferri how to handle the requests from Village residence to top their pools off. Cathy believes that in the past we charged a fee plus the water charge. Mayor Ciferri said we will look for the information about the fee and we will table a discussion on whether we continue to provide this service. Stan said he would like VRI to come up with a proposal on the village water and pools. Trustee Bondus proposed we charge \$200 plus the cost of the water. On June 26th we will decide the final cost and whether to continue this service.

Alamo contract was discussed and no contract has been signed nor is any alternative plan in place. The committee is still working very hard to come up with a contract or an alternative at a lower cost.

Trustee Morse is looking into updating the village web site. He will talk to Steve Petrone as to how and the cost.

Lisa Baravalle would like to work on getting volunteers for the Fire & Rescue Squad. Trustee Alex and Lisa Baravalle will work on it.

There was a discussion on the County Infirmary and what is being done on the property. Mayor Ciferri said they are upgrading the facility. Kate Farrell said she wants more information as to how many people work there and how many will there be in the future. Kate stated it is a big project.

Mickey Prisco asked if a decision was made on the Historical Societies home in the Village Hall. He stated he could get the funds to renovate the space with village approval and no cost to the village. A motion was made by Trustee Bondus, seconded by Trustee Alex to lease space to the Historical Society.

Mayor Ciferri asked for a motion to appoint a Fire Inspector. A motion to appoint John Newbauer was made by Trustee Alex and seconded by Trustee Morse. A fire inspector is responsible for inspecting all commercial buildings, apartment buildings and/or rentals.

The topic of Route 44 and 44A being changed was a long public discussion. Lisa Miceli has been working on re-routing the truck traffic on Franklin Avenue. It goes back to 2003. The state changed the route with no prior notice to the village. The state will continue to maintain Franklin Avenue. The village police will patrol the by-pass and will try to have the speed limit lowered.

Village historian, David Greenwood had a document of the Haight Sale 1879 reproduced for the mayors office.

A discussion on the Master Plan and the Town of Washington updating portions of the plan. Does the village want a new master plan? Mayor Ciferri would like the village and the town to work on a Master Plan together. There was talk about how we want to go about the process. We need to get started. There are funds available through Greenway and other grants for this project.

May 30, 2007 Mayor Ciferri will be at the Millbrook Farmers Market to putt against the local children.

Mayor Ciferri attended a class in Saratoga on water storage tanks. It may be a way to provide Nine Partners with water. A rep from the company will come down to speak to the board.

The Governor's office highly recommended that we merge services with the Town of Washington. If we don't combine certain services we will have to pay for things the state pays for now.

At 10:55 pm Trustee Bondus made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the village hall space. Trustee Morse seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Trustee Alex and was seconded by Trustee Bondus to exit executive session. The board returned to the regular meeting at 11:30 pm. Trustee Morse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Trustee Bondus. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted

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Village of Millbrook