

**VILLAGE OF MILLBROOK ~ BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING MINUTES - JULY 17, 2007**

Present were Mayor Andy Ciferri, Trustees Judy Bondus, Stan Morse and Tom Whalen.

Mayor Ciferri opened the meeting at 7:04 pm and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Ciferri appointed Laura Hurley to fill a vacant seat on the Village Board of Trustees. Her term is through March 2008. The Village Clerk swore Laura in. Trustee Morse questioned the mayor as to why he appointed Laura. Mayor Ciferri explained his choice as being the best candidate for the position as Trustee Hurley will bring a wealth of knowledge to the board. Trustee & Attorney Whalen read the village law §3-3.12 subdivisions 3 of any vacancy "*shall be filled by the Mayor*"

Mayor Ciferri asked for a motion to accept the minutes of both June 19 & 26, 2007 meetings. The board asked if they could be tabled until the next meeting as they hadn't had time to read them in their entirety.

An update of the Early Childhood Education Center was on the agenda but was not given by Judy Benadetto.

Mayor Ciferri opened the meeting for public participation. There was none.

**POLICE REPORT:**

Commissioner John Imperato gave the attached report.

Commissioner Imperato announced that Officer John Bloodgood completed Phase 1 of his training and received top honors.

The Fire Dept would like to have fire works at their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2008. They must make a request in writing to the Mayor who grant the permission in writing. He will then submit that letter to Commissioner Imperato.

Commissioner Imperato asked for approval for all of the police officers to have complete physicals by the physician who did the Fire Dept. physicals. The Commissioner said that he will get price quotes for the cost of the physicals and report back to the board with the quotes.

Trustee Morse thanked the Commissioner for encouraging the police officers to do speed limit checks on the by-pass. Mayor Ciferri said he received a letter from the NYS Police stating they would assist in controlling the speed limit on the by-pass.

Trustee Morse asked the Commissioner if the second police car is in working order and can it be used. John would like to get the car back in use however; he needs approval to have it fixed.

## HIGHWAY REPORT:

Bob Collocola gave the attached report.

Bob said FEMA approved approximately \$11,000 to the village for repairs as a result of damage from the storm. Bob said they were very helpful in getting the funds. The money should be coming very soon. FEMA is also working with the firehouse and the school.

Bob said the Lions Club Circus Event brought in \$2,600 for the Club. He said the event went well and thanked the village. He said the village businesses did very well and were very pleased with the influx of business.

The Mayor asked Bob to make a list of the places that need to be black topped. We need to fix the worst spots first. Leaf and brush pickup ended however there are a few residents still putting brush out. A letter from Penny Hedges was received about a tree not on her property but could cause damage to her property. The Mayor will meet with our attorney and engineer on this (and other) matters.

## VRI – WATER & SEWER REPORT:

Cathy Dahlin gave the attached report. Also attached is the report on I&I and their smoke studies.

On July 3, 2007 DEC did an (water & sewer) inspection and the Mayor said we received a good report. I&I work can be done by VRI. Trustee Bondus asked what is the first step with I&I. Mayor Ciferri said he is planning a meeting with our attorney, Rich Olsen and Chazen Environmental to discuss I&I. He is prohibited from discussing the matter as it is in litigation. There are grants available for I&I and at the proper time everyone will get together on this issue. Trustee Morse asked about the high water bills still outstanding. Mayor Ciferri is working on that with the customers.

## FIRE DEPT REPORT:

Chief Chris Hawks asked about purchasing new smoke filters. He was told that this has already been approved; the money is in the budget and to go ahead and purchase them. He also asked about redoing the floors in the bays and he was told that it has already been approved. Mayor Ciferri asked to have a meeting with the Fire & Rescue Squads. Chris will get back to him with a date to meet. Chris also discussed next year's parade and the possibility of closing Franklin Avenue at specific times.

## ALAMO REPORT:

The contract is still under review. Mayor Ciferri would like to have a meeting with the Fire & Rescue Squads. Alamo asked if they could attend that meeting. Mayor Ciferri asked Alamo about current bills with the village. Trustee Bondus would like to end the policy that the village pays for uninsured ambulance services to village and town residents. She suggested that the resident be responsible for their bill and that Alamo should bill them directly.

Trustee Bondus said the fence is up at the Thorne Building for the Early Childhood Education Center and it seems to not have called caused any problems. The program is ready to open at the Federated Church and they are just waiting for their Seal.

## PUBLIC FORUM:

### Thorne Building:

Julia Widdowson asked to read a letter that was written to Mayor Briggs from the DEC and she asked to read a letter to Rich Olsen from Balber, Pickard Battistoni Maldonado & Van Der Tuin, PC. Because of possible litigation the letters could not be read or discussed but the record shows they are submitted.

Trustee Bondus discussed the Thorne Building roof repair and presented a written quote in the amount of \$19,900. It was suggested that she get other bids for the repair and that there would be potential problems if it was not put out for bid. Skip Ciferri said the most important thing is to get written references and written guarantees.

Trustee Whalen stated that we need a conclusive decision as to who owns this building (the Thorne Building.) Trustee Whalen will follow up and research by law who this building belongs to. Trustee Bondus and Whalen will work on declaring the owners.

### Master & Comprehensive Plan:

The Master Plan was discussed and Trustee Hurley asked who needs to be the lead agency. It was stated that the Village Planning Board is the lead agency and that committee are needed. Mayor Ciferri asked Mitch, the reporter from the Millbrook Round Table, if the paper would put an article asking for people who are interested to volunteer to work on the Master & Comprehensive Plan. Anyone interested should call the Village Office. The question was asked if the volunteers have to be village residents. Mayor Ciferri said, "let's wait and see what response we get."

### Utility Issues:

Trustee Morse would like to have a resolution that prohibits any additional/new sewer hookups. Skip Ciferri said anyone who already has approval but not yet hooked in should be allowed to do so. He requested that if a resolution was done that he be grandfathered in with his current approval. Howard Shuman talked about the number on non-village parcels already on the sewer system. Four years ago it was agreed not to allow any new tap ins from the town. There was a discussion on the Infirmary and any new condos. Lisa Baravalle discussed that if there is an expansion to the water & sewer system that the people in the Village who do not have those services be serviced first. People on Nine Partners Lane pay taxes for services they do not have. One of the problems is the low water pressure at Nine Partners Lane.

### Records Storage:

Trustee Morse discussed records storage and that he and Trustee Hurley will work together on storing the records properly.

### Rescue Squad:

Trustee Morse talked about the campaign and the need for volunteers in the Fire & Rescue Squad. Lisa Beranah and Ed Shaughnessy have started working on that matter and would welcome anyone to join and help with some PR work.

### Carroll Drive:

The 911 emergency response agency asked for a resolution from the board to change the name of Carroll Drive to Carroll Boulevard. For years it has been Carroll Blvd but it was never changed with 911 emergency responses. A motion was made by Trustee Morse, and seconded by Trustee Hurley to have Carroll Blvd. be the official name on record for emergency response purposes at 911.

At 10:15 pm a motion was made by Trustee Bondus and was seconded by Trustee Whalen to go into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation matters. All were in favor.

At 11:15 pm a motion was made by Trustee Bondus and was seconded by Trustee Morse to adjourn the Executive session. All were in favor.

At 11:15 the board returned to the regular meeting and Trustee Bondus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor.

Trustee Bondus and Trustee Morse stayed after the meeting to audit the bills.

Respectfully submitted

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