

Village of Millbrook
Board of Trustees
Minutes June 9, 2009

Call to Order 7:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

In Attendance: Mayor Andrew Ciferri, Trustee Whalen and Trustee Bondus

Water/Waste Water Department-Cathy Meier & Scott Osborne see attached. Mayor Ciferri discovered that CHIPS money can go toward street lighting and may add lights if residents desire. Ciferri Drive may be a candidate before the paving begins. Mayor Ciferri added that he will inquire about solar packs to run the new street lights. Additional pipes near Hillside Drive will be replaced so paving can be guaranteed for 10 years as required for CHIPS money reimbursement.

Fire Department-Matthew Rochfort requested the Board's participation in the Firemen's Parade held on Saturday, July 11, 2009. The lighting is complete in the Rescue Bay and the conference room. The car show will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009 to raise funds for the restoration of the Seagrave fire truck.

Rescue Squad-Liz Baldwin stated the transition to TransCare has gone smoothly. She added there was a meeting held on Tuesday attended by TransCare. They are willing to work with the Rescue Squad and were very cooperative. It is a learning process. Mayor Ciferri stated the bid was awarded based on price for a 7 day a week contract. The Rescue Squad will cover Thursdays and Sundays. He added that there is more flexibility in this daily contract. The quote will not exceed the yearly bid price. Transcare will be dispatched simultaneously with the Rescue Squad. This is better service for the residents of the whole community. Mayor Ciferri announced that on Thursday TransCare had purchased Alamo.

Police-Officer Scribner requested approval to hire a new police officer. Trustee Whalen who had interviewed the applicant stated the new officer will be an asset to the Department. She is very professional and mature in her presentation. Trustee Bondus made a motion to hire the new officer. Trustee Whalen seconded. All were in favor. Officer Scribner gave quotes for a new vehicle through state bid as done for the current car. The cost is \$7,324 for three yearly payments which includes \$11,393 for all lights, a computer and decals. The \$18,717 is the initial payment and fitting the car with the equipment buy out at the end for \$1. Mayor Ciferri stated he will see the Village accountant tomorrow in regard to this matter to put money in a reserve for a police 4-wheel drive SUV Dodge Durango. There were no objections from the Board to look into this matter. Mayor Ciferri stated the Village will keep the current vehicle and perhaps acquire the new Dodge Durango. Trustee Bondus gave her objections to two vehicles on road at same time. Officer Scribner offered to get Trustee Bondus some blue book numbers and figures for next meeting on the Police vehicle not in use. Mayor Ciferri

requested no parking signs be posted on Alden Place for the High School Graduation ceremony. Trustee Bondus approached the school for parking on the Church Street Village property emergency vehicles access is an issue near school grounds.

Highway Department-Linda Wiltse see attached.

Clerk-Linda Wiltse see attached. Disability information for the Village employees was given out for the Board to review. The clerk stated the tax bills and the SBA bills have been mailed. The bank balance, revenue and expenditure reports were submitted to the Board.

Friendly Lane-Friendly Lane curbs will be painted yellow from the Tribute Garden parking lot entrance to the corner to signify no parking here to curb. Also, the Franklin Avenue entrance to Friendly Lane curb will be painted yellow for approximately two vehicle lengths. It is the Board's hope that this will alleviate safety concerns for the Millbrook Library patrons. Mayor Ciferri stated that George Whalen sent a letter mentioning the Village parking requirements. See attached. He requested the parking requirements be abolished and abandoned for business usage. The Planning Board and the ZBA have requested to go over the problems and items that slow the application process. Trustee Whalen stated he was on the ZBA for five years or so and only remembers denying one applicant. The variance should be the exception and not the rule. He added that the Village Code needs altering and amending.

Community Day-Trustee Bondus made a motion to approve Community Day being the Village's official Explore 400 event and for a grant to be applied for to offset funding for Community Day. Trustee Whalen seconded. All were all in favor. Community day Explore 400 logo was approved by a motion from Trustee Bondus. Trustee Whalen seconded. All were in favor. Didi Barrett will pursue a grant from the Quadracentennial to support the Community Day event. Trustee Bondus made a motion to approve. Trustee Whalen seconded. All were in favor.

Trustee Comments-Trustee Bondus encouraged a quarterly report from the Building/Zoning inspector Ken McLaughlin. The Board requests his attendance at quarterly meetings. Mayor Ciferri has gone over the Village enforcement codes with Ken and Ken will go out soon to inspect buildings lot by lot to look for violations. Cracking down on violations will take place. Trustee Bondus request an audience with Ken.

Trustee Bondus commented on the emergency planning meeting recently held. They would like to have a table or two for Community Day to handout information on family emergency planning. She added that September has been designated by the Federal Government as an emergency planning month and demonstrations will be given throughout the day.

Thorne Project-The Downings and Tom Nicks spoke. Mike Downing commented on serious situations such as break in. There was also a broken pipe in the basement. Mike

had a plumber come in to fix the leak. He added the caps on the chimneys are leaking. Mike stated he is trying to plan the workload. The building permits require architectural studies which is listed on the landlords work not the tenants work. Quotes for the landlord work are needed for building permits. Designs for the sprinkler system are needed as per Ken McLaughlin to make it a usable space. Mike feels the building needs rescuing not restoring at this point. The roof is still leaking from the chimneys according to Erica Downing. They can't paint or repair until the building is water tight. Richard, the contractor commented on the building's current state. Trustee Bondus questioned whether they looked at the engineer study done three years ago. All chimneys including the air handlers' chimneys are in need of repair. Mike commented on the pipes and water issues. The sprinklers hinge on the water issues being corrected for the whole first floor. The building needs to be brought up to code. Mike stated he was quoted \$1000 a head for the sprinklers. The Sloan architects have looked at the project. Mike has spent about \$20,000 so far on plans, applications and such. Immediate work is needed to save the building. Water is needed for the Fireman's Carnival so repair is needed soon. Mike wants to share his knowledge and communicate well with the Board. New mains could be installed that would not affect the walls and the bathrooms. The electric has been installed in the past for an emergency temporary plan and Central Hudson needs to be called. Ellen Griffin is the new person in charge for Central Hudson. The Village needs to assign an electrician to be the contact person for Central Hudson. Tom Nicks stated that proposals have been done with three different vendors for the electric estimate. Mayor Ciferri has to camera the line and jet washed the line and he has the equipment at his disposal. Tom Nicks stated the valve is not easily accessible and not easily moved to turn off. Mayor Ciferri stated Scott from VRI will locate at the street level the valve tomorrow. The line is possibly 80 year old. Mayor Ciferri stated the electric bids will be opened at 1:00 pm tomorrow. Mayor Ciferri added the Board must review funds availability for the Thorne Building. SHIPO is recommended for the Thorne Building in regard to historical preservation. A waiver was issued by SHIPO for the staircase that is too narrow off of each side of the stage. Safety and lives are an issue. Plans must be submitted for approval by SHIPO. Mike has plans being drawn up. He added that the fire escapes are illegal. The sealing off the second floor and third floor is required. The fire escape for the second and third floors is loose and the legs are not touching the ground. Mayor Ciferri stated a barricade can be installed for the 2nd and 3rd floors. The staircase can be boarded up and closed off. He is concerned about the Village's liability. Mike stated the building is unsafe and nobody should be in it. The Fire Department should look elsewhere to count money for the carnival. The Downings want to know right away about the timeframe and the money the Village has available. Scott will meet the Mayor and Mike at 11 am tomorrow. Mike added he still believes in the project. Tom Nicks stated there is a 4 inch main going into the building. Scott will check on a 4 inch valve to be inserted into the main going into the building.

Chazen-Friendly lane one way-Steve Alex from Chazen had requested a meeting with Trustee Morse previously and the library representative but it was cancelled. Mayor Ciferri stated it was a turning hazard so no parking on each end of Friendly Lane will help solve this problem. This will be a first attempt and markings for crosswalks will be

added to see if the problems are resolved. Trustee Bondus seconded this idea and Trustee Whale agreed.

Funds for tank abatement administered through the NYSDEC may be available according to Steve Alex from Chazen. Mayor Ciferri will contact the NYSDEC and inquire about funding.

Mayor Ciferri had contacted Cablevision in regard to the digital channels eventually replacing the analog channels which will be removed from service. To give digital channels, analog channels must be given up by cablevision to provide this service. A converter box is required to get the digital programs. Residents can go with another cable company as an option but will take at least 3 years time to do so. Telephone and internet are provided by the cable and telephone companies. Trustee Bondus stated that contacting the newspaper is an option to have them write an article. The purchasing of a box is required to get the digital channels at a cost of \$8 a month. Rebecca Valk added that she had talked to Roger Conner about this matter. He stated this matter had changed for security reasons but Rebecca was not convinced about that statement. She looked into this matter for the Town of LaGrange. The Mayor stated residents can get a box for one year free per household and then they will be charged after that one year has ended. Mayor Ciferri feels the public is out of luck in making headway in regard to this issue. Howard Schuman stated the village has no leverage to present the residents case in this matter. The Federal government has the real control. The Village only gives the okay poles and street for installations of lines and equipment are taking place.

Audit bills.

Adjourned 9:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda T. Wiltse
Village Clerk