

**Village of Millbrook
Board of Trustees
Minutes March 25, 2013**

Call to Order by Mayor Hurley at 7:15 p.m.

In Attendance-Mayor Hurley, Trustee Spagnola, Trustee Whalen and Clerk Linda Wiltse.

Rescue Squad-Elizabeth Baldwin was at the budget meeting held on 3-18-2013. Elections were discussed briefly. Transcare had previously submitted a proposal for 5 and 7 days per week coverage (12 hours per day). The price for 5 days per week coverage was held. The Mayor requested a quote for 6 days funding for additional days of coverage may require adding to the paid ambulance service line item. Elizabeth requested the bylaws be reviewed. Training requirements are currently the same for the Rescue Squad and the Fire Dept. members. It was suggested that firefighters could benefit from CPR training. Constructive criticisms were discussed. Trustee Spagnola questioned whether excessive training was interfering with recruiting. The required EMT training is now near 150 hours.

Discussion ensued in reference to volunteers also being stationed in Millbrook as paid Transcare employee. Pros and cons were the topic of conversation.

Fire-Matic-The purchase of tablets was discussed for the cost of \$600 each. Initially, one would be put in the Chief's vehicle and one in the Fire House in a docking station and maybe a third for another fire truck.

The purchase order system was discussed. It benefits the Board and provides for better communication.

Exhaust system work is needed on the rescue truck for this year's budget. Updated tools and hydraulics for the rescue truck would cost approximately \$6,800. The Fire Dept. only purchased one set of turn out gear this year so some funds are available.

The new fire engine committee is moving forward. They usually replace a large apparatus every 20 years and smaller apparatus every 10 years. The 2000 brush truck needs replacing and they are looking to put it into the budget in place of the Scott Packs when the BAN is paid off. The Village would pay for the cab and chassis and the Fire Dept. would purchase the equipment. The old Chevrolet Tahoe is used as the Deputy Chief's vehicle. They may look to donations.

Fire House-Electric improvements of \$40,000 were discussed as well as cutting the funding in half. President Matthew Rochfort stated the Fire Dept. and the Rescue Squad plan on contributing \$150,000 from donations. No official quotes have been requested as of today. They plan on relocating the electric service entrance, upgrading the electric system completely and relocating the generator for an approximate cost of \$190,000. The generator could cost \$60,000

to \$80,000. This is a very labor intensive project. They would also be removing the three phase service. A new siren would cost \$8,000 to \$10,000.

The committee working on the building addition project proposal is currently creating a package to present to potential donors. The cost of the project is roughly \$3 million. The Board asked to look at the project to see if it meets their needs. The Fire Dept. was asked if they are going to do if sufficient funds are not raised or pledged. The Fire Dept. has a person with fund raising experience willing to assist. Mayor Hurley stated that it makes sense to have all of the emergency services in one facility. The current Fire House was built in 1965. The fund raising may begin in a few months. They may bring the plans as a courtesy before the Village Planning Board.

The Clerk was instructed to look at surplus generators for the Water Dept., the Sewer Dept. and the Fire House. The generator for the Fire House will run the entire building including the new addition. Trustee Spagnola asked about an ending date for the fund raiser and if the propane tank to power the generator will be buried in the ground.

Trustee Comments-Trustee Spagnola discussed the Village salt shed and the overhang conditions. The building has no siding on it and the Village wants to keep the building which they use to store equipment. Borrowing for capital projects was discussed. Now is the time to borrow since interest rates are so low.

Upcoming Meetings-

Monday, April 1, 2013- Budget Workshop

Tuesday, April 9, 2013- Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m. with a motion made by Trustee Cox. The motion was seconded by Trustee Spagnola. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda T. Wiltse
Village of Millbrook
Clerk/Treasurer