

VILLAGE OF MILLBROOK  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
April 25, 2017

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Brown
2. Budget
3. DAM questions – see attached
4. Tim Collopy inquires – see attached
5. Mary Keelan inquires – see attached
6. Auditing of the bills
7. Adjournment

## **RBMayor**

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**From:** Linda Kolts <lindakolts@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, April 15, 2017 6:37 PM  
**To:** rbmayor@villageofmillbrookny.com  
**Subject:** my question for upcoming meeting on April 25

### The Dam Project at the Mill Pond

Could we have a clarification of the work intended for the Mill Pond Spillway? There has been an engineer's report about the dam at Stanford Road. Following this report, we learned that the board is now considering authorizing another engineer to investigate lowering the dam that would downgrade its DEC environmental designation. Some questions: One – will this help or hinder the buildup of sediment? Two – will this change the beauty of the pond and the spillway? Three – does this relate to the retaining wall we have heard about? Four – will this save the village time and money? And how?

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**From:** tim1202@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, April 14, 2017 12:26 PM  
**To:** RBMayor@villageofmillbrookny.com  
**Cc:** clerk@villageofmillbrookny.com  
**Subject:** Follow up questions from 4/11/17 VoM board meeting

Rod, I have the following 5 questions I'd like you (or others on the board) to answer at the next trustee meeting:

- 1) Non-agenda item – Rules of Procedure: Can the adopted procedure rules be modified to allow public input between when a motion is made and a vote taken so that the trustees receive residents' input before voting?
- 2) Agenda item - Bennett: Can the village lawyer send a letter to the new owners requesting a schedule for razing the Bennett College buildings? Can this letter also request answers to the following questions: Why does the issue between Bennett Commons and the owners of Bennett College (re: moving the tennis courts and pool) prevent the owners from razing the buildings now? If the impasse is never resolved, will the property stay as is?
- 3) Agenda item – Treasurer's report: How much of the YTD \$60K franchise fees from Cablevision contract with the village? Why is YTD revenue almost twice the budget? What is the village's plans to use this money?
- 4) Agenda item – Treasurer report: What is the status of independent audit report?
- 5) Non-agenda item – Thorne building: Are there any on-going discussions about the future of the property? What is the board's plan for resolving the Thorne building issue?

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Tim

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**From:** Mary Keelan <keelanm@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 21, 2017 3:08 PM  
**To:** rbmayor@villageofmillbrookny.com  
**Cc:** clerk@villageofmillbrookny.com; Mike; Rochfort Joe; Shaughnessy Edward  
**Subject:** RE: SOME QUESTIONS FOR NEXT VILLAGE MEETING

Hi Rod,

Though I could not make the last business meeting, I have been briefed on it and would like to submit these questions for consideration by either you and/ or the Board:

1. The Bennett buildings are really really bad. Have you any sense of a timeline of resolution of the problems there? Why is the public' concern and that of proximate or adjacent residents not being addressed by either the Village or the owners? It is a major health and safety hazard, worse than ever.
2. Would the .Village please provide a financial report specific to the revenue, trusts, accounts, etc. associated with the Thorne Building and the expenses incurred specific to maintenance and legal costs. ( a report of the historic trust was promised some months back by the then Village lawyer).
3. Would the Village please update information on the resolution of the water situation posted on the website. A timeline, costs, and ongoing health ,evaluations would be most helpful. ( The recent VRI letter on the Village water situation is less than helpful.)
4. Has there been any progress on ADA issues I mentioned in submitting questions in January: a) amplification of governing board voices at meetings and microphones for them and residents asking questions. ( FYI...this issue has been addressed in the past including estimates but nothing was done.see minutes. It has also been addressed in legal opinions from the NYS Open Meeting Laws.) b) designated handicap parking spots near the curb cut and ramp for the Village Hall. As of now, there are no handicap parking spots with easy access to the Village Hall.) c) posting of digital tape of meetings on Village website as well as video taping and/ or broadcasting of meetings, especially for shut ins or others unable to attend meetings.

Thank you for your interest and concern with these matters and response to the questions. Whatever you can answer is appreciated.

Mary Keelan