

Village of Millbrook- Board of Trustees Business Meeting Minutes
Millbrook Village Hall- 35 Merritt Ave

Date: 2/11/2026	Time: 6:00 PM	Video Link	Presentation
<i>Roll Call:</i> Mayor Doro, Deputy Mayor Murphy, Trustee Bucklin, Trustee Mawson, Trustee Briggs, Fire Chief Boscardin and Fire President Cross, DPW Kelly, Police Chief Dworkin, Scott Osborn (VRI), Snr Acct Clerk McLaughlin, and Clerk Witt.		<i>Call to Order:</i> Mayor Doro opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance	

Administrative Business	<i>Minutes Approval:</i> Jan Minutes approved by Deputy Mayor Murphy seconded by Trustee Bucklin- All voted in favor. <i>Voucher Approval:</i> December Vouchers approved by Trustee Bucklin seconded by Deputy Mayor Murphy- All voted in favor. <i>Announcements:</i>
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Departmental Reports	Click the presentation link above to view dept. reports.
<i>Fire & Rescue:</i>	<u>Chief's Vehicle:</u> The Chief stated that Ruge's Chevrolet was the only bidder for a new department vehicle, offering a fully equipped vehicle at a price of \$79,976. The price is approximately \$4,000 higher than a similar purchase made two years ago. No offers received for used vehicles. Chief asked if the Board would make a motion to accept the bid and proceed with building the vehicle. Mayor Doro said that the Board will discuss the vehicle and other personnel matters during executive session. <u>Firehouse building update:</u> The Chief reported on a roof leak caused by ice buildup that resulted in interior damage to the firehouse. Insurance adjusters expected to inspect the damage. The roof had been installed about four years ago, but there is limited documentation available for any previous warranties. While additional assessment is underway, temporary measures have been put in place to reduce risks.
<i>Police:</i>	Police Chief Dworkin discussed a proposed upgrade to the department's telephone communications system. The proposed system would integrate landline and mobile communications, allowing calls to ring directly to officers' mobile devices and improving call routing between departments. When officers are off duty, overnight calls may be automatically directed to the State Police. The Board requested additional information before moving forward. <u>Resignation and hiring Officer Morrone:</u> Chief explained, to comply with New York State retirement system requirements Officer Morrone would be requiring a brief separation from service before reappointment. Motion to accept the resignation and rehiring of Morrone- Moved by: Mayor Doro; Seconded by Trustee Briggs Roll call vote 5-aye 0-nay. <u>Resolution 2026-003: CDBG- Police:</u> The Board discussed submitting a 2026 Community Development Grant application for ADA accessibility improvements at the Village Police Department. Motion to submit the grant application and schedule the required public hearing. Moved by: Mayor Doro; Seconded by: Trustee Bucklin Vote: All in favor.

<i>Public Works (HWY):</i>	The mayor shared that the proposal to make Franklin Ave a truck route bypassing the village was rejected. Authority for such designation rests with the New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner. A traffic study may be required for further consideration; however, the cost and logistics of such a study remain under review. DPW Kelly reported The Town of Washington Highway Department and Ray Septic assisted with snow removal following a major storm. Village employees were commended for their extended hours and ongoing efforts to maintain road conditions.
<i>Water & Sewer:</i>	Mr. Osborn reported the annual flow certification report was submitted to the Department of Environmental Conservation, and required reports were filed with the DEC and EPA. Engineering coordination continues with Tighe & Bond regarding wastewater treatment plant upgrades. An exposed sewer main near Route 343 and Bennett Creek was identified and will require stabilization work.
<i>Building & Planning:</i>	January activity included three building permits issued, one municipal search, and one fire inspection, generating \$450 in fees. Planning and Zoning Board meetings were rescheduled and continued into February.
<i>Treasurer & Clerks:</i>	<u>Financial Report – Senior Account Clerk McLaughlin and Clerk Witt:</u> The mid-year financial report, covering June 1 to January 31, was presented. Departments were operating within budget, although employee benefits expenditures were higher due to annual payment timing and winter storm expenses have impacted snow removal costs. Revenue sources including court income, planning, and building fees, and water and sewer revenues remain strong. The Board discussed the potential need for a Tax Cap Override Local Law as a precaution during budget preparation.

New and Unfinished Business

There were no new or unfinished business items to discuss.

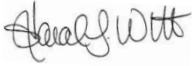
Board Member Updates

Bucklin	Shade Tree Commission Update: The Board considered an application for the Hudson Estuary “Trees for Tribs” program to plant trees on village property near Dineen Road. Motion to approve submission of the grant application. Moved by: Mayor Doro; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Murphy. Vote: All in favor.
Mawson	No reports or additional comments given.
Murphy	No reports or additional comments given.
Briggs	No reports or additional comments given.
Doro	Village Gym Update: Recreation programming continues to expand with renewed pickleball participation and upcoming community dance events. Additional proposals include dance and gymnastics-style programming at the village gym.

Public Comment	There were no public comments.
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Executive Session and Adjournment	Enter Executive Session: 6:51 PM	The Board entered executive session at 6:51 PM to discuss Fire Department matters. Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Moved by: Mayor Doro; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Murphy. Vote: All in favor.
	Exit Executive Session: 7:35 PM	The Board exited executive session at 7:35 PM. No votes taken during executive session. Motion to return from Executive Session to open session. Moved by: Mayor Doro; Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Murphy Vote: All were in favor.
	Adjournment: 7:34 PM	Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved by: Mayor Doro; Seconded by: Trustee Briggs Vote: All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Village Clerk
Village of Millbrook