

Regular Council Meeting
January 27th, 2016

The January 27th, 2016 Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Steven Rockwell.

Roll call: Barber, Maloney, Brown, Fox, Crosby and Gilliam-present. Also present-Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno, Administrator Brian Rospert and Solicitor Randy Strickler. John Fox asked to be excused from the December 2015 meeting. The Mayor stressed the courtesy and importance of contacting him, the Administrator or Fiscal Officer if a member of Council is unable to make a meeting as many time it effects voting on legislation. Motion by Gilliam, seconded by Barber to excuse Fox. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Barber to approve the Minutes of the December 16th, 2016 Council Meeting Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Barber, seconded by Gilliam to approve the January 27th, 2016 Council Bills. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Barber to approve the January 27th, 2016 Utility Bills. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Maloney nominated John Fox for Council President, and Barber nominated Jim Brown for the title. Motion by Barber, seconded by Gilliam to close the nominations, vote-all yeas. A paper vote was taken resulting in a tie. The Mayor broke the tie, declaring Brown Council President. The Mayor stated he felt Brown did a great job in 2015 as President and he would like to continue in the same direction. Per the Rules of Council, 'no personnel or employee of the Village shall serve in the capacity of official spokesman for Council unless so designated by Council'. As Council President, Brown will be the official spokesperson.

Council Meetings will be held on the 4th Wednesday of each month, in Council Chambers, beginning at 7:00 PM.

The Mayor read the 2016 Committee List. John Fox is the delegate for Erie Regional Planning Committee, with Richard Maloney as alternate. Richard Maloney is the delegate for Erie County Council of Governments, with John Fox as the delegate. Erie

Regional Planning meetings are held the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at 247 Columbus Avenues, Sandusky. The Erie County Council of Governments meetings are held the 5th Monday of the month, at 6:00 PM, also in downtown Sandusky.

The Mayor reminded Council also in the Rules of Council, only the Mayor, Administrator, Chief of Police, police Sergeant, Zoning Inspector and Fiscal Officer are authorized to call the Solicitor. In the past the Council President has been approved to call the Solicitor after a courtesy call to the Mayor.

The rules for Council members and committee procedures can be found in the Rules of Council. Meetings must be held and a chairperson appointed. Committee minutes must be taken and submitted to the Fiscal Officer in compliance with the Public Records Law.

Citizens Participation- None

OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Scott Thom from Erie County Health Department spoke to Council about his annual 2015 report.

Street, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers- None

Safety – The Safe Routes to School application is due by March 4th.

The Safe Routes to School Committee is looking for Council representation, and Fox volunteered.

Barber has in the past volunteered the Ohio National Guard to help with the sidewalks through the program, and will again look into it once the application is approved by the state.

Problems at 76 Edison Drive continues, and Brown feels the Village needs to follow the Property Maintenance Ordinance.

Finance-None

Regional Planning, Building Codes and Inspections-None

Utilities-None

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation- None

Parks and Trees-None

NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers –Employees recently painted the inside of the street barn.

Safety- Motion by Barber, seconded by Fox to hire Richard Chozinski as a part-time officer, effective January 22, 2016 at \$12.00 an hour, with a probationary period of one year. Chozinski has previously been employed by the Village, therefore, minimal training is required. Roll call: Maloney-yes, Brown-yes, Fox-yes, Crosby-yes, Gilliam-yes, Barber-yes, motion carried.

Finance-None

Regional Planning, Building Codes & Inspections-None

Utilities-A water leak at 66 Willow Drive was recently repaired.

The sweep arm on final tank #1 was recently repaired.

A transducer at the Landsdown lift station was recently repaired.

The Village water department recently received a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the CDC.

The natural gas rate for the Village of Milan from April 2016 to September 2016 is 0.399.

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation –The Milan Chamber of Commerce 57th Annual Banquet will be Thursday, February 11th.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Gilliam to allow the Chamber of Commerce to hold the 23rd Annual Antiques Fest on July 10th, from 8:00 AM – 4 PM. The street closings and insurance will be the same as in previous years. Roll call: Brown-yes, Fox-yes, Crosby-abstain, Barber-yes, Maloney-yes, motion carried.

Motion by Brown, seconded by Barber to authorize interested Council members to attend Newly Elected Official Training, at the Village's expense. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Parks & Trees-None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Mayor extended best wishes to Aaron Krause, former Norwalk Reflector reporter who attended and reported on many years worth of Village of Milan Council meetings. The Mayor stated he will be missed.

LEGISLATION

Motion by Brown, seconded by Gilliam to adjourn. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Steven Rockwell, Mayor

Mary Bruno, Fiscal Officer