

Regular Council Meeting
January 8th, 2014

The January 8th, 2014 Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Steve Rockwell.

Roll call: Barber, Basterash, Fox and Weilnau. Also present-Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno and Administrator Kevin Ackerman

Motion by Barber, seconded by Basterash to approve the Minutes of the December 11th, 2013 Council Meeting. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

There were no bills to be approved tonight as the Fiscal Officer is still closing out 2013.

Citizens Participation –Aaron Krause, Dave Jenkins, Gregg Mehling, Randy Glovinsky, Heather Vitaz, Greg Bodkin, Carla Rospert and Randy Rospert were in attendance for tonight’s meeting.

The Mayor stated the first order of business will be to appoint 2 council members to fill the open council seats, due to no residents taking out petitions to run.

The Mayor asked for a motion to vacate the 2 empty council seats. Motion by Barber, seconded by Basterash to vacate the 2 council seats. Roll call: Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Weilnau-yes, Barber-yes, motion carried.

The Mayor asked for a motion to fill the first council seat. Motion by Barber, seconded by Weilnau to nominate James Brown. Roll call: Fox-no, Weilnau-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, motion carried. James Brown is the first appointed Council member.

The Mayor asked for a motion to fill the second Council seat. Motion by Barber, seconded by Basterash to nominate Chris Gilliam. Roll call: Weilnau-no, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-no. The vote ends in a tie. In compliance with the Village of Milan’s legal Counsel, the Mayor is authorized to break the tie. The Mayor votes in the affirmative, and the motion carried. Chris Gilliam is the second appointed Council member.

Members of the audience challenged the Mayor on the process of what had just happened. The Mayor stated at the work session prior to tonight's meeting, all potential council candidates were discussed at length. Gregg Mehling questioned the Mayor's voting power and was informed the Village Solicitor had been at the work session, informing the Mayor of his right to break a tie, should that situation arise. Carla Rospert asked why they weren't in attendance, and the Mayor told her everything done tonight was done correctly and legally. Fox told the Mayor this isn't how it had been done before and he hadn't had a chance to say anything. The Mayor asked Fox if he heard him ask twice for a motion to nominate a candidate, and Fox said he had. The Mayor then thanked all the potential candidates.

OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Street, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-The Street Superintendent provided Council with a breakdown of manpower and costs for the leaf collection in 2013. The total was \$12,285.59. All departments assisted in helping, including Chief Meister.

Safety-None

Finance- Motion by Barber, seconded by Weilnau to award John Balduff \$.50 an hour for his completed probationary period as electric Superintendent. Roll call: Weilnau-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, motion carried.

Regional Planning, Building Codes and Inspections-None

Utilities-The Electric Superintendent returned to work on light duty January 6th. He has been fitted with a walking cast.

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-None

Parks and Trees-None

NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-The Street Department recently purchased a salt spreader that can be used with the F250 pickup. The spreader will work well with parking lots and alleys.

Franklin Sanitation recently cleared a 10" storm sewer in Sleepy Hollow, due to the recent heavy rainfall.

Safety-A Records Retention meeting was recently held, and a new retention schedule was presented. This was the 2nd records retention meeting of the year.

Finance – None

Regional Planning, Building Codes and Inspections-None

Utilities-An actuator valve was replaced at the WTP. The valve operates the 10” filter valve that flows water from the sand filters to the clear well.

Due to a faulty transformer bushing, the south substation was bypassed and power was transferred to the north substation on Riley Road. The problem will be looked at and repaired.

Civic Contacts and Historical Society-None

Parks & Trees-None

Unfinished Business-None

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE BALDWIN GROUP, INC., FOR THE PURCHASE OF MAYORS COURT SOFTWARE AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR THE SAME FOR THE VILLAGE OF MILAN MAYORS COURT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion by Barber, seconded by Basterash to suspend the rules. Roll call: Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Weilnau-yes, motion carried. Motion by Barber, seconded by Basterash to adopt by title only as an emergency. Roll call: Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Weilnau-yes, Barber-yes. Motion carried, Ordinance no. 623-01-14

The above legislation may be rescinded at the next meeting as there may not have been a quorum for suspending the rules.

Motion by Barber, seconded by Basterash to adjourn. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Steven Rockwell, Mayor

Mary Bruno, Fiscal Officer

