

Regular Council Meeting
February 13th, 2013

The February 13th 2013 Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Steven Rockwell.

Roll call: Barber, Basterash, Fox, Maloney, Weilnau and Wolf. Also present-Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno, Acting Administrator Kevin Ackerman and Solicitor Vickie Ruffing.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Barber to approve the Minutes of the January 9th, 2012 Council Meeting. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Barber, seconded by Fox to approve the Council Bills for February 13th, 2013 in the amount of \$12,334.98. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Basterash to approve the Utility Bills for February 13th, 2013 in the amount of \$9,646.35. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Citizens Participation –Jim and Teresa Rose were in attendance. Zachary Main was recognized as the winner of the Officer Phil Award. His prize is riding in the police cruiser during the Melon Festival on Labor Day weekend.

OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Street, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers- Ackerman, along with Harry Winfrey of Richland Engineering looked at a paving project on E. Front Street.

Ackerman and Bruno met with Tim King of Erie Regional Planning. A \$30,000.00 CDBG grant for paving a portion Wilcoxson Street has been approved at the state level. The Village portion of the project will be \$56,146.00.

The big dump truck at the Street Department will be out of commission approximately 2 weeks. A gas tank is being fabricated for about \$1900.00.

Any cosmetic work planned for E. Front Street should be looked at carefully, as it is part of the historical section of the Village of Milan.

Safety-None

Finance-A new bucket truck will be ordered tomorrow if the corresponding legislation is passed later tonight. The amount of the truck is \$134,030.00 and is a state bid price. It will be replacing the 1986 truck. The 1999 truck is currently being repaired.

Regional Planning, Building Codes and Inspections-None

Utilities- The gas line at E. Front Street has been completed.

The 6-inch valve at the Wastewater Plant basement has been replaced and the pump is back in working order.

Ohio Edison and the Village electric department completed the work at the electric metering station. The station feeds the south substation.

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-None

Parks and Trees- Two sweet gum trees at the intersection of Merry and Huron Streets have been removed. The stumps will be removed at a later date.

NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-The street department employees are building and installing shelving in the basement of the Administration Building. This will allow important papers and records to be stored off the floor.

Safety-The furnace for the back half of the Administration Building failed recently. Milan Contractors was able to have the furnace operational in a timely manner, and loaned the Village electric heaters for the down time.

A Safety Meeting will be scheduled for the discussion of parking tickets. The Mayor and Magistrate have not been at prior meetings where the tickets have been discussed. The Mayor asked the Solicitor to hold off on any legislation until the issue is fully discussed.

Finance-Motion by Weilnau, seconded by Barber to approve a \$1.00 an hour probationary increase to Brian Rospert's wages. Rospert's 6 month probationary anniversary date was February 24, 2012, and the increase he was entitled to during his hiring talks was not given. Rospert's increase will reflect back to February 24, 2012. Roll call: Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Maloney-yes, Weilnau-yes, Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, motion carried.

Motion by Weilnau, seconded by Barber to allow the \$0.63 increase per hour the Fiscal Officer was given in January 2012 to be of assistance in the absence of a full time Administrator be added to her regular wages. There is no difference in the money portion; it is for simplicity sake when doing time sheets. Roll call: Fox-yes, Maloney-yes, Weilnau-yes, Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, motion carried.

Regional Planning, Building Codes and Inspections-None

Utilities- A specialist from AMP was in the Village to check the entire electric system, using infrared to check for defects. Twelve areas were in need of attention, and about half have already been fixed. The electric department has prioritized the rest, which should be done by summer.

The gas station and Milan Inntiques experienced an outage due to a bad cut out. All necessary repairs were made and power back on within 20 minutes.

Legislation for a water increase is a part of tonight's legislation. A proposed 2.5% for the next 3 years will get the Village back on track. The numbers are based on a water study by John Courtney and Associates. Ackerman and Bruno worked with John Courtney to lessen water expenses directly associated with an increase. The Village Capital Improvement and Water Replacement Funds will be utilized with larger water expenses.

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-The Milan Garden Club is considering several planters and flower beds, and new flags for light posts in certain parts of the Village. The club will put a proposal together for approval.

Motion by Barber, seconded by Fox to allow the Antique Fest use of the Square on July 14th. The usual streets will be closed, and proof of insurance will be filed. Roll call: Maloney-yes, Weilnau-yes, Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, motion carried.

\$27,000.00 was raised at the Milan Awards and Edison Celebration to Washington Banquet recently. The money will go towards the Edison Statue Fund.

Wolf thanked Milan Township Trustees for their financial help with the new, lighted Edison Birthplace signs on the turnpike.

Both museums are now open on weekends.

The Garden Club would like to change the landscaping arrangement around the Edison statue in the Square.

Parks & Trees-None

Unfinished Business- Motion by Maloney to nominate John Fox as Council President for 2013. Motion by Maloney, seconded by Weilnau to close nominations. No vote was necessary with only one nominee, Fox.

Erie Regional Planning & Building Codes will again have John Fox as the delegate, and Todd Barber as alternate.

Another Village resident needs to be appointed to the Citizens Property Management Commission. The Commission is a 6 year term.

Legislation

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE LOAN FROM THE ELECTRIC REPLACEMENT FUND TO THE ELECTRIC FUND AND THE REPAYMENT PROVISIONS OF SAME. Motion by Maloney, seconded by Fox to adopt by title only. Roll call: Weilnau-yes, Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Maloney-yes. Motion carried, Ordinance no. 597-02-03

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TRANSFER OF SIXTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FROM THE ELECTRIC REPLACEMENT FUND TO THE ELECTRIC FUND AND APPROPRIATING UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BUCKET TRUCK FOR THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT. Motion by Weilnau, seconded by Fox to adopt by title only. Roll call: Wolf-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Fox-yes, Maloney-yes, Weilnau-yes. Motion carried, Ordinance no. 598-02-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR MUNICIPAL WATER SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE VILLAGE OF MILAN, OHIO, REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF INCONSISTENT HERewith.

Motion by Maloney, seconded by Barber to bring this ordinance to its first reading by title only. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART NINE-STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE, TITLE THREE-UTILITIES, CHAPTER 929-ELECTRICITY, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MILAN, OHIO TO INCLUDE

SECTION 929.05.1 "SECURITY LIGHTING". Motion by Barber, seconded by Basterash to bring this ordinance to its first reading by title only. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR, AND SETTING FORTH THE POWERS AND DUTIES THEREOF AND SETTING FORTH

COMPENSATION. Motion by Barber, seconded by Basterash to bring this ordinance to its first reading by title only. Roll call: Fox=yes, Maloney=no, Weilnau=no, Wolf=yes, Barber=yes, Basterash=yes, motion carried. Fox asked Weilnau if he had questions since he voted no, and Weilnau replied he disagreed with a portion of section 2, specifically, that he shall be paid hourly and also be entitled to over time compensation. Maloney did not comment.

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF THE USE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR THE WELL CLEANING PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Weilnau, seconded by Barber to suspend the rules. Roll call: Maloney=yes, Weilnau=yes, Wolf=yes, Barber=yes, Basterash=yes, Fox=yes, motion carried. Motion by Barber, seconded by Fox to adopt by title only as an emergency. Roll call: Weilnau=yes, Wolf=yes, Barber=yes, Basterash=yes, Fox=yes, Maloney=yes. Motion carried, Ordinance no. 599-02-13

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

Steven Rockwell, Mayor

Mary Bruno, Fiscal Officer

