



Village of Milan
Special Council Meeting
May 4, 2021
Revised Minutes

The May 4, 2021 Special Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Pam Crosby.

Roll call: McIlrath – yes, Bickley – yes, Rospert – yes, Taylor – excused, Shafer – yes, DeLand – yes.

Motion by McIlrath, seconded by Crosby, to excuse Taylor from tonight’s special meeting due an event he needed to be at with work. All in favor: yes, motion carried.

Also, present: Mayor Pam Crosby, Fiscal Officer Cathy Ramey and Administrator Brian Rospert.

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Landsdown LLC developers Dan Frederick and Dave Mesenburg.

The purpose of this special meeting was for the developers to explain their concept of tying into the adjacent Village of Milan’s sewer system and answer any questions Council might have.

Dan Frederick read a letter dated April 26th that they (Landsdown LLC) sent to the Mayor and Council, regarding a proposed 35-unit condominiums located on South Main Street in Milan Township. The developer’s proposal, an installation of shallow five to ten feet deep sanitary sewers with a gravity fall to a central wet well located within the new development. Stating, from that well, sewage would be pumped using a force main toward another manhole near South Main Street. From there, a relatively shallow main sewer would use gravity flow to connect along Main Street to the southern end of the existing Village of Milan Sewer system at Landsdown. With the proposed new wet well back in the development, it would be designed to accommodate a gravity and lower shallow sewer extension to serve Cherry and Willow neighborhood in the future should the Village decide to develop that. The developers feel that this would be mutually beneficial for not only the developers but also the Village of Milan.

Dan Frederick continued to read, that the representatives of the village agreed to review this concept prior to the developer investing significant fees in full site development and civil engineering drawings.

The letter goes on to say, on April 12, 2021, the Village proposed an entirely different sewer system which is based on a 10 – 18 foot deep sewer line in an effort to eliminate the pump and forced main. Landsdown LLC's opinion that deep sewers would far exceed the cost of the pump and forced main, noting that soil conditions in the area were proven problematic when the Landsdown wet well that was installed in 2004.

In the conclusion of the letter, Landsdown LLC is not accepting the revised sewer design concept from the Village representatives.

Council was then able to ask questions.

Councilperson Rospert asked Dan Frederick if he has considered having any type of public input, so people can come to the meetings and see what they are proposing. Frederick responded by saying this was the first step and the first public meeting about the project and if they cannot get the sewers in an economically feasible way, then the project is not going to happen.

Councilperson McIlrath questioned if there was any thought of having this property annexed into the Village. Frederick replied that the village would gain utility customers.

Councilperson Rospert asked about the strip in Landsdown that was annexed into the village that was Township, so what was their reasoning there as to opposed to not wanting to do that now. Dave Mesenburg answered that Township zoning for that area was zoned agricultural so they applied to have the zoning changed. They made several attempts to work with the Township even stating they made application for zoning change at least twice, maybe even three times but were denied. That is then when a decision was made to annex in to the village.

Council members continued to ask questions.

Council will schedule a continuance meeting at a later date with Pat Schwan from Richland Engineering.

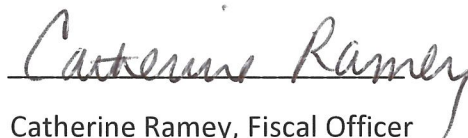
Adjournment

Motion by McIlrath, seconded by Bickley, to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Roll call: Shafer – yes, DeLand – yes, McIlrath – yes, Bickley – no, Rospert – yes, Taylor – excused.



Carla Rospert, Council President



Catherine Ramey, Fiscal Officer