



Village of Milan
Special Council Meeting
December 9, 2021

December 9, 2021 Special Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Pam Crosby.

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

Motioned by Rospert, seconded by DeLand, to excuse Nate Shafer from tonight’s Special Council Meeting due to Military duty. Roll call: Taylor – yes, DeLand – yes, McIlrath – yes, Bickley – yes, Rospert – yes.

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

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mary Bruno spoke on concerns she had with employment within the Village.

OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS – None

NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Councilperson Rospert discussed the Finance Committee meeting that was held on Thursday, December 2nd. It was on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to move forward with Courtney and Associates to conduct a new water rate study at an estimated cost of \$6000.00 and noted that it does not include a cost of service analysis or an assessment of the actual system. Courtney and Associates would wait until year end to collect the whole year data, then to take up to approximately three months to get the report back to the Village once completed.

Councilperson DeLand wanted it clarified that this study does not analyze the relationship between the Township and the Village and the payment, it is not part of this study.

Motion by Bickley, seconded by Taylor, to move forward with Courtney and Associates to do the water rate study. Roll Call: Taylor – yes, DeLand– yes, McIlrath – yes, Rospert – yes, Bickley – yes.

NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS – cont.

Finance - Discussion over cost of living for employees was discussed.

Motion by Bickley, seconded by Rospert, to give all employees including part time police a 4% cost of living increase to begin on January 1, 2022. Roll Call: DeLand– yes, McIlrath – yes, Bickley – yes, Rospert – yes, Taylor – yes.

Councilperson Rospert noted that Administrator Rospert commended Justina Demarchi on how beneficial she has been in the office with the abundance of public records requests and to recommend that she continues in this position. Councilperson Rospert did note that when hiring Justina in January for this position that Council would revisit her position by the end of this year.

Motion by Rospert, seconded by Rospert, to keep Justina on at her current position.

Roll Call: McIlrath – yes, Rospert – yes, Bickley – yes, Taylor – yes, DeLand– yes.

Councilperson Rospert will have the August 24th and December 2nd Finance Committee Meeting Minutes ready for the next Finance Committee Meeting on December 13th.

Fiscal Officer Cathy Ramey spoke about the 2022 Budget Appropriations. Ramey stated that this is a fluent document and there may be changes in it next year. There was a change to health care to a 12% increase, in hopes this will come down but there is no guarantee. 4% is included on the recommendation of the Finance Committee. Fiscal Officer Ramey said she put back into the budget was the transfers from the water, sewer and electric and put them back into their Capital Improvement Funds. Another is the amount of the Tri-annual Property Tax which will possibly be in, in January. This is under the projected Budget and nothing was taken from the balances for carryovers. If revenue next year is not met then expenses will be cut, noting Capital Projects, Improvements and Equipment Replacement is not in the budget, in January it will be addressed for 2022 and moving forward.

Motion by Rospert, seconded by McIlrath, to extend the training hours requirements through January 31, 2022. Roll Call: Bickley – yes, Taylor – yes, DeLand– yes McIlrath – yes, Rospert – yes.

Motion by Bickley, seconded by Taylor, to give one half percent (½%) increase to each full time employee that attends sixteen (16) hours or more of training effective January 1, 2022.

Roll Call: DeLand– yes, McIlrath – yes, Rospert – yes, Bickley – yes, Taylor – yes.

Motion by Rospert, seconded by Bickley, to enter into Executive Session to consider the compensation of a public employee or official.

Roll Call: Bickley – yes, Taylor – yes, DeLand– yes, McIlrath – yes, Rospert – yes.

NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS – Finance cont.

Motion by McIlrath, seconded by Rospert, to return to Special Session.

Roll Call: Taylor – yes, DeLand– yes, McIlrath – yes, Rospert – yes, Bickley – yes.

Councilperson McIlrath mentioned that Fiscal Officer Ramey works a whole lot more that she was hired to do hour wise even. Councilperson Rospert also agreed saying Fiscal Officer Ramey also works not only long hours but also weekends and she is a great part of this team and works great along with the other employees.

Motion by Bickley, seconded by DeLand to take the following action to increase Fiscal Officer Catherine Ramey salary to \$65,000.00 and retroactive to May 30, 2021, effective immediately.

Roll Call: Bickley – yes, Rospert – yes, McIlrath – yes, DeLand– yes, Taylor – yes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

LEGISLATION

Ordinance – Next Number will be 809-12-21

Resolution – Next Number will be 619-12-21

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 FOR THE VILLAGE OF MILAN, OHIO

Motion by Bickley, seconded by Rospert, to bring this Ordinance to its first reading by title only.

Roll Call: DeLand – yes, McIlrath – yes, Bickley – yes, Rospert – yes, Taylor – yes.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A VILLAGE OF MILAN JENKINS WAREHOUSE COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by McIlrath, seconded by DeLand, to suspend the rules.

Roll Call: Taylor – yes, DeLand – yes, McIlrath – yes, Bickley – yes, Rospert – yes.

Motion by DeLand, seconded by McIlrath, to adopt by title only as an emergency.

Roll Call: Taylor – yes, DeLand – yes, McIlrath – yes, Bickley – yes, Rospert – yes.

AN ORDINANCE ELIMINATING THE VILLAGE OF MILAN EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Rospert, seconded by McIlrath, to suspend the rules.

Roll Call: DeLand – yes, McIlrath – yes, Bickley – yes, Rospert – yes, Taylor – yes.

Motion by DeLand, seconded by Rospert, to adopt by title only as an emergency.

Roll Call: McIlrath – yes, Bickley – yes, Rospert – yes, Taylor – yes, DeLand – yes.

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND FOR THE JENKINS WAREHOUSE FOR THE VILLAGE OF MILAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Motion by Rospert, seconded by McIlrath, to suspend the rules.

Roll Call: McIlrath – yes, Bickley – yes, Rospert – yes, Taylor – yes, DeLand – yes.

Motion by Bickley, seconded by Taylor, to adopt by title only as an emergency.

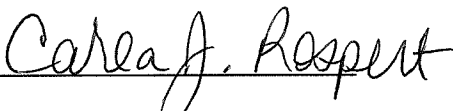
Roll Call: Bickley – yes, Rospert – yes, Taylor – yes, DeLand – yes, McIlrath – yes.

Questions for Next Meeting

Adjournment

Motion by McIlrath, seconded by Taylor, to adjourn tonight’s meeting.

Roll Call: DeLand – yes, Taylor – yes, Rospert – yes, McIlrath – yes, Bickley – yes.



Carla Rospert, Council President

Catherine Ramey, Fiscal Officer