



**Village of Milan
Council Work Session Meeting
December 8, 2022**

A Work Session for the Village of Milan Council was called to order by Mayor Pam Crosby on Thursday December 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room at 11 S. Main Street, Milan, Ohio.

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

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

New Business

a. 2023 Budget – Fiscal Officer Ramey reviewed the Appropriations highlights in the 2023 Budget. Fiscal Officer Ramey went on to say the two new positions, the part-time Record Coordinator with discussion starting at \$15.00 an hour for 25 hours a week is shown in the General Fund under Fiscal department since they will be helping in her department and the other position that has been discussed was the new police officer, with a starting wage of \$20.00 an hour with a \$1.00 raise after a six-month probationary period. Council will see that included in the police department budget. Council will also see an increase in the Police Pension Fund due to the new full-time officer. She did say there were some increases in operating, but most were off set from other accounts. Fiscal Officer Ramey continued to go over the draft appropriations with Council. Council President Rospert thanked Fiscal Officer Ramey for explaining the draft Appropriations with them.

b. Capital Assets – Administrator Rospert spoke on the new quote total for the dump truck with the updated box. The new box that was now quoted is a much stronger build with higher sides and tailgate. Even with the snowplow prep kit, the purchase will still be under budget for the overall build. The total amount for the 6500 Dump Truck is \$110,721.64. Administrator Rospert will make a recommendation in tonight’s Special Council Meeting to move forward on this. The snowplow will be on hold until next year and then the cost of that will come out of next year’s Capital Improvement Budget.

c. Proposal to Review our Sewer Rates – Administrator Rospert mentioned that the sewer rates are showing losses in them and with the high cost of operation of the plant, he reached out to John Courtney to provide a proposal to review the sewer rates. Council was given John Courtney’s proposal to provide professional services relative to a review of Milan’s Sewer Rates.

c. Proposal to Review our Sewer Rates cont. – Administrator Rospert asked Council if they had any questions, making note that he would bring this forward to the December 28, 2022 Council Meeting. Council President Rospert asked on the time frame and Administrator Rospert stated three months and last time sewer rates were raised were in 2017. Administrator Rospert notified Council that the generator at the Sewer Plant was starting to fail. This generator was put in when the plant was installed in 1985. Water/Wastewater Superintendent Brad Simon has received one quote so far of over \$70,000.00 to replace it. This must be a heavy duty, high amperage generator to run the pumps and blowers. American Recovery Act Funds can be used for this. Another item Administrator Rospert said they are looking into is Midwest Tank Systems to do a ten (10) year annual tank inspection on the water tower. Within this inspection and contract it includes, maintenance water tower, painting of inside and outside the water tower and new logo. Erie County, Lorain and Northern Ohio Rural Water uses them.

Unfinished Business

Fiscal Officer Ramey said Police Chief Bob Meister wanted to relay the \$15.00 an hour that was discussed on the new part-time hire for the Police Department that he wanted to include the existing part-time officers not just new hire part-time officers. Council President Rospert said as a Council the intent was to raise all part-time police officers to \$15.00 an hour not just the newly hired police officers. Fiscal Officer Ramey said she will need a motion to clarify this and to make it effective November 1, 2022. Fiscal Officer Ramey also noted in the appropriations, the police department part-time wages were cut to \$26,000.00 they were at \$52,000.00, this is due to the new employee.

Questions for Next Meeting

Next Work Session February 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Starting time will need to be changed in the Rules of Council.

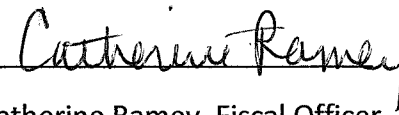
Adjournment

Motion by Rospert, seconded by McIlrath to adjourn tonight’s Work Session Meeting.

Roll call: McIlrath - yes, Rospert – yes, Taylor – yes, Shafer – yes, McManus – yes.



Carla Rospert, Council President



Catherine Ramey, Fiscal Officer