



**Village of Milan
Council Work Session Meeting
July 13, 2023**

A Work Session for the Village of Milan Council was called to order immediately following the Special Council Meeting by Mayor Pam Crosby on Thursday July 13, 2023 in the Council Room at 11 S. Main Street, Milan, Ohio.

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

Motion by McManus, seconded by Rospert, to excuse Tim McIlrath from tonight’s meeting.

Roll Call: Bickley – yes, Rospert – yes, Shafer – yes, McManus – yes.

Motion by Rospert, seconded by Shafer, to excuse Stefan Taylor from tonight’s meeting.

Roll Call: Rospert – yes, Shafer – yes, McManus – yes, Bickley – yes.

Also, present: Mayor Pam Crosby, Administrator Brian Rospert, Solicitor Jim Barney and Administrative Supervisor Julie Stelzer.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Police Department Staffing – Will be discussed at the Work Session scheduled for Tuesday July 18th at 6:30 p.m.

b. Street Department open position – Administrator Rospert will post this position tomorrow.

c. Water billing – During the Council Meeting on Wednesday June 28th, Village resident Roberta Weber complained that the Village was rounding up her water.

An explanation was then presented to the Council on how the water meters are read and billed. The resident meter is measured for readings in the thousands of gallons used, if a resident’s meter reads below the next thousand gallons, they are not charged that. An example was given: If a resident uses 4,500 gallons in the thousands, that resident is only billed for 4,000 gallons. The Village does not reset the meter, it is then read the following month at 1,000 gallons. So, if the resident uses below the 1,000 read for any month the gallons will continue on the meter, the Village does not round up, it is rounded down. The meter never resets and the gallons all equal out over time.

It was suggested to add an explanation of how the water meters are read to the Village Webpage.

NEW BUSINESS cont.

At the last Council Meeting on June 28th, Village resident Mary Bruno mentioned that the Sewer Ordinance was incorrect, Solicitor Barney explained to Council the numbering of Ordinance will be correct when Codification takes place. Resident Bruno also said the Village could not charge a surcharge to sewer. The Village has researched their records and were unable to locate this grant, Administrator Rospert then reached out to the Ohio EPA with the Grant number to have them provide documentation. The Ohio EPA responded, no records were found and that the grant was awarded prior to the loan program being established and the retention scheduled was 10 years. The EPA will also check with Division of Surface Water (DSW) to be certain.

d. Electric Department Digger Derrick Truck – Electric Superintendent Tyson Metz discussed the current issues with the Electric Department’s 1992 Derrick Digger truck, this unit needs to have an outrigger hydraulic cylinder replaced and at a cost of about \$10,000 dollars. The Electric Department uses the unit carefully and then adding hydraulic fluid as needed, after each use.

Superintendent Metz then asked Council for the replacement of the current 1992 Derrick Digger in the Electric Department with a used 2014 Derrick Digger. Council was given a file with attachments showing them pictures and quotes for comparison of the cost of a new unit to the cost of a used unit that has been refurbished and then tested and certified for use. The Electric Department is asking to spend \$97,000 on this used unit in comparison to \$309,000 for a new one and or spending \$10,000 on repairing their current unit but then noting the frame is cracked and when this was inspected, it was advised it cannot be repaired without cutting out a section of the frame and replacing it.

Although in November it was approved to replace the 1999 bucket truck at a cost of \$198,000. The Electric Department is looking to be able to work safely and not worry that something else will happen while using the current 1992 unit.

The Council would like Superintendent Metz to find out the next steps and if they do State Contract. Superintendent Metz will email them first thing in the morning.

e. Codified Ordinances - Part One Administrative – this will be discussed at a later Work Session.

f. Anything that comes before Council – Administrator Rospert informed the Council there is a bid opening for the Sewer Plant Generator project tomorrow. One bid has been received so far.

Administrator Rospert will contact O.D.O.T. on the position of the stop bar located on State Route 113 East to the Stop Here signage.

Council President Rospert inquired about the sidewalks down at the curve on State Route 601. Administrator Rospert informed the Council that the gravel will be gone and that area will eventually have dirt and grass.

Mayor Crosby asked who is responsible for the hole in the road by the Milan Museum. Administrator Rospert will reach out to Columbia Gas and possibly get it cold patched until they are able to repair the non-critical gas leak.

Councilperson Bickley mentioned that he has decided not to run for a Council seat this November. He thanked everyone he has worked with and the great job that they all have done. He made special mentions to Councilperson McManus, when someone looks to see what a new Council member can accomplish, they will look to her as an example. To Councilperson Shafer for balancing his commitment to his country and the Village and his sacrifices to those, Councilperson Bickley appreciates that. To Council President Rospert, she is a great leader and does a great job, she brings up sides that nobody wants to hear and gets them on the table for discussion and Councilperson Bickley respects her for that. Mentioning Councilperson Taylor for the great job in getting the new Park events going on the Square and to Councilperson McIlrath for being a rock in his position on the Safety Committee. Councilperson Bickley appreciates working with Mayor Crosby and everyone on staff along with the great job they do for the Village. Council President Rospert thanked Councilperson Bickley for all his time on Council and stepping up and filling vacant seats.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING

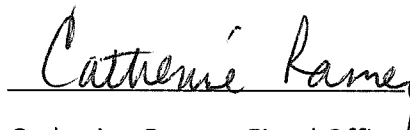
Adjournment

Motion by Shafer, seconded by McManus, to adjourn tonight's Work Session Meeting.

Roll call: Bickley – yes, Rospert – yes, Shafer – yes, McManus – yes.



Carla Rospert, Council President



Catherine Ramey, Fiscal Officer