

**Village of Milan**  
**Council Meeting**  
**February 25, 2026**

February 25, 2026, Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Pam Crosby.

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

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

Motion by Rospert, seconded by McIlrath, to excuse McManus from tonight’s meeting.  
Roll Call: Shafer – absent, Naufel – yes, McIlrath – yes, Rospert – yes, Taylor – yes.

Motion by Taylor, seconded by Naufel, to approve the Minutes of the January 28<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting. Roll Call: Naufel – yes, Taylor – yes, Shafer – absent, McIlrath – yes, Rospert – yes.

**Citizen Participation** – Pam Grames representing the Milan Melon Festival Committee requested the use of the Village Square for an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 28, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Motion by Naufel, seconded by McIlrath, to approve the Milan Melon Festival Committee use of the Village Square on Saturday March 28, 2026 from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. for and Easter Egg Hunt, providing insurance is in place prior.

Roll Call: Shafer – absent, Naufel – yes, Rospert – yes, Taylor – yes, McIlrath – yes.

Village resident Nick Tucker requested the Village to consider vacating an alley off Bond Street. Village resident Joe Chicotel voiced his concerns regarding why Council would keep vacating alleys within the Village. After several minutes of discussion and consideration regarding vacating the alley. Council requested the Village Solicitor present an Ordinance at the next upcoming Council meeting to vacate the alley, with three readings.

Councilperson Shafer arrived at 6:40 p.m.

**OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers** – Milan Manor Slope Failure Project update; ADR Engineering survey is completed, the engineering design and development of construction plans will begin. The plan is to have the project placed out for bid by the end of March.

## **OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS -cont.**

**Safety** – None

**Finance** – Mayor Crosby discussed taking Fiscal Officer Cathy Ramey off probationary status.  
Roll Call: Taylor – yes, Shafer – yes, Naufel – yes, Rospert – yes, McIlrath – yes.

Council President Rospert asked how much longer Diane Shafer UAN support, will be needed.  
The mayor will look into this.

**Regional Planning, Building Codes & Inspection** – None

**Utilities** – The Water Tower System Improvements, 10-Year Water Tower Maintenance Program was put out for bid on February 13<sup>th</sup>. This was advertised in the local paper and on the Villages social media sites. Bids need to be submitted by March 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

**Civic Contacts and Historical Preservation** – Ohio Goes to the Movies event held at the Milan Township Town Hall on February 11<sup>th</sup> was a great success and well attended.

**Parks and Trees** – None

**Records Commission** – None

**Citizen Property Maintenance** - None

## **NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers** – Along with the help of the Wastewater Department using the sewer jet, the plugged storm sewer line on Willow Drive was cleaned out.

Street Department employee Bobby Cumston scrapped and painted the much-needed stairwell at the Administration Building.

Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, a section of roadway that has continuously been cold patched, crumbled on Church Street. Administrator Rospert contacted ODOT and together determined that the section of concrete needs to be taken out, put in cold patch, and then plate the area with ODOT's steel plates. With the help of ODOT, the Electric and Street Departments, a temporary repair was made and the road remains open. For a more temporary repair, a discussion of removing the cold patch and pouring in a fast set concrete, until the road is repaired sometime later this summer was decided.

**Safety** – Employees of Electric, Street, Water, Administrative Office, and the Mayor attended the monthly AMP Safety Training, the topic was CPR and AED.

Council President Rospert stated newly hired full-time police officer Emma Horchler, sent in a resignation letter declining the position.

Motioned by Naufel, seconded by McIlrath, to accept the resignation of Emma Horchler as a full-time Police officer.

Roll Call: McIlrath – yes, Naufel – yes, Rospert – yes, Taylor – yes, Shafer – yes.

**NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS cont.**

**Safety cont.** – Council President Rospert stated Police Officer Justina DeMarchi gave her resignation letter effective Monday February 2, 2026.

Motioned by Naufel, seconded by Shafer, to accept the resignation of Justina DeMarchi as a part-time officer effective February 2, 2026.

Roll Call: Taylor – yes, Shafer – yes, Naufel – yes, Rospert – yes, McIlrath – yes.

**Finance – None**

Motion by Rospert, seconded by McIlrath, to approve the Council Bills for the period of January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Roll Call: Shafer – yes, Naufel – yes, McIlrath – yes, Rospert – yes, Taylor – yes.

Motion by Taylor, seconded by Shafer, to approve the Utility Bills for the period of December January 29<sup>th</sup> – February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Roll Call: McIlrath – yes, Taylor – yes, Shafer – yes, Naufel – yes, Rospert – yes.

**Regional Planning, Building Code, and Inspection** – Motion by Naufel, seconded by McIlrath, to approve Robert Wheeler to the Design Review Board, as the Edison Birthplace Board Member for the term expiring on December 31, 2027.

Roll Call: Naufel – yes, Taylor – yes, Shafer – yes, McIlrath – yes, Rospert – yes.

**Utilities – Over the past month in the Water/Wastewater.**

Water/Wastewater performed all testing and submitted necessary reports to the EPA.

Since the old meter could not be repaired, Erie County Water purchased a new master meter from NECO Water in the amount of \$12,300.00, this will be a shared cost between the County and the Village, with the Village portion being \$6,150.00.

Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> the Water Department was notified of a water leak at the Village Station. Upon investigation, it was found to be a broken meter pit lid. Damage done to the village water meter was caused by the lid falling directly onto the meter. Due to the depth of the meter and concrete apron which needed to be jack hammered out, the Village contacted R.A. Bores to make the repairs. It was learned that their delivery driver broke the meter pit lid on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and never notified the Village. The Village Station had to shut down due to water getting in their fuel tanks. On Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, the Village Stations cleanup company was in to remove the water from the gas and tested their equipment for leaks. It was determined that two of their pressure caps failed, letting water in. On Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> they were able to reopen the gas pumps to customers.

Over the past month in the Electric Department.

Assisted the Street Department with snow removal, fixed several electrical outlets at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, relamped lights in the Village Square, hung the US 250 flag in the square, and read meters.

**NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS cont.**

**Utilities** – Over the past month in the Electric Department – cont.

They contracted with Great Lakes Electric to repair and replace the block heater in the generator at the Electric Department, Friday evening on February 6<sup>th</sup>, the Village experienced an electrical outage, which affected the whole system. It was determined that the outage was caused by an issue with Ohio Edison’s 69kv transmission line.

Administrator Rospert spoke about scheduling a Work Session in March to discuss the Water Tower 10-Year Maintenance Program and proposed moratorium on Data Centers in the Village. Earlier in the month Administrator Rospert sent Council an email with the Village’s 2025 Wholesale Power Costs, provided by AMP. In the report, the Villages energy costs were lower than forecasted but higher than the 2024 rates. One of the driving forces is the capacity charges, which are based off the peak loads. One way to hedge against the higher capacity charges is to consider entering an agreement for behind the meter generation to counterbalance the peak load. AMP is recommending adding Bright Mountain Solar project to the Village’s portfolio with 300 kW of power. This project, along with others, is under review by John Courtney. Administrator Rospert suggested having AMP in to explain the Wholesale Power Costs and the solar project at the next Work Session.

A Work Session will be scheduled for Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Parks and Trees** – None

**Records Commission** – Records Commission Meeting will be held on March 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

**Citizens Property Maintenance Commission** - None

**Communications** – None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Council President Rospert received a question regarding if a same vehicle can park in the handicap parking space daily for hours in the Village Square is allowed. Solicitor Barney said since this vehicle has a handicap placard, it is legally parked.

**LEGISLATION**

Ordinance – Next Number will be 933-2-26

Resolution – Next Number will be 657-2-26

**Questions for Next Meeting** – None

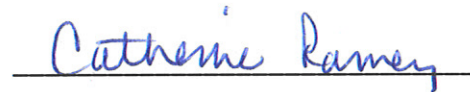
**Adjournment**

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

Roll Call: Naufel-yes, Taylor-yes, Shafer-yes, McIlrath – yes, Rospert-yes.



Carla Rospert, Council President



Catherine Ramey, Fiscal Officer