

**VILLAGE OF MILAN COUNCIL MEETING**

January 4, 2016  
Milan Municipal Building  
5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of the Minutes of December 21, 2015
4. Consideration of the Administrator's Report
5. Consideration of the Economic Developer's Report
6. Consideration of the Inspectors' Reports
7. Consideration of the Department Heads Reports
8. Consideration of the Bi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bills
9. Presentation by Kathy Wine, River Action
10. Committee Reports
11. Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board
12. Adjourn

The regular meeting of the Milan Village Board of Trustees was held Monday January 4, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Milan Municipal Building. Mayor Dawson presided.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed present, Trustees Jody Taylor, Jerry Wilson, Bruce Stickell, Jim Flannery and Harry Stuart. Trustee Jay Zimmerman was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Attorney Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 21, 2015 were given to all Trustees. There being no additions or corrections, Trustee Flannery moved to approve them as presented and Trustee Taylor seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT and THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPER'S REPORT

Administrator's Report

Administrator Seiver stated he is working with Ms. Ernst and Bi-State to consolidate the IL Quad City Enterprise Zone and the City of Rock Island Enterprise Zone. They hope to complete this by the first half of 2016. Milan's Enterprise Zone is good until March 2018.

Mr. Seiver stated he attended a Visioning Seminar at the I Wireless Center December 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was a separate discussion with Quad City Mayors, Administrators and Chamber staff looking at efforts to strengthen Quad City economic growth.

He is still working with neighboring municipalities regarding the reduction of 9-1-1 call centers and the ramifications of that. There was a positive review of a possible joint emergency dispatch and 9-1-1 center at the Milan Municipal Building.

Milan's 9-1-1 equipment is due for an upgrade to meet Federal Guidelines so staff will meet with INdigital staff January 13<sup>th</sup> to continue implementation planning with installation and training in March or April.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPER'S REPORT

Ms. Ernst stated the Small Business Development Center in Moline will be closing. The State funding for the program which is run by Blackhawk College has been cut. The Quad City Chamber is interested in looking for possible funding to keep the program going.

She has a client which is interested in purchasing the remaining two lots (lots 10 & 14) in the Milan Industrial Park.

There being no questions of Mr. Seiver or Ms. Ernst, Trustee Stickell moved to accept the Administrator's report and the Economic Developer's report as presented. Trustee Stuart seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Trustee Stickell stated it has been a very good month for the Inspections Department. He reported that a new house is being built in the Conservancy and there are plans for five more in that addition.

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Trustee Stickell moved to approve the Inspectors' reports as presented. Trustee Flannery seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS'

Mayor Dawson stated all board members have received copies of the department head reports.

WATER/SEWER

Superintendent Farrell stated there have only been two water main breaks last month.

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Wilson asked Mayor Dawson if he talked with Superintendent Pannell regarding the repairs to the gazebo in Leona Park.

Mayor Dawson stated he hadn't, but would like the Council's consensus to make the repairs which would be in the range of \$700. The Council's consensus was to make the repairs.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Johnson stated New Years Eve presented no problems.

There being no questions regarding the reports, Trustee Flannery moved to approve the reports as presented. Trustee Stickell seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE MISCELLANEOUS AND SEMI-MONTHLY BILLS

Trustee Taylor stated the large bills consisted of \$24,000 of the total \$42,000 regular bill run. The large bills were for insurance reserve, work comp and repairs to the road roller and a dump truck. The bills are really low this time and seem to be in order.

There being no questions regarding the bills, Trustee Taylor moved to approve the January 4, 2016 semi-monthly bills in the amount of \$42,460.46 and Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Wilson, Stickell, Flannery, Stuart and Taylor voted "Aye". Motion carried. The bills will be paid from the following funds:

General Fund	17,729.50
Garbage Fund	230.98
Camden Centre	2,445.77
Camden Centre Deposit	100.00
Insurance Reserve	14,609.61
Water & Sewer	7,344.60
TOTAL	\$ 42,460.46

PRESENTATION BY KATHY WINE, RIVER ACTION

Ms. Kathy Wine introduced Mr. Tim Chambers and Ms. Kate Kremer whom she has been working with on a plan for the Milan Hennepin Canal Environmental Park at Lock & Dam 30. She stated they are asking financial support of \$4,000 for the project from the village. This is 3% of the entire project.

Mr. Chambers stated there is 124 miles on the canal which can be used for canoeing and kayaking. Phase one of the project is to clean up the overgrowth and replant low growing vegetation. They will plant new trees and prune existing ones. The Eagle Scouts have planted a wildlife garden and placed brick pavers as a walkway and outlook on the riverside of the garden. Fishermen can cast into the Hennepin off the outlook for a less aggressive area to fish into. The historic lock infrastructure has been uncovered and signs have been restored.

Mr. Chambers stated safety is a major concern in planning the park so they are following the DNR recommended setback of 300 feet from Steel Dam for the portage point and opening up the tree line in that space for safer passage. He stated there will be about 3-4 acres reserved for wildlife.

Phase one was completed in 2015 and included making parking lot improvements, construction of a wildlife garden and vegetation removal and replanting for a cost of \$8,631.

Mr. George Bellovics, DNR Region 1 Office of Engineering and Planning stated the area where the water flows from Rock River into the Hennepin Canal needs to be dredged. The Public Works did not have the equipment to do that last year. Milan leases the Steel Dam use area and whenever a change is made on DNR owned property an amendment to that lease has to be made. Nothing should be done that is permanent. The plans River Action has set out for the project do not have any permanent changes.

Mr. Bellovics stated since this is a canoe access project it would qualify for a 100% reimbursable grant. The grant is from the Motor Fuel Tax Marine Grant Fund. The village would submit the grant between July 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>. A commitment from the village could have a positive influence on the success of the grant.

Mr. Frank Schier, founder of the Rock River Trail Initiative, stated signage and promotion of the trail is crucial to its success. So far there

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are eleven counties involved in the Rock River Trail and it is 311 miles long. He stated they have set up a website promoting the trail which Milan is welcome to use and add to. The Rock River Trail is also promoted on the National Park Service website.

Mr. Schier stated signs are available promoting biking, hiking, canoeing and kayaking. There are 22 dams along the Rock River Trail so safety signs are placed near them. Directional signs are also available. There is a map which shows how you can enjoy the trail by car. They also make scenic and historic route signs for the trail.

Milan is at the end of the Rock River Trail which is a plus. It is an opportunity to attract fishermen, hikers, bikers and others to visit Milan and take advantage of Milan businesses.

Mr. Schier encouraged the village to consider ADA canoe launches. There is help with sponsoring the cost to build these. He stated Milan is very lucky to have help from the community and DNR to help with money and work for this project.

By using the natural resources available, the Rock River Trail and the River Action are both working to promote economic development, historical preservation and clean water as well as providing healthy, safe recreation for the communities involved.

Mr. Bellovics wanted to recognize Randy Wlaskolich and Dean Mathias for work they have done to clean up along the Hennepin Canal between lock 31 and 32. They have actually changed the attitude of the site and you see people walking and enjoying that area now.

Mayor Dawson thanked Ms. Wine and her assistants for taking into consideration the Council's concerns and ideas from the last time they met. The plan is much different than the last time they saw it and it is so much nicer.

Mayor Dawson asked if the Council would consider the donation of \$4,000 to the River Action project. It was the consensus of the Board to donate \$4,000 to River Action for the project.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

#### CITIZENS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD

There were no comments from the audience.

#### ADJOURN

Trustee Stickell moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Stuart seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

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Barbara L. Lee, Village Clerk