

VILLAGE OF MILAN COUNCIL MEETING

June 19, 2017

Milan Municipal Building

5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of the Minutes of June 5, 2017
4. Consideration of the Treasurer's Report
5. Consideration of the Semi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bills
6. Presentation by Vera Hinrichsen regarding Skip Along Daycare Center
7. Consideration of the Reappointments to Various Boards and Commissions
8. Consideration of a Restaurant License-LO LO'S Fish & Chicken 580 W. 1st Street
9. Consideration of the In From The Cold Day Proclamation
10. Committee Reports
11. Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board
12. Adjourn

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Attorney Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

All Board Members received a copy of the June 5, 2017 Village Board meeting minutes. There being no additions or corrections, Trustee Stickell moved to approve the minutes as presented and Trustee Flannery seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Mark Hunt was present and gave a copy of his report ending May 31, 2017 to all the Board Members.

He stated this report shows the General Fund revenue was \$59,053, but the property tax allocations will be coming in shortly giving a boost to the revenue total for early June. All other departments show expenditures fiscal year-to-date and the larger expenses. TIF I and TIF II had expenses for bond interest and taxes.

He added an "item of note" on his report. This concerned a letter he received from the Illinois Department of Revenue. The letter stated the IDR has determined that the village has been over paid \$107,871.41 in local sales tax and \$53,935.70 in non-home rule sales tax. This occurred due to a Milan business over reporting sales. An adjustment of Milan's sales tax distribution for the next twelve months will be made. IDR will deduct \$13,485 from Milan's distribution of sales tax for the next eleven months and \$13,472.11 the final month.

IDR is not able to give further information regarding the mistake. They sent a form of non-disclosure if the village wanted to find out more

details. The Mayor signed the agreement to allow Administrator Seiver and Finance Director Hunt to talk to IDR regarding the erroneous distribution.

Administrator Seiver stated according to the nondisclosure agreement, they could not talk openly about what is discussed between Mr. Hunt, himself and the IDR. They will only be able to talk to the Board in generalities after they get more information.

Mr. Hunt added the State has not yet confirmed allotments of Motor Fuel Tax to municipalities. There is a bill pending regarding MFT distributions which everyone thinks will be passed soon. At this time Milan's MFT Fund is in good shape and any MFT items or programs can be paid from that.

There being no comments further discussion regarding the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Stickell moved to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SEMI-MONTHLY AND MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Trustee Taylor stated there are two bill runs this evening. One is in the amount of \$92,869.49 and the other in the amount of \$19,824.65.

The larger bills in the first run consist of gas & diesel, the purchase of Rock Island water, street paint, Well 5 tower cleaning, STP chemicals and repair of M25 which is the 2002 Ford Explorer. The second run consisted of payments to Jacob and Klein for legal fees and The Economic Development Group LTD for administrative fees. They are the TIF attorneys and administrators for Milan's three TIF Funds.

There being no comments on the bills, Trustee Taylor moved to pay the bills in the amounts of \$92,869.49 and \$19,824.65. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Wilson, Stickell, Flannery and Taylor voted "Aye". Motion carried.

The bills will be paid from the following accounts:

General	\$ 27,714.06
Garbage	12,337.18
Motor Fuel Tax	5,194.34
Camden Centre	4,274.39
Camden Centre Deposit	1,200.00
Special Tax Fund I	10,301.11
Special Tax Fund II	4,518.04
Special Tax Fund III	5,005.50
Water & Sewer	42,149.52
Total	<u>\$112,694.14</u>

PRESENTATION BY VERA HINRICHSEN/SKIP-A-LONG CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Mayor Dawson introduced Ms. Vera Hinrichsen, Professional Development Coordinator for Skip-a-Long Child Development Services in Milan.

Ms. Hinrichsen stated Skip-A-Long took over Just Kids two years ago. Ms. Hinrichsen was the founder of Just Kids over forty years ago. She stated due to Illinois's financial situation Just Kids was not receiving their State allotments. The State passed new legislation which mandated all daycare facilities to pay property tax. Daycare Facilities suffered losses due to schools now providing free summer programs. She stated with the financial situation she was put in, she knew Just Kids would not survive.

Skip-A-Long is a much larger not-for-profit with a better support system with State grants and with eleven other Skip-A-Long facilities. She decided to sell Just Kids, but worried about the outcome for her staff. As it worked out every one of her staff filled a position with Skip-A-Long and they got better benefits, retirement plan, holiday pay and some were even promoted.

Ms. Hinrichsen stated in 1990 she had obtained a \$700,000 State grant for Just Kids which supported one hundred twenty families with daycare. She knew she would have lost this grant if she kept Just Kids, but Skip-A-Long had financial and legal support to fight to keep it. They were successful.

Ms. Hinrichsen thanked the Board for their support over the years.

Mayor Dawson stated Just Kids was a vital part of Milan and now welcomes Skip-a-Long.

CONSIDERATION OF THE REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Dawson made the following reappointments;

Police Pension Board, Arion Cox to 5/1/2019

Planning Commission, Donna Abolt Stone & Walter Wynes to 5/1/2020

Police Commission, Michael Wynn to 5/1/2020

Mayor Dawson stated he needs to appoint a replacement on the Zoning Board of Appeals for Lou Taube who passed away recently. He thought he would ask someone from the Planning Commission to fill her position since they would already be knowledgeable of the zoning laws. Also he has checked to see if a member of the Board or Commission needs to live in the village limits. As far as he can see they do not. Rich Stout is a member of the Police Commission. He will be moving to East Moline before his term is up. Mayor Dawson will ask him if he wants to continue his position on the Police Commission after he moves. If he does not, the Mayor has someone who is willing to serve out his term if he declines to stay.

Trustee Flannery moved to approve the appointments Mayor Dawson made. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESTAURANT LICENSE

Mayor Dawson stated the building at 580 W. 1st Street was sold to someone other than the people who was going to start the restaurant so there will be no action on this agenda item.

CONSIDERATION OF THE "IN FROM THE COLD PROCLAMATION"

Mayor Dawson read a proclamation supporting November 1, 2017 as In From the Cold Day in the Quad Cities. This organization raises money for the homeless. Mayor Dawson stated each year one day in November the Quad City Mayors sponsor the Mayors Hunger Luncheon to earn money for the In From the Cold project. The meal consists of bread and soup and the motto of the event is "eat simply so that others can simply eat". Mayor Dawson has worked the event from its beginning in 1993.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Taylor stated the volunteer Citizens Corp was formed in Milan in 2009 when a straight line wind hit the village. The volunteers are educated in various fields of disaster relief so when a disaster hits they are there to give aid to the afflicted. The Citizens Corp has dwindled a bit due to no disasters, but that is a good thing. The group met quarterly, but they have decided to meet and vote to change the by-laws to meet semi-annually to April and September.

Trustee Taylor stated Rock Island and Scott Counties have formed together to make up a Quad City Citizen Corp. She is encouraging the members of Milan's Corp to become involved with them to further education and involvement.

Mayor Dawson thanked Trustee Taylor for her continued involvement with the Citizen Corp. It is a good group of people who are prepared to help in case of disaster in Milan.

Trustee Stickell stated he has talked with Kim from McClendon's Window Cleaning Service who the Board voted to hire to clean the Municipal Building windows. He has verified the total cost of \$3,495 to clean all the windows outside and inside with the exception of the inside of the 3rd floor windows. McClendon has rented a scissor lift to do most of the rotunda windows inside. They have us scheduled for some time in July.

Trustee Flannery stated the 4th of July fireworks program is in order and ready to go on July 3rd at Camden Park.

Mayor Dawson stated the next Council Meeting is July 3rd the same night as the fireworks. Discussion was held to determine if the meeting time should change. The consensus of the Board was to have the meeting at 5:30 p.m. as usual.

Trustee Flannery reported Dave Pannell, Public Works Superintendent and he met with some of the disc golf volunteers regarding the course in Camden Park. The course is in great shape due to all the volunteers. They meet every Monday night to do maintenance on the course. The latest project they did was to cut ten large rotted trees and then cut the stumps to look like Morrel mushrooms! They did a great job.

He stated the mower for the course is in bad shape and needs to be replaced. The hoses on the mower keep blowing out which makes the brakes go out. This causes a safety hazard for the driver. Mr. Pannell stated he has tried to fix the problem but cannot. The vendor has given the village a good trade in price on a new mower. He will update the Board on the mower as he gets more information.

Trustee Flannery stated when he was at the disc golf course he met some people from Des Moines, Iowa City and Wilton. They were very complimentary of the course and stated it was one of the top courses in the Quad Cities and perhaps in the Nation. They were planning to host a tournament here.

Trustee Flannery stated the course is in constant use and with these people being around the vandalism in the park has all but disappeared.

Administrator Seiver stated the disc golf tournaments is an opportunity to pair with the Camden Centre. Perhaps it could be rented for a check in facility, banquet facility or food and drink source for the players.

Trustee Flannery also brought up an idea Mr. Pannell had regarding yards and lots which are not being maintained. At this time the Public Works Department inherits this work. He would like to let a private party mow and then place a lien on the property. This person would then get his money from the lien when it is paid.

Attorney Scott stated the Village Ordinance is the instrument which allows village employees to enter onto the premises. A private party could not. The village could hire someone to do the work and pay them. Then the village would file the lien and collect payment when it is paid. Clerk Lee stated the current policy on these properties is that if they are sold at tax sales the village forgives the lien under the presumption the property would be back on the tax roll.

Administrator Seiver stated the State has passed some new laws regarding abandoned properties. He would like Attorney Scott to check if these would help this situation.

Administrator Seiver stated there will be a mandatory insurance meeting at 3:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to introduce the new Meritain Insurance Company a company of Etna, who will replace our current insurance administrator Cypress Benefit. The coverage will be basically the same. The prescription drug coverage will continue to be Magellan. He stated the village has had a good year for claims and he attributed it to the fact we have wellness programs to keep our employees healthy.

Mr. Seiver reported three of the four cities have passed the inter-governmental agreement to form the QCom911 Board. Silvis is scheduled to sign the agreement at their Board Meeting tomorrow night.

The QCom911 Board is consisted of two representatives from each municipality it represents. One must be the Police Chief of each municipality and a member of the Board's choosing.

Mayor Dawson appointed Chief Shawn Johnson and Administrator Seiver to the QCom911 Board. Trustee Wilson moved to accept the Mayor's appointees and Trustee Taylor seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion Carried.

ADJOURN

There being no other business to come before the Board, Mayor Dawson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Wilson so moved and Trustee Flannery seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:45.

Barbara L. Lee, Certified Municipal Clerk