

**VILLAGE OF MILAN COUNCIL MEETING**

September 21, 2020  
Milan Municipal Building  
5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of the Minutes of September 8, 2020
4. Consideration of the Treasurer's Report
5. Consideration of the Semi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bill
6. Consideration of an Ordinance Amending the Village of Milan's Municipal Code, Title 3, "Finances and Taxation", Chapter 3, "Village Taxes", Article C, "Hotel Tax"
7. Consideration of Trick or Treat
8. Committee Reports
9. Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board
10. Adjourn

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Trustee Jerry Wilson, Bruce Stickell, Jim Flannery, Jay Zimmerman, Harry Stuart and Karen Wilson as present. No one was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Attorney Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

There being no corrections to the minutes of September 8, 2020, Mayor Dawson asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Trustee Flannery moved to accept the minutes as presented. Trustee Stickell seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Mayor Dawson stated Treasurer Arion Cox has left her report with the Council. Mayor Dawson asked Administrator Seiver to comment on the report.

Administrator Seiver stated the Video Gaming Tax looks low, because it has been changed to the accrual accounting method. In order to go through the audit many of the village's accounts are changed to accrual accounting standards. The first payment at the beginning of this fiscal year was earned in the last fiscal year so it has been moved there. It will be the same process for this fiscal year end. The negative in TIF IV is due to it paying its share of the TIF Surplus payment. There have been no major purchases or repairs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant this month so the balance in that fund is up. The total cash account balance for the village at the end of August 31, 2020 is \$5,864,780.07

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

Mayor Dawson called on Trustee Jay Zimmerman to give a summary of the Semi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bills.

Trustee Zimmerman stated he has reviewed the bills and they are in order. He mentioned the five largest bills are Meritain Health Inc. for health insurance

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premiums and administration, Blick & Blick Oil for gasoline and diesel, Martin Equipment Company for work on the backhoe, Millennium Waste for garbage dumping and Hughes Tire for tires for the garbage truck and a sewer truck plus labor. The Miscellaneous Bills were for Monster Sewing for police patches and Visa for miscellaneous supplies.

There being no questions on the bills, Trustee Zimmerman moved to approve the semi-monthly bills in the total amount of \$58,432.67 and the miscellaneous bills in the total amount of \$1,102.60. Trustee Stickell seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Stickell, Flannery, Zimmerman, Stuart, Karen Wilson and Jerry Wilson voted "Aye". Motion carried. The bills will be paid from the following accounts.

General Fund	\$22,686.17
Garbage Fund	8,667.99

Camden Centre Fund	125.00
Insurance Reserve Fund	17,028.40
Water/Sewer Fund	<u>11,027.71</u>
TOTAL	\$59,535.26

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CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF MILAN'S MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 3, "FINANCES AND TAXATION", CHAPTER 3, "VILLAGE TAXES", ARTICLE C, "HOTEL TAX"

Administrator Seiver stated the Ordinance in the packet is a draft of what is to be considered. There are rates to be considered and effective dates and what is different in the new ordinance from the old.

Attorney Scott stated there are two taxes to be considered in this ordinance, the Hotel Sales Tax and the Hotel Use Tax. He stated the old Hotel Tax Ordinance should be repealed before the new ordinance is adopted. The draft ordinance you have received in your packet this evening is a sample from the IL. Municipal League.

Mayor Dawson stated no action will be taken on the ordinance this evening.

CONSIDERATION OF TRICK OR TREAT

Mayor Dawson stated people have been asking if Milan will have Trick or Treat this year in consideration of the pandemic. He stated he would like to see it happen, but thinks we should hear from IML who is taking a poll of several towns' perspectives on it. Silvis has adopted Trick or Treat from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. which is normally the hours Milan has had. He would like to see it happen if it could be done safely.

Trustee Zimmerman stated if we do permit it, people can decide themselves if they want to hand out candy by putting their porch lights on or leaving them off if they aren't.

After much discussion, Mayor Dawson stated the consensus of the Board is to wait for the IML to give us direction as there is plenty of time to decide. There will be no action on this agenda item tonight.

Administrator Seiver stated the Chamber who hosts Trunk or Treat has decided not to hold it this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator Seiver stated Building Inspector Steve Moller came to him and discussed a rental registration program for Milan. He spends hours trying to find the owners of rental properties when they are in violation of building codes. Right now rental property is sky rocketing and a lot of the landlords are from other towns or even other States. Some only have a post office box and no other contact information. If the registration program is started information on landlords would be complete and would make his job more efficient.

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Mr. Seiver wanted to update the Council on MetroNet. He distributed a map of the area they have submitted to him showing the areas they want to install fiber optics in. He stated the areas do not include new housing additions, High Cliff Mobil Home area, areas west of the railroad on Andalusia Road or Hill and Dale Road area. They do include most of the highly populated areas and both sides of Indian Bluff Road to the Beltway. He stated he is in favor of their project, but would like to sit down and discuss the service area first.

Mayor Dawson stated there will be a segment on Channel 4 television which discusses Milan's successes in economic development, even though the COVID 19 pandemic is ongoing. Building Inspector Moller listed prospective businesses getting ready to open as Beauty & Nail Salon, Taco John's, Iron & Grain Coffee Shop, and Excel Engineering Consultants. Some newly opened businesses are Dollar Tree, AutoZone, M.V.P. Exercise, The Bridal Shop and Gannon Roofing and Wholesale. Several new commercial developments are now in progress which are owned by Tom Steel Construction and P. & G. Real Estate.

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There were no comments from the audience.

ADJOURN

There being further agenda items to be discussed, Mayor Dawson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Jerry Wilson so moved and Trustee Zimmerman seconded. All Trustees voted "Aye". The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Barbara L. Lee, Certified Municipal Clerk