

VILLAGE OF MILAN PUBLIC HEARING

AGENDA

4:00 p.m.

1. Presentation of the 2019 Tax Levy Ordinance
2. Questions from the Audience
3. Adjourn

Mayor Dawson brought the public hearing to order at 4:00 p.m. Attendees were: Trustees Jim Flannery, Jay Zimmerman, Harry Stuart, Jody Taylor, Jerry Wilson, Bruce Stickell, Clerk Lee, Administrator Seiver, Finance Director Hunt, Associate Finance Director Cox and Steve Moller, Zoning Officer.

Mayor Dawson stated since the 2019 Tax Levy will exceed 105% over last year's levy, a notice was published in the newspaper stating the hearing date, time, place and purpose. This satisfies our responsibility of the "Truth in Taxation Act".

Administrator Seiver presented the Council and Audience a copy of the 2019 property taxes to be collected by Rock Island County Treasurer if the Tax Levy is passed by the Council as presented later this evening.

He stated next year Milan residents Property Tax Rate will go up 16.84% which is due to the mandate by the State to get the Police Pension Fund funded to 90% by 2040. For years the village has kept taxes low and has not gained excess revenue. The amount of village contribution to the Police Pension Fund has steadily increased each year due to the number of retiring police officers and increased benefits to police. Revenue has decreased in the fund due to a poor stock market which lowered investment returns. The State has kept revenue normally given to municipalities, which put a heavy burden on them to find other revenue sources.

Mr. Seiver continued by stating the village staff has worked diligently for the past two years to keep expenses down and implement ways to produce more revenue. Last year the property tax rate increased just a little under 17%. Four million dollars of bonds were issued and that money was deposited into the Police Pension Fund. It paid last year's contribution plus the extra money allowed the Pension Board an opportunity to increase investments increasing interest income for the Fund. When the Fund earns interest, it lowers what the village has to contribute. These changes however are still not enough to get the village solvent to meet all village expenses, thus the property tax increase.

Mayor Dawson stated he by no means blames the police. He stated they do an excellent job and deserve to know their pension is secure.

Mayor Dawson stated an ordinance to raise the sales tax ½ cent will be discussed at the December 17th meeting. This is a tax that is shared by anyone making purchases in Milan not only residents. It helps reduce the property tax increase for property owners.

Finance Director Hunt stated the village's property tax and sales tax is lower than Rock Island, Moline, East Moline and Silvis. The increased sales tax will not hurt Milan businesses, since we are still lower than other municipalities. In fact it should be an incentive for people to shop here.

Mayor Dawson asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak. No one spoke. He stated there will be an opportunity for the audience to speak at the regular meeting being held at 5:30 p.m. this evening.

There being no further discussion regarding the Tax Levy, Mayor Dawson closed the Public Hearing at 4:40 p.m.

Barbara L. Lee, Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF MILAN COUNCIL MEETING

December 3, 2018

Milan Municipal Building

5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of the Minutes of November 19, 2018
4. Consideration of the Administrator's Report
5. Consideration of the Inspectors' Reports
6. Consideration of the Department Heads Reports
7. Consideration of the Semi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bill
8. Consideration of Police Pension Board's Municipal Compliance Report
9. Consideration of the 2018 Tax Levy Ordinance No. 1686
10. Consideration of the Truth in Taxation
11. Consideration of Ordinance No. 1687 Amending Ordinance 1684 Regarding the Enterprise Zone
12. Committee Reports
13. Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board
14. Adjourn

Roll Call

Roll call vote showed present, Trustees, Jay Zimmerman, Harry Stuart, Jody Taylor, Jerry Wilson, Bruce Stickell and Jim Flannery. No one was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Attorney Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 19, 2018

All Board Members received a copy of the November 19, 2018 Village Board meeting minutes. There being no additions or corrections, Trustee Wilson moved to approve them as presented. Trustee Stuart seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Seiver stated the QComm911 Center on 3rd floor has made great progress. Testing and training of dispatchers will begin this month and January 16th 2019 the QComm911 Center will go live. Our 2nd floor dispatch unit will move upstairs at the end of December followed by Silvis and then Center Station. Trustee Flannery asked how many dispatchers will be running the Center. Mr. Seiver stated four of Milan's current dispatchers will be hired by QComm911, so their salary will be a QComm911 expense after January 1st. The other 23 dispatchers will be from the other member municipalities. QComm 911 will bill out the four participating cities and Rock Island County for their portion of 2019 first quarter of operation. Milan's invoice will be approximately \$99,000 and will be presented with the bills at the December 17th Council Meeting.

There being no further questions regarding Administrator Seiver's report, Trustee Flannery moved to accept the report as presented and Trustee Taylor seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE INSPECTORS' REPORTS

Inspector Moller was in attendance and stated there is one new house being finished in Legends of Mill Creek Addition. Other than that it has been rather slow.

Mayor Dawson said it was nice to hear about a new house being built.

There being no questions of Mr. Moller, Trustee Stickell moved to approve the Inspectors' Reports as presented and Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. All Trustee voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS' REPORTS

Water and Sewer Superintendent Farrell was at the meeting and stated Crawford Company installed a new Absolute Direct Fired Make-up Air Unit for the sludge press room. Mississippi Valley Pump will be scheduling the replacement of a new Control Panel for Little League Lift Station.

Mr. Farrell said there hasn't been any water main breaks this year.

Police Chief Shawn Johnson stated the Police Department is doing well. He has been working on 3rd floor with the QComm911 installation and working on the dispatch scheduling with them moving to QComm911.

Camden Centre Director Jeanne Beuseling stated HyVee had their Christmas party at the Centre last week. She has two small Christmas parties scheduled this month and a small graduation party and birthday party. There are no weddings this month. Mayor Dawson stated there are a lot more venues which host parties now so we just have to keep plugging away.

Public Works Superintendent Pannell stated the garbage truck broke down and parts from the old garbage truck were used to make repairs. Most of their time has been used to plow and haul snow and keep the snow plows repaired. Mayor Dawson, Trustee Wilson and Flannery all stated they had been contacted or spoke to residents and people from out of Milan on what a great job Milan does on having the streets cleared so soon and so good. We beat everyone in the area. He thanked Mr. Pannell and his crew for such a great job.

There being no questions on the Department Heads' Reports, Trustee Stickell moved to approve the reports as presented. Trustee Flannery seconded the motion. All Trustee voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SEMI-MONTHLY AND MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Trustee Jody Taylor stated there are two bill runs this time. The semi-monthly bills are fairly low at \$93,785.62. The only large payment was to Lynco Distribution for \$63,110.25 in reimbursable costs according to their TIF Agreement. There was one miscellaneous bill paid to Evans Consoles Inc. for the QComm911 consoles in the amount of \$124,676.55. ETSB pre-pays this amount to the village, so there is no out of pocket expense.

There being no discussion on the bills, Trustee Taylor moved to approve the semi-monthly bills in the amount of \$93,785.62 and the QComm911 miscellaneous bill in the amount of \$124,676.55. Trustee Zimmerman seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Stuart, Taylor, Wilson, Stickell, Flannery and Zimmerman voted "Aye". Motion carried. The bills will be paid from the following accounts.

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| General | 144,847.99 |
| Garbage | 885.10 |
| Motor Fuel Tax | 1,932.25 |
| Community Center | 725.48 |
| Special Tax Allocation I | 63,110.25 |
| Water & Sewer | 4,961.10 |
| Total | \$216,462.17 |

CONSIDERATION OF POLICE PENSION BOARD'S MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

Arion Cox, Secretary for the Milan Police Pension Board, gave the Municipal Compliance Report she received from the Illinois Department of Insurance. It contains the Tax Levy Request to the Village of Milan that is required to be deposited into the Police Pension Fund. The amount is

determined by the actuarial valuation report provide by the Department of Insurance. The 2018 report shows the actuarially determined amount based on payroll of the active officers is \$266,945, the amortized unfunded accrued liability on the next 22 years is \$175,948 and interest from May 1, 2018 to December 2018 is \$27,681. The total amount the Pension Board is asking to be levied is \$470,574.

Ms. Cox stated at this time the Police Pension Fund is 69% funded. The IL Department of Insurance wants the pension investment interest to be at 6.25% and ours is at 5.2%. That figure should go up next year as it will reflect having the bond money invested for the entire year.

There being no further discussion on the report Mayor Dawson asked for a motion to accept the Actuarial Valuation Report and the Municipal Compliance Report. Trustee Zimmerman so moved and Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE 2018 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE NO. 1686

Mayor Dawson stated at 4:00 p.m. this evening a public hearing was held to give the public a chance to ask questions regarding the 2018 tax levy being considered for passage this evening. The reason the village was required to publicize and hold the hearing was because the amount levied in property tax exceeds 105% over last year's levy. This will be the second year in a row that property taxes were raised. Taxes had to be raised due to the State withholding taxes collected by them that were normally appropriated for local government. Also, the State has mandated that each municipality with a police or fire department must have their pension funds 90% funded by 2040, placing a huge burden on our budget. Through much thought and deliberation, Milan has been able to stay beneath the tax rate of surrounding cities.

Administrator Seiver stated the village is very fortunate to have a good sales tax base which helps to keep property taxes low. Unfortunately, with the State cuts the property tax cannot keep up with the pension contributions it legally must make. The pension investments have not made a 6.25% rate of interest that the Department of Insurance expects, so that revenue source has diminished. The village passed an ordinance to issue \$4.6 million in bonds of which 4 million dollars was given to pay our 2018 police pension contribution. The rest of the \$4 million allowed the Pension Board to make investments which pay a higher interest increasing income.

The tax rate Milan property owners pay will increase 16.84% over last year's rate. This amounts to an increase of \$1.33 per \$100 of estimated assessed value of the home or about \$78.00 on a \$120,000 home. It will bring in an additional \$155,850 in revenue for the village. All of this increase will go into the Police Pension Fund which helps get us closer to the 90% funded needed by 2040.

Mayor Dawson asked if anyone from the audience would like to speak regarding the tax levy. No one responded.

Mayor Dawson stated if you are 65 years old, you may apply at Blackhawk Township for a homestead adjustment which would take \$500 off the EAV of your home and lower the amount of tax you pay. Also if your yearly income is \$65,000 or less you may apply for a tax freeze. The Board will be looking at a ½ cent raise in sales tax, another source of revenue spread over people other than property owners. The Board does not take lightly the need to raise taxes, but it also has an obligation to its residents to run the village according to the law and provide the necessary services they need.

There being no further discussion by either the Board or audience, Mayor Dawson asked for a motion on the Tax Levy Ordinance.

Trustee Wilson moved to pass Ordinance No. 1686 The Tax Levy for 2018 for the Village of Milan. Trustee Taylor seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Taylor, Wilson, Stickell, Flannery, Zimmerman and Stuart voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE TRUTH IN TAXATION

Mayor Dawson signed the Truth in Taxation Certification declaring the requirements of 65ILCS 5/11-74, 4-1 et. Seq. was satisfied.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1687 AMENDING ORDINANCE 1684 REGARDING THE ENTERPRISE ZONE

Mayor Dawson stated Mr. Mark Hunt, Finance Director has been elected to be Chairman of the Community Redevelopment and Economic Development Association. He asked Mr. Hunt to speak about the enterprise zone ordinance before the Board.

Mr. Hunt stated the Milan Enterprise Zone was created to help businesses by relieving them of paying sales tax on building supplies and fees on building permits. This encourages existing businesses to stay in Milan and helps economic development of new businesses.

He stated the enterprise zone is set within four cities that are contiguous and Rock Island County. There can be up to 15 square miles in the enterprise zone.

Ordinance No. 1687 amends Ordinance No. 1684 which unintentionally left out a section of property which should have been included in the Enterprise Zone. Ordinance No. 1687 includes this section of property.

Mayor Dawson asked if there were any questions for Mr. Hunt. There were none so he asked for a motion on the ordinance.

Trustee Wilson moved to pass Ordinance No. 1687 and Trustee Flannery seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Wilson, Stickell, Flannery, Zimmerman, Stuart and Taylor voted "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

CITIZENS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD

Mayor Dawson asked for comments from the audience.

Ms. Myrna Dennison 828 West 9th Street, Milan, asked if anything had been done to address her complaint of cars parking along the road on West 9th Street from the XPAC employees. This doesn't leave any street parking for residents. With the snowfall it also makes driving past these cars more dangerous.

Chief Johnson stated he spoke with the owners of XPAC and explained the situation. The owner stated it is a shift change problem. Some cars are still parked in the parking lot when the next shift comes on so they park along the road. Chief Johnson asked them to get something figured out and let him know. He hasn't received any call so far. He will contact them again this week and get back to Ms. Dennison.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Dawson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Zimmerman seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Barbara L. Lee, Certified Municipal Clerk