

VILLAGE OF MILAN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020
MILAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
5:30 P.M.

PUBLIC ACCESS IS SUSPENDED PURSUANT TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

AGENDA

1. Roll call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of the Minutes of March 16, 2020
4. Consideration of the Treasurer's Report
5. Consideration of the Semi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bills
6. Consideration of an Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a TIF Redevelopment Agreement with Edwards Creative Services, LLC
7. Consideration of an Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Village of Milan 2020 Commercial Business Assistance Loan Program
8. Committee Reports
9. Adjourn

ROLL CALL

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

PLEDGE or ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Duane Dawson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 16 2020

All Board Members received a copy of the March 16, 2020 Village Board meeting minutes. There being no additions or corrections, Trustee Flannery moved to approve them as presented. Trustee Stuart seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR SEIVER'S ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE AGENDA

Mr. Seiver stated the Open Meetings Act provides for meetings to be open to the public, but due to the continued threat of the Coronavirus pandemic, Municipalities have been urged to encourage people not to attend in person. There have been made a limited number of phone conference lines available to the public. The public may access this accommodation by emailing Steve Seiver Village Administrator at steveseiver@milan.il.us for instructions.

CONSIDERATION OF THE TREASURER' S REPORT

Treasurer Mark Hunt presented the Board with his Treasurer's Report for March 31, 2020. He stated the General Fund has had less sales tax revenue due to the State closing non-essential businesses. New economic growth will help support the lack of revenue. The State is lagging behind in sending out revenue checks. The Village is in a relatively good place for sales tax, since HY-VEE and Nature's Treatment remain open. He felt when businesses open we will have a rather quick recovery, but until then we will continue to be below expectations on revenues. Also the recovery will hit in the 2021 fiscal year and leave fiscal year 2020 in the deficit. He stated staff had completed a FEMA grant application for COVID-19 relief but he is not sure if we will receive any reimbursement from them.

Other funds are in rather good position. TIF had a large payment to the Rock Island Treasure for Surplus TIF Revenue. Water and sewer is in good shape but has had lots of expense so far this fiscal year. He would like to see that spent revenue replenished. The Solar Panels are up and running resulting in this month's electric bill being down!

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

CONSIDERATION OF THE SEMI-MONTHLY AND MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Trustee Zimmerman stated there are three large payables in the list this evening. The annual Tax Increment Finance I, 11, 111 Surplus payment will be made to the Rock Island County Treasurer in the amount of \$1,366,608.33, the village's portion of the Police Pension Fund for this fiscal year will be transferred from the property tax revenue to the Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$302,264.41 and payments for TIF Economic Development Agreements totaling \$144,815.96. This makes the regular semi-monthly bills \$81,545.41.

Administrator Seiver introduced one miscellaneous payment for Jim Uskavich for consulting fees in the amount of \$480.

There being no questions on the bills, Trustee Zimmerman moved to pay the semi-monthly bills in the amount of \$1,895,234.11 and the miscellaneous bill in the amount of \$480.00. The total bills of \$1,895,714.11. Trustee Jerry Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Stuart, Karen Wilson, Jerry Wilson, Bruce Stickell, Jim Flannery and Jay Zimmerman voted "Aye" . Motion carried. The bills will be paid from the following accounts:

General	\$ 25,195.14
Payroll Tax	302,264.41
Garbage	5,989.94
Camden Center	1,666.03
Special Tax Allocation I	944,908.63
Special Tax Allocation II	511,103.57

Insurance Reserve	16,141.99
Water/Sewer	<u>7,966.53</u>
TOTAL	\$1,895,714.11

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TIF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF MILAN AND EDWARDS CREATIVE

Mayor Dawson stated Edwards Creative Services LLC has been a vital part of the Milan business community. With the burden on certain businesses being closed due to the Coronavirus Epidemic, this business has suffered tremendous losses. They have lost contracts to out of state vendors who haven't had to shut down and since they do printing for events with large crowds, who also have had to shut down, there aren't any new contracts coming in.

Economic Development Director Hunt stated the Village of Milan owns the building that Edwards Creative occupies, so a different type of TIF Agreement can be made. The owners of Edwards Creative have applied for a TIF I Agreement which would be used to pay lease payments to the village from April 2020 through July 2020. They would pay their payment and the village would return the payment and we could reimburse ourselves from TIF I.

Mayor Dawson read Ordinance #1722 which provides \$15,202 to Edwards Creative in the TIF Redevelopment Agreement. He asked if there were any questions.

Trustee Stuart asked if Mr. Hunt thought Edwards would come back for more money.

Mr. Hunt stated they may, but TIF cannot be extended to the point it cannot be there for other projects.

Trustee Zimmerman asked if this new type of loan is possible since we own the building they are leasing

Administrator Seiver stated Edwards Creative has another Redevelopment Agreement with the village and we want to see that agreement through and also, because we own the building they are leasing. It would be available to the University of Illinois Extension, but they are a different business.

EDD Hunt stated the village is fair to everyone so if the UI needed something we would work with them also.

There being no further questions, Mayor Dawson asked for a motion on Ordinance #1722.

Trustee Jerry Wilson moved to pass Ordinance #1722 and Trustee Stickell seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Jerry Wilson, Stickell, Flannery, Zimmerman, Stuart and Karen Wilson voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF MILAN 2020 COMMERCIAL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM

Mayor Dawson stated Mark Hunt, Finance Director entertained the idea for Milan to put together a Commercial Business Assistance Loan Program to help Milan Businesses during the COVID-19 epidemic. He stated the Federal and State governments have offered business assisted loans, but some Milan businesses could not qualify mainly because the funds were used up or the fact the business was not established for three or more years.

The Federal "Paycheck Protection Program" is going to get another boost, but some Milan businesses may not qualify or are having a tough time waiting for their loan to come through. This is where the Milan Assistance Program comes in.

Mr. Hunt stated the "Assistance Program" will give two types of loans.

a. \$2,500 "forgivable loans" to businesses that have applied for the Federal PPP but do not qualify.

b. \$2,500 One year "payback loans" to businesses that have applied and qualify for the Federal PPP, but are just waiting for the payment to come. Mr. Hunt stated the Federal PPP loans are to be used to pay employees. The Milan plan can be used for utilities, maintenance and rent and if a business has an existing Economic Development Loan, their eligible costs can be accelerated if TIF has the money.

Mayor Dawson stated he would choose a committee to review the requests and decide which applications would be brought before the full board to approve. At this time he would like to appoint Trustee Zimmerman, Mark Hunt and Steve Seiver to be on his committee. He asked to be contacted if any other Trustee would like to be on the board.

Trustee Karen Wilson stated she would like to see an advertisement of the availability of the program.

Mayor Dawson stated in addition to the Milan webpage he would like some other media included such as a press release or Facebook.

Mayor Dawson asked for a motion on Ordinance #1723 setting up the 2020 Commercial Business Assistance Loan Program".

Trustee Karen Wilson moved to pass Ordinance #1723 and Trustee Flannery seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Jerry Wilson, Stickell, Flannery, Zimmerman, Stuart and Karen Wilson voted "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Flannery stated he would like input on how to handle the opening of the Spray Ground and the 4th of July Fireworks.

Consensus of the Board was that by the time the COVID-19 restrictions on public gatherings are lifted it would be too late to open the Spray Ground.

Consensus of the July 4th Fireworks was that it will be postponed until Sunday September 6th the day before Labor Day.

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Mayor Dawson stated a man from the American Legion called and wanted to start a men's baseball league at Dixon Park next Fall.

Trustee Stuart stated the new light poles were being put up today at Camden Park Girls Softball Diamond.

Mark Hunt, Finance Director stated he had two requests for sewer write-offs. He would call the Water and Sewer Committee Members regarding them.

MAYOR' S APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD or APPEALS

Mayor Dawson stated Mr. Dave Krouth is attending the meeting through the Zoom Program. Mr. Krouth is currently serving on the Planning Board and has accepted my invitation to join the Zoning Board of Appeals. I would like to officially appoint Mr. Dave Krouth to the Milan Zoning Board of Appeals.

ADJOURN

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

Trustee Zimmerman so moved and Trustee Stuart seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p. m.

Barbara L. Lee, Certified Municipal Clerk