

VILLAGE OF MILAN COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 4, 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 April 20, 2020
4. Consideration of the Administrator's Report
5. Consideration of the Inspectors Reports
6. Consideration of the Department Head Reports
7. Consideration of the Semi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bills
8. Update on the 2020 Commercial Business Assistance Loan Program
9. Consideration of an Ordinance to Extend the Local State of Emergency
10. Consideration to Re-Appoint Members to Milan Boards
11. Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the Parking Ordinance-Tech Drive
12. Committee Reports
13. Adjourn

ROLL CALL

Roll call vote showed Trustees Harry Stuart, Karen Wilson, Jerry Wilson, Bruce Stickell, Jim Flannery and Jay Zimmerman present remotely.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dawson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2020

All Board Members received a copy of the April 20, 2020 Village Board meeting minutes. There being no additions or corrections, Trustee Stickell moved to approve them as presented. Trustee Karen Wilson seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Seiver stated the Open Meetings Act provides for meetings to be open to the public, but per the Governor's Executive Order Regarding the Covid-19 Pandemic, public attendance at meetings has been suspended. Mr. Seiver has arranged for a limited number of phone conference lines for the public to use if they so wish.

He discussed the impact of the Village's operations during the first month of the Stay at Home Order, Executive Order 2020-10, and the outlook under its modification and extension, Executive Order 2020-32.

Water/Sewer/Public Works are on a one week on and one week off schedule. We are trying to modify that schedule to get staffing up due to increase in summer work. Safety issues were reviewed and it was decided to have Red Star Roll Off take the garbage to the landfill. Garbage, Recycle and Lawn Waste will continue to be picked up by the village, but bulk pickup will not be picked up. A dumpster is being provided at the Sewer Treatment Plant for residents who want to haul their own bulk items. All workers have been issued masks. Police Department has not changed their schedule. They have masks and PPE. The Clerk's office has been working one week on and two weeks off since March. Due to the Village Audit starting this month, beginning in May the schedule has changed to having two in the office for 2 weeks and then one week off with one in the office. Computer connections make it possible for them to work from home, answer public calls as if they were in the office.

The Village Hall will continue to be locked down. Personnel enter and exit from the back door. Mail, UPS and FED-X is left in the vestibule. Large shipments are delivered to the dock at the back of the building.

The Inspectors have limited hours here and take calls from home. They leave from home to go to work sites for inspections.

Employees have taken this to the next level and are working hard to keep each other safe.

Communications to vendors and businesses are more difficult as they also have made changes to their way of conducting business.

Financially we are not as bad off as some other communities. Milan gets its most sales tax from car sales, Hy-Vee and Natures Treatment. Motor Fuel Tax runs about \$110,000 a month. The gas tax from the State has not been a large impact even though there is less sales. The village receives the regular 6% sales tax from the general sales at Nature's Treatment and starting in July the 3% additional on recreational sales kicks in. This does not include medicinal sales. 8% of sales from the State go to police.

Finance Director Hunt stated regarding the effect of the pandemic on the village's revenue, surprisingly sales tax received has been a little more than last year. Revenue from income tax, which has a lag affect will have an impact on next fiscal year.

Administrator Seiver stated the property tax value impact will be 24 months away. Mr. Hunt, he and the department heads have been working on the budget and the good news is that the Tax Levy will have no increase.

Trustee Karen Wilson stated the County is sending out the property tax bills May 11th and there will be no delayed payments accepted without penalty.

There being no further discussion on the Administrator's Report, Trustee Jerry Wilson moved to accept it as presented. Trustee Karen Wilson seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE INSPECTORS REPORTS

There were no inspector's reports and no comments.

CONSIDERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS

The Police report and Public Works report are in your packets. Mr. Seiver stated the others will be submitting a report later. He did comment on the recurring challenge of a bacteria problem at Well #4. Milan continues to purchase Rock Island water for back up when the well is shut down. The well has to be shut down while it is shocked and chlorinated. Food grade oil is used for the shaft and that can leak into the water. Water Superintendent Farrell stated the last round of treatment looks to be successful. During this problem, the drinking water has never been impacted.

There being no further discussion on the Department Head reports, Trustee Stuart moved to approve them as presented and Trustee Jerry Wilson seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SEMI-MONTHLY AND MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Trustee Jay Zimmerman stated there is \$459,663.61 in bills to consider this evening. The largest payment is for the 2014 and 2008 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$387,172.50, City of Rock Island for water, \$19,108.32, May and June Insurance for Work Comp, \$12,998.00 Village of Milan for water/sewer \$8,668.04.

There being no discussion on the bills, Trustee Zimmerman moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$459,663.61. Trustee Karen Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Karen Wilson, Jerry Wilson, Bruce Stickell, Jim Flannery, Jay Zimmerman and Harry Stuart voted "Aye". Motion Carried.

The bills will be paid from the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 33,097.33
Motor Fuel Tax	3,750.00
Garbage Fund	1,430.55
Camden Center	752.19
Water/Sewer Fund	325,308.54
Special Tax I	95,325.00
TOTAL	\$459,663.61

UPDATE ON THE 2020 COMMERCIAL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM

Finance Director Hunt stated he has submitted three loans for consideration by the full Board. These three have been reviewed and approved by Mayor Dawson, Trustee Zimmerman and Jacob and Kline. Eventually, Anytime Truck and Trailer Repair and Milan Subway will receive the PPP money from the Federal Government, so they will pay back their loan and Shear Images will not pay back their loan as they do not qualify for the PPP money.

The Brissman Foundation Board is looking at their by-laws to see if they can participate in helping non-profits.

Mr. Hunt stated he received twenty-five applications for assistance and more are on the way. We will go through our funds appropriated for the program very quickly.

Trustee Karen Wilson moved to approve the three applications as presented and Trustee Flannery seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "AYE". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

Administrator Seiver stated due to the COVID-19 Pandemic the Board passed the Local State of Emergency Ordinance #1721 on March 16, 2020, which enacted the safety precautions set out by Illinois Governor J. B. Pritzker. This Ordinance was in affect for 45 days and to be updated afterwards. On April 30th the Governor passed another Order updating the previous Order. One of the changes was to add the opening of the Hennepin Canal and the Recreational Path. Our new Ordinance authorizes the Mayor to make it affective for 60 days or from meeting to meeting. It will also include options for Council Meetings to be continued as is (by-monthly for us) or to have less meetings. In his opinion, Mr. Seiver stated it wouldn't make sense to have less communications during a state of emergency. It is also clear that remote meeting attendance continues to be acceptable.

Mayor Dawson stated he would like to keep the meetings as is and continue with Zoom and phone attendance for normal bi-monthly meetings.

Trustee Zimmerman moved to pass Ordinance NO 1724 and Trustee Stuart seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Jerry Wilson, Stickell, Flannery, Zimmerman, Stuart and Karen Wilson voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONIDERATION TO RE-APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Mayor Dawson stated he would like to reappoint Roger Reed to the Police Pension Board, until May 2022, Michael Wynn to the Police Commission, until May 2023, Donna Aolt-Stone and Walter Wynes to the Planning Commission, until May 2023. The Village Trustees will stay on the same Committees they currently are serving on, unless they would like to change. All Trustees agreed to stay on their current Committees.

Trustee Stickell moved to approve the appointments as presented and Trustee Karen Wilson seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE PARKING ORDINANCE-TECH DRIVE

Attorney Lincoln Scott read Ordinance NO 1725 which prohibits parking on both sides of Tech-Drive in the Milan Business Park.

Trustee Karen Wilson stated people making purchases at Nature's Treatment are parking along Tech-Drive which obstructs semi-truck traffic from John Deere Parts.

Trustee Jerry Wilson moved to pass Ordinance NO.1725 amending the Parking Ordinance. Trustee Stickell seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Bruce Stickell, Jim Flannery, Jay Zimmerman, Harry Stuart, Karen Wilson and Jerry Wilson voted "Aye". Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trustee Flannery stated the Fireworks Contract has to be signed by tomorrow. He would like a vote on having the 4th of July fireworks on Sunday September 6th 2020 with a rain date on September 7th, 2020. The Labor Day Parade will be Saturday the 5th Fireworks Sunday the 6th and Labor Day Monday the 7th.

Trustee Flannery moved to approve the July 4th Fireworks display be held September 6, 2020 at Camden Park. Trustee Karen Wilson seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Trustee Flannery stated the Spray Ground will not open this year per the consensus of the Board from last Council Meeting.

Trustee Flannery stated he received a call from Mr. Dale Mueller regarding Lulies owners hauling dirt in along the creek at the side of their restaurant.

Mr. Seiver stated he, Mr. Pannell and building inspector Muller is aware of it. Lulies were going to clear the tree stumps and shape along sand creek. They did not clear the tree stumps or get a permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to do the work. IEPA has been talking with them and they are now planning to file for a permit. The problem is now in the hands of the IEPA.

Trustee Jerry Wilson stated he feels the village should make notification that Camden Park is open with the exception of the playground and ball diamonds. People should remain 6 feet apart for social distancing or wear masks. Council agreed and Mr. Seiver will take care of it.

Administrator Seiver stated Edwards Creative donated to the village 100 yard signs, enough lite pole banners for every other pole and 25 big banners to put up around Milan. They say "IT TAKES A VILLAGE" WE ARE INT THIS TOGETHER.

Mr. Seiver stated we could purchase more yard signs for residents to purchase at a small fee. The Village can then donate the money to a Milan charity.

ADJOURN

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

Barbara L. Lee, Certified Village Clerk