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VILLAGE OF MILAN COUNCIL MEETING
Monday November 21, 2022
Milan Municipal Building
5:30 P.M.

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of the Council Minutes of November 7, 2022
4. Consideration of the Semi-Monthly & Miscellaneous Bills
5. Consideration of Resolution 22-5
6. Consideration of a Recommendation from the Finance Committee
7. Committee Reports
8. Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board
9. Adjourn

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Trustees Karen Wilson, Bruce Stickell, Michelle Hubbard, Jay Zimmerman, Harry Stuart and Cassandra Mikaio present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Attorney Lincoln Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7, 2022

Mayor Dawson asked if there were any corrections to the Council minutes of November 7, 2022.

Clerk Lee stated Administrator Seiver asked me to correct the amount of bonds sold for the Police Pension Fund to "four million not ten" and he would like the wording changed from "purchase stocks as well as bonds," to "change its portfolio mix." She stated she has made the changes and has given people with the minutes the corrections.

Trustee Stickell moved to approve the minutes presented with Administrator Seiver's changes. Trustee Mikaio seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF THE SEMI-MONTHLY & MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Trustee Zimmerman stated he has looked over all the invoices and approves them as presented. If there are no questions, he moves to pay the total bills in the amount of \$374,942.84. Trustee Hubbard seconded his motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Stickell, Hubbard, Zimmerman, Stuart, Mikaio and Wilson voted "Aye". Motion carried.
The bills will be paid from the following accounts:

General	\$300,284.98
Garbage	5,230.99
MFT	4,125.00
Camden Centre	800.00
TIF I	9,433.00
TIF II	3,656.00
TIF III	8,759.50
TIF IV	3,952.00
CC Deposits	1,000.00
Insurance Reserve	20,970.35
Water/Sewer	16,731.02
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$374,942.84</u>

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 22-5

Administrator Seiver stated the property at 701 W. 11th Street was bought for taxes by Steve Sodeman. Recently Mr. Sodeman passed away leaving this property in a Living Trust. This property has been an ongoing nuisance property for the village. The code violation notices which have been sent to the owner are being ignored and the village would like to get possession of the property to clean it up. Mr. Sodeman's Living Trust has paid the delinquent property taxes for 2018 through part of 2021. The County Tax Sale is December 21, 2022 and if no one redeems the taxes, Mr. Sodeman's Living Trust will be eligible to obtain a tax deed in January of 2023. This agreement states after the court issues the tax deed to Mr. Sodeman's Living Trust, the village will reimburse Mr. Sodeman's Trust for all interest it has in the said real estate and will reimburse estate on the last day of redemption. This amount is estimated at \$9,456 and will pay attorney fees of \$500 dollars.

Mr. Seiver would like a vote allowing Mayor Dawson to sign the agreement, Resolution 22-5 after Mr. Sodeman's Trust receives the deed to 701 W. 11th St. and to pay the trust as indicated in the agreement.

Trustee Hubbard moved to allow Mayor Dawson to sign the agreement and make payment as the agreement states. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustee Hubbard, Zimmerman, Stuart, Mikaio, Wilson and Stickell voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Zimmerman, Finance Chairperson, stated he held a Finance Committee meeting on November 14, to discuss a request for ARPA Fund payouts to Village of Milan employees.

After much discussion, the recommendation of the Finance Committee is to give a onetime payout to full time AFSCME employees hired prior to 12/31/2021 currently employed, \$5,000 the same as the FOP employees under the same terms and conditions.

The recommendation for Admin, Non-Union fulltime employees and other staff to be given a onetime payout the same as FOP and AFSCME, as follows: Administrator Seiver, Assistant Administrator Johnson, Department Heads Farrell and Gibson, Inspectors Moller and Dennis and Benefit Coordinator DeWaele

The recommendation for the Camden Centre Director, Jeanne Beuseling, will be a onetime payout of \$7,500 applied under the same terms and conditions as FOP, AFSCME, Admin, Non-Union fulltime employees.

Trustee Zimmerman moved to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation as stated above and Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustee Zimmerman, Stuart, Mikaio and Hubbard voted "Aye". Trustees Wilson and Stickell abstained. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrator Seiver would also like to remind the Council of a transfer of \$80,000 from ARPA money to the Camden Centre for losses occurred during the COVID Pandemic. This was approved months ago but the transfer was never made. He will be putting in for that transfer this month.

Administrator Seiver stated the Truth in Taxation Certificate must be passed before the Tax Levy can be passed in December. The 2023 Tax Levy shows the amount of taxes needed to be collected to run the village. If the tax levy being proposed this year has increased by 105% or more, over the previous year's levy, a publication must run in the local newspaper and give specifics of the past and proposed current levy amount and the % over the past levied amount. A publication will be necessary this year due to the extra EAV from the TIF I district, which closed in November 2022.

The TIF I district is a specified area within the village and is run as a separate entity. The property taxes collected in the TIF I area, fund the TIF I Fund. The money has restrictions and must be used to fund reimbursements of eligible expenses of the projects. Eventually the incremental improvements to the area, will bring in more property tax.

When, TIF I ended, its money was combined with the General Fund's money and any final eligible TIF I expenses will have to be paid.

With the TIF I Program ending, the village took back that portion of area, thus raising the village's EAV used in the calculation of the extension used in this year's levy by almost 5%. The increase raised the amount to be collected over the 105% limit necessitating the publication process. The actual amount to be collected would actually be the same amount as what was collected by the two districts (Milan/TIF I) last year.

The tax rate is actually the same as last year (1.7514%), but due to the increased EAV the collected amount is larger than last year's collection which is 37.15%. This is misleading as the amount to be collected is the same amount collected by Milan

and TIF I last year using 1.7514% of the EAV to calculate the collected amount.

Trustee Zimmerman moved to accept the Tax Levy calculations as presented using a rate of 1.7514% and directed Administrator Seiver to publish the Truth in Taxation Notice of Proposed Property Tax Levy for Milan in the newspaper. Trustee Stickell seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

CITIZENS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD

There were no comments from the audience.

ADJOURN

Mayor Dawson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting since all business had been finished.

Trustee Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Barbara L. Lee, Certified Municipal Clerk