

Village of Milan Council Meeting  
Monday, March 6, 2023 - 5:30 P.M.  
Milan Municipal Building

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of Council Meeting Minutes of 2/20/2023
4. Consideration of the Administrator's Report
5. Consideration of the Inspector's Report
6. Consideration of the Department Heads' Reports
7. Consideration of the Semi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bills
8. Consideration of Liquor & Gaming License Applications/Bill  
Cox, 309 W 10<sup>th</sup> Ave
9. Consideration of a Liquor License Application from Colin A  
Cartee/Koellner Enterprises 3 LLC/ 111 4<sup>th</sup> St W. Previously  
Anna's Village Tap
10. Consideration of a Recommendation of the Milan Planning  
Commission (Q.C. Mart Billboard Permit)
11. Recommendation from the Police Committee
12. Committee Reports
13. Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board
14. Adjourn

Roll Call

Roll call showed Trustees Michelle Hubbard, Doug Humphrey, Harry Stuart, Cassandra Mikaio, Karen Wilson (by phone) and Bruce Stickell present. No one was absent.

Trustee Wilson was present by phone due to a family medical situation. Trustee Stuart moved to approve her remote attendance and Trustee Mikaio seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attorney Lincoln Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the Council Meeting Minutes of 2/20/2023

Mayor Dawson asked if anyone had additions to the minutes of 2/23/2023.

There being none Trustee Stickell moved to approve them as presented. Trustee Humphrey seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Consideration of the Administrator's Report

Administrator Seiver stated the annual roll over bonds for the Police Pension Fund have been paid off for 2022 and the money for the 2023 bonds has been received. The interest rate on the bonds was a little lower than expected, which was good.

He received Kevin Farrell's February report which stated he was working with Strand and IEPA on the repairs and upgrade to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Seiver having no further comments, Trustee Stickell moved to accept the Administrator's report as presented. Trustee Mikaio seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Consideration of the Inspector's Report

Trustee Stickell stated permits were up from January due to a new house being built in The Conservancy.

Inspector Moller stated there were permits issued for two new installations of roof mounted solar systems to residential housing as well as other remodeling permits issued.

There being no further comments on the Inspector's report, Trustee Stickell moved to approve the report as presented. Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Consideration of the Department Heads' Reports

Mayor Dawson stated Department Heads not attending were the Public Works and W/S Superintendents, but their report is in the packet which the Board has received.

Camden Centre Director Jeanne Beuseling stated March is filling up fast with reservations. She has two proms booked and Hy-Vee has been holding their meetings at the Centre. The contract for the pyrotechnics for the fireworks was received, she will email it back to them this week. She has several teams using the ball field at Dickson Park. Little Rocks have agreed to maintain the fields. The Girls Softball sign up has been underway in person here and online for some time. they will host it again at the Centre on March 15<sup>th</sup>. So far there haven't been many signing up.

Police Chief Chris Johnson stated all but one LPR cameras have been installed. We are looking for a location for the last one. He will include a report on what has been identified with the LPR cameras on next month's report.

Trustee Humphrey asked how many of the incidents listed on his report, such as abandoned cars, are carryovers from the previous month. Chief Johnson stated hopefully not any carryovers. His department has been working with Inspector Moller and Mr. Schroder on abandoned cars and code violations, which may have been carryovers.

There being no further questions of the Department Heads, Trustee Hubbard moved to approve the Department Heads' Reports as presented and Trustee Humphrey seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Consideration of the Semi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bills

Trustee Hubbard gave a review of the Expense Approval Register. The five largest payables were \$20,475.44 to Meritain Health for medical premiums & administration, \$8,783.50 for firearms, \$6,405.00 for Workers Compensation, \$5,000 for a cylinder for the Sewer Department dump truck and \$3,579.45 for North Central Laboratories for an Orion Dual Star/Ammonia Probe. She stated the total bills plus dental reimbursement to be considered for approval were \$66,513.27.

There being no questions regarding the bills for approval, Trustee Hubbard moved to approve payment in the amount of \$66,513.27. Trustee Humphrey seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Humphrey, Stuart, Mikaio, Wilson, Stickell and Hubbard voted "Aye". Motion carried.

The bills will be paid from the following accounts;

General	\$ 25,693.75
Garbage	1,424.07
Camden Centre	1,141.15
Insurance Reserve	20,475.44
Water/Sewer	17,778.86
TOTAL	<u>\$ 66,513.27</u>

Consideration of a Liquor License Application from Bill Cox

Bill Cox would like a D-1 Liquor License and a Gaming License for his new business at 309 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Milan.

Mayor Dawson stated the empty space Mr. Cox will be running his business from has been inspected and approved for this type of business. Mayor Dawson stated, as Liquor Commissioner, he will approve a D-1 liquor license for Mr. Cox.

Consideration of a Video Gaming License Application from Bill Cox

Mayor Dawson asked for a motion on the Video Gaming License application for Bill Cox for his new business at 309 West 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Milan.

Trustee Karen Wilson stated she has made it know to the Council in the past, that she was against adding more Video Gaming Licenses to the Milan roster. She thinks there are enough currently, but she understands if we stop approving licenses for them, we will be losing businesses. With that in mind, she would like to move to approve the Video Gaming License for Mr. Cox. Trustee Stickell seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Harry Stuart, Karen Wilson, Bruce Stickell and Doug Humphrey voted "Aye". Trustee Mikaio voted "Nay" and Trustee Hubbard "Abstained". Motion carried.

Consideration of a D Liquor License Application from Colin A. Cartee/DBA Koellner Enterprises 3 LLC/Formerly Anna's Tap

Mayor Dawson stated Mr. Cartee has purchased what was once Anna's Village Tap, 111 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Milan. Mr. Cartee is asking for a D license, which is the same as the previous business had.

Trustee Stickell moved to approve the D Liquor License for Mr. Cartee. Trustee Humphrey seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Consideration of a Recommendation of the Milan Planning Commission(Q.C. Mart Billboard Permit)

Mayor Dawson read a letter from the Milan Planning Commission regarding a request from Bill Cox, owner of the Q.C. Mart, for a building permit to install a 340 square foot digital billboard. He then asked Mr. Dave Krouth, Chairman of the Planning Commission to comment on the letter.

Mr. Krouth stated the Planning Board, after much consideration, wrote to the installer, Mr. Wayne Briggs, President of Motion Media, Inc. and stated the business area was located under the Village's HCOD (Highway Corridor Overlay District) which restricts billboards to a maximum of 60 square feet, with some variances granted to 120 square feet. The Planning Commission is a recommending board and would not be able to issue a variance, but will send the request to the Village Board for their consideration and recommendation.

Mayor Dawson asked for input from Building Inspector Moller.

Mr. Moller stated he received information from Mr. Briggs regarding the dimensions of the sign. Mr. Briggs responded that the sign would be two sided sign 13'high X 26'wide and be 45'tall. One side would be static with a LED light directed to the face of the sign and the other side digital. Mr. Moller told him it could not be on the IDOT ROW. It should be about 27'or 28' off the ROW.

Mr. Briggs confirmed it would not be on the IDOT ROW.

Mr. Briggs stated he confirmed with Ben Leischner, Executive Director of the Q.C. Airport, that Q.C. International Airport would have no issue with the sign, as it is sufficiently south of the airstrips.

Trustee Stickell asked what the location of the sign would be.

Mr. Ernst stated he bought a 3½ acre strip between the Blackhawk Bank & Trust to develop, so he is not sure at this time if the sign would be more visible closer to the Q.C. Mart or closer to the undeveloped strip.

Administrator Seiver asked Mr. Briggs if a 200 sq. foot sign would accomplish the purpose.

Mr. Briggs stated it would, but the 340 ft. one would be more effective.

Mr. Seiver stated variances have been given allowing 200 ft. digital signs, but the HCOD was adopted to keep billboards in check. Other businesses were allowed variances, but only to the 200 sq feet size.

Trustee Stickell stated the sign would maybe bring in more new businesses, so maybe it is time to look at the HCOD and see if we need to change with the times.

Trustee Humphrey asked Mr. Briggs if the sign conforms to the digital restrictions for digital signage.

Mr. Briggs stated it is in regulation with the law. Every 8 seconds the photo changes to the next photo.

Mr. Krouth stated it is a very visible area so he doesn't think it needs to be that big. He stated the Planning Commission has been successful with compromising with other businesses on the size of signs, with both the business and the village being satisfied.

Trustee Humphrey stated it wasn't only one sign that was turned down, during his time on the Planning Commission.

Trustee Stuart agreed the sign would set closer to the highway than Taco John's does and that sign is very visible.

Mayor Dawson would like a motion to accept the Planning Commissions letter to not award a permit as submitted, but send the request back to the Planning Commission to work with Mr. Ernst on a compromise which could satisfy both parties.

Trustee Stickell moved to take the recommendation of the Planning Commission to not award the permit as submitted, but to send the request back to the Planning Commission to discuss a compromise, which satisfies the business as well as the Village. Trustee Mikaio seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Consideration of a Recommendation of the Milan Police Committee

Trustee Hubbard, Chairman of the Police Committee, stated a meeting was held Thursday March 2, 2023, to discuss increasing the number of police officers by one or two. Each Board Member received a letter from Chief Chris Johnson discussing the pros of having an extra officer. Trustee Hubbard stated they did a study on the difference it would make to use officers at overtime, compared to hiring another officer and it was more financially feasible to hire the officer.

Chief Johnson stated his officers are mandated by the Illinois Training and Standards Board. The SAFE-T Act states that all sworn officers have a certain amount of training to be completed each year in order to keep their certification as an Illinois Police Officer. This take time out of work on the streets, even if the training is online and they are in the office.

He stated the types of calls have increased for juveniles and people with mental health problems. Due to change in laws and increase in these types of calls it is hard to service the needs on the street. When a juvenile incident call comes in, you cannot take this person to jail as you can with other older arrestees. An officer has to stay with the juvenile until a parent, guardian or social service agency, depending on the charge. Sometimes this will take several hours.

The new SAFE-T act allows citizens to make anonymous complaints against officers that must be investigated. Although, at this time we do not have a large number of complaints this may change and require the officer to be off duty during the investigation.

The changing environment around law enforcement and the attitudes towards officers sometimes have such an impact, officers are leaving the force. At this time, we enjoy a very good relationship with the Milan community as a whole.

Finally, covering for benefit time is challenging. The average time off for each officer is 46 days per year, causing large amounts of overtime. Even one new officer would make a difference in this.

Chief Johnson stated we will have three officers retiring in the five years and it is becoming harder to get a full eligibility hire list. We have been fortunate to have hired certified officers from other departments who do not need to go thru the officer training program.

Mayor Dawson stated the funding is okay now, but we never know about the future.

Trustee Hubbard moved to allow Chief Johnson to hire one more police officer. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion.

Administrator Seiver stated the Police Commission hires police officers. He would like the motion to be amended to reflect this.

Trustee Hubbard would like to amend her motion to be the Police Commission is authorized to increase the police department staff from 15 to 16 sworn officers.

Trustee Wilson would like to amend her second to reflect the amended motion made by Trustee Hubbard.

Roll call vote showed Trustees Mikaio, Wilson, Stickell, Hubbard, Humphrey and Stuart voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Trustee Mikaio would like to call a Park Committee Meeting within the next two weeks.

Trustee Stickell asked Trustee Mikaio if she would place on her agenda for the Park meeting, Movement on selling equipment from the Spray Park.

Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board

There were no comments.

Adjourn

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

Trustee Wilson so moved and Trustee Mikaio seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Barbara L. Lee, Certified Municipal Clerk