

VILLAGE OF MILAN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 21, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.
Milan Municipal Building

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of the Minutes of August 7, 2023
4. Consideration of the July 2023 Treasurer's Report
5. Consideration of the Semi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bills
6. Consideration of a Restaurant License Application for Bilal(Bill) Abduli dba Stacks Pancake House
7. Committee Reports
8. Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board

Roll Call

Trustees present were Karen Wilson, Bruce Stickell, Michelle Hubbard and Doug Humphrey. Trustees Cassandra Mikaio and Harry Stuart were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attorney Lincoln Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the Minutes of August 7, 2023

Mayor Dawson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were none so he asked for a motion on them as presented.

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

Consideration of the July 2023 Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Arion Cox presented the July 2023 Treasurer's Report which gives a brief overview of the budget report beginning on the third page. The attached budget report will provide the Village's major funds' period activity for the month as well as fiscal year-to-date. Once she receives the final budget figures, she will provide updated reports for May, June and July 2023.

Ms. Cox stated the ARPA Funds unobligated fund balance as of 7/31/2023 is \$373,498.49 with no activity in July 2023. Funds must be obligated by 12/31/2024 and spent by 12/31/2026.

The first page of the report, shows the month of July and fiscal year to date activity amounts from May 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023 for the major funds.

The Revenue is doing well, sales tax is up, property tax is slowing down with two more regular payments to come in and cannabis tax is normal. The W/S and Camden Center are still in the negative. The W/S negative is still due to the bond payment made in May and Camden Center is still struggling to overcome losses from the pandemic, but Camden Center Director is doing a good job of keeping expenses down.

Expenses show Improvements to Buildings up, due to the General Fund paying for a last fiscal year project to completely replace the HVAC control system for the municipal building. We are just now receiving the invoices for that project, purchase of a pick-up for the Sewer Department and signals/equipment for a police Tahoe.

The bank account balances on 7/31/2023 showed \$9,800,092.96 at Blackhawk Bank & Trust and \$10,675687.178 in the IL Funds.

Trustee Wilson stated Camden Center should get a pretty good boost in revenue from the Milan Festival's rentals.

Trustee Hubbard stated sales tax should see an increase as the food tax was reinstated on July 1st.

Trustee Stickell stated a patron commented the Camden Centre parking lot is needs to have an upgrade. Trustee Stickell told him it was being included on the street maintenance program this fall.

There being no other comments on the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Stickell moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Consideration of the Semi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bills

Trustee Doug Humphrey read the Payables Summary showing \$65,886.86 in regular payables, \$5,973.50 in eye and dental reimbursement and \$43,166.94 in miscellaneous payables to Meritain due to a timing problem with them increasing prices on July 1st and us receiving their billing after the cutoff date. The five highest payables were \$8,347.68 to Paragon, Inc. for office furnishings, \$7,413.27 to Mechanical & Building Repair Inc. for A/C repair, \$6,405.00 to IL Public Risk Fund for Workers Comp and \$3,954.09 to KPH Solar Farms for Electrical Service Charges. The total bills were \$115,027.30.

There being no questions on the bills, Mayor Dawson asked for a motion on them.

Trustee Humphrey moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$115,027.30. Trustee Stickell seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Wilson, Stickell, Hubbard and Humphrey voted "Aye". Motion carried.

The bills will be paid from the following accounts:

General Fund	\$47,677.94
Garbage Fund	930.35
Camden Centre	8,462.36
CC Deposit	500.00
Insurance Reserve	43,166.94
Water/Sewer	<u>14,289.71</u>
<u>Total</u>	\$115,027.30

Consideration of a Restaurant License Application from Bilal Abdull dba Stacks Pancake House

Mayor Dawson read the application for Mr. Abdull Restaurant License and it is in order, including a background check. His business will be attached to the Q C Mart. He has heard Mr. Abdull has a similar restaurant in Bettendorf, IA. Which is also attached to a Q C Mart. People say it is very good.

Trustee Wilson moved to approve the application for Mr. Abdull's Pancake House. Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion and all Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Trustee Wilson asked Assistant Administrator Johnson if the Alert System, OnSolve is running yet and what is the status of the website. She would also like an update on the building Edward's Creative is leasing.

Mr. Johnson stated not quite, a representative from OnSolve was here the 9th of August to give us a demonstration and conduct training for all of the Department Heads who will have access to it. He will be signing the contract on August 29th and then we will be ready for any residents that want service, to get signed up.

Mr. Johnson also stated the new website, CIVIC Plus continues to input information and should be ready soon.

Mr. Johnson stated he has talked to several interested buyers for our building at 435 First Street E. He continues to talk with the current lessee and what their intent is to do.

Assistant Administrator Johnson stated he presented a copy of a Water and Sewer Lateral Repair Reimbursement Program as it is being used in Aledo. Many other municipalities are offering the program and everyone Mr. Moller, Building Inspector has talked to, has said it is working out fine for them.

Inspector Moller stated the village would set the amount of the payment to belong in the program. The program usually runs for 2 - 3 years. If you sign up and quit before the time limit is up, you are obligated to pay off the remaining amount you would have paid if you stayed in the program. This would help people unable to pay the cost of repairs.

Trustee Wilson stated she would like Attorney Scott to look through the program with his legal aspect and bring this back to the Board maybe around October.

Trustee Hubbard stated the Food Pantry Fundraiser raised \$1,525 to date plus boxes of food products she took to the pantry. She has also taken in \$350 from auctioning the stones people donated to make the snake. The Fundraiser will end in August.

Trustee Doug Humphrey is calling a Finance meeting Wednesday August 30th at 5:00 p.m. He will e-mail Clerk Lee the agenda to post.

Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board

John Holgren, from High Cliff Trailer Park, would like to thank Chief Johnson and his Officers for making an arrest of a thief in High Cliff. He would also like to thank Steve Moller for working on the codes in the Park.

Mayor Dawson stated he talked to the Milan Fire Chief regarding the fire hydrants not working. He has been talking to the State Fire Marshall regarding what can be done.

Mr. Holgren has a "Flag of Honor" he would like to donate to the village. He said you would only fly it one day. Mayor Dawson accepted the flag from Mr. Holgren.

Debra Kunst would like to know the progress on getting the speed signs corrected in the area of 5th Street East. Chief Johnson was not present, but Assistant Administrator Johnson said he had talked to Chief Johnson and he is working on it.

Adjourn

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

Trustee Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Barbara L. Lee, Certified Municipal Clerk