

Milford Town Council
2019 Proposed Budget Public Hearing
Monday, September 10, 2018

Joellen Free, Clerk Treasurer, presented a breakdown of taxpayer funds, explaining where revenues come from and what they are used for, inviting questions as she went thru the funds. The funds Riverboat; Rainy Day, Local Road & Street, Cigarette Tax, Cedit (Lit Econ) and Redevelopment (Tif), their revenue comes from tax sources other than property taxes.

The three Cum funds are at their lowest tax rate, and will remain at that level until the funds are reestablished. These funds are tapped for purchases like Fire Trucks. The remaining funds, General and MVH, receive the majority of their revenue from property taxes. Those two funds are the main operating funds for the town. General Fund include salaries and benefits of \$437,000 out of the \$747,388 appropriation which includes under Public Safety, four full time police officers, an SRO officer in the school and a crossing guard, and the two employees in the Clerk's office. Areas of increase include salary increases, subsidy for Fire Department, Fire Department's insurance, part-time employees and trash removal.

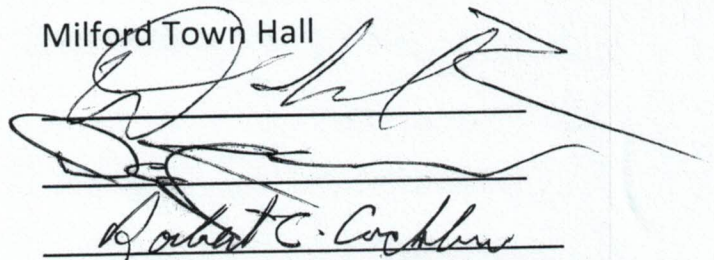
The MVH appropriation includes \$137,000 for salaries and benefits, the increase comes with the need for a newer leaf machine.

The total maximum estimated funds to be raised is \$608,243, up just \$19,022 from 2018 current tax levy of \$589,221.

Residents asked questions regarding the many funds.

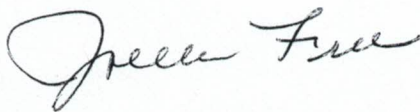
President Doug Ruch closed the floor for the Public Hearing.

Milford Town Hall



Robert C. Cochran

Attests:



Joellen Free

Milford Town Council Meeting

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7:30pm @ Milford Town Hall

Present: Doug Ruch, Dan Cochran and Bob Cockburn

Councilman Cochran opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

The first item on the agenda was the review of the minutes from the previous meeting. Bob moved to accept as written with Dan 2nd and all agreed.

Attorney Jay Rigdon had no report. Resident Ken Long asked a questions regarding a tree viewed as a weed/vegetation, he responded that all statues he referenced excluded trees and that is how he would advise the interpretation of our ordinance.

Under Public Input, Trisha Gall, Lion's Representative, asked to have fees waived for a community Town Hall to be at the Community Building on October 23 at 5:30pm in regards to Milford Fest. The club is seeking input from the community regarding any changes they would like to see. Dan moved to waive the fee with Bob 2nd and all agreed.

Under Departmental Reports, Ryan Braune , our Wessler Engineer was on hand to give an update on the sewer plant upgrades. He stated there are 67% done. They are having some issues with pumps and are working to get the issues resolved.

Doug reported for the Fire Department reminding residents to not burn leaves in town, the Fire Department has smoke alarms for residents at no cost. He also reminded residents the annual Fire Department's Chicken BBQ is the first Sunday in October. He also reminded the council, Clerk Treasurer and the attorney that they are invited to the County Fish Fry the 20th of September.

Chief Marsh reported the calls to the Waubee Park ere down this summer, overall, seemed to have been in better order as opposed to last summer, noting the addition of security cameras certainly made a difference.

He reported ammunicions needed to be purchased and requested to purchase not to exceed \$1000.00. Bob so moved with Dan 2nd and all agreed.

Chief Marsh stated the Police Department will have a table at the Block party on the 29th of September, and will display gear and vehicles.

Squad cars are all up and running.

Marsh requested to send SRO officer Derek Kreider to school to update his SRO training using their special education fund. Bob so moved with Dan 2nd and all agreed.

Marsh reported the department is testing a body cam, one of many to test before settling on one for the department.

Marsh stated October 3 will be his first Coffee with a Cop in hopes to keep that personal contact with the town's residents. It will be at the round table at the Stop & Go.

Wastewater Operator, Mark Brubaker shared a list of capital improvements with the council, this list is what he sees needing over the next five years, he shared this with Umbaugh so it could be figured in the new rate.

Street Superintendent Steven Marquart wants to remind residents that the Fire Department has house numbers that can be clearly seen for at no charge. He notices many homes are not marked and are hard to locate.

He reminded all that the Fall Clean up will be September 27, 28, 8 to 4pm and 29, 8-12:00. He also reminded all that the Clean up is for residents of Milford who live within the town limits only! This will be enforced.

He reported that he is working on the application for this year's Community Crossing Grant. If awarded, our \$65,000 will stretch into \$260,000 of paving and street repairs. He requested the council to sign the application letter, which they did.

Steven requested to bring Frank Brower, park attendant, to town and use him during leaf season. He has done a great job at the park and helped out last year during the leaf season. Dan so moved to use Frank paying him not to exceed the amount spent last year, with Bob 2nd and all agreed.

Steven reported that he has a new procedure to follow regarding the warranty of heads for the water meters. Because of the slow turn around, he requested to purchase 24 new registers to have on the self at \$175/a piece, Dan asked if twelve would get him through while waiting on the twelve he has going thru the warranty process? He said yes. Dan moved to purchase twelve registers at \$175/a piece with Bob 2nd and all agreed.

Steven reported while working to repair a leak at the Christian Church annex, lead pipes were discovered and had to be replaced so he needed authorization for the \$400 that he went over. Bob so moved with Dan 2nd and all agreed.

Steven requested to replace the water line on East Street from Catherine to Fourth Street, he is trying to replace old lines, one at a time per year at a cost of \$38,310.00. After some discussion, Doug asked if we could use Cedit, so as not to deplete the water utility fund and Joellen said we could.

Steven also reported that they will be taking out the ropes at the beach next week, and will be winterizing the restrooms. During the discussion Township Trustee Becky Alles stated that once the township gets their budget approved they plan on donating \$750.00 to the park for repairs. President Ruch quickly thanked Becky for the donation.

Joellen reported that the Clerk's District meeting will be on October 18 at Middlebury and she would like to take the incoming Clerk Trisha Gall with her, their registration is \$100 which includes lunch, she is requesting mileage reimbursement. Dan so moved with Bob 2nd and all agreed.

Joellen presented a Letter of Understanding for Trifound Holdings LLC, they purchased the Higbee Street Doctor's office and request the letter so they may utilize the sign on the Town Milford's strip of land at the corner of Higbee and Sixth Street. Dan so moved with Bob 2ⁿ and all agreed.

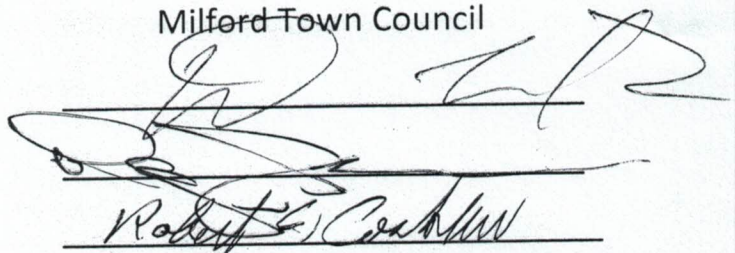
Joellen stated she had talked with Sweetheimer and they stated the grace period is over and from now on will only be picking up their containers, no other trash in other containers or cans. We need to remind residents to recycle to cut down on their trash or if needed, they can call Sweetheimer and purchase the second container and pay a monthly charge for the extra trash.

The accounts payable voucher was presented with two additions. Bob moved to approve with Dan 2nd and all agreed.

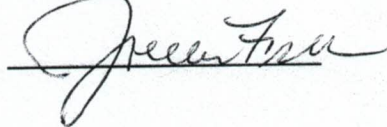
Just before adjournment, resident David Hernandez approached the council complaining about his cars being towed while he was in the hospital. He felt he was be singled out because of his race. Chief Marsh reassured him that they were not being directed by the council to pick on him. They are enforcing the ordinance all over town. Chief Marsh took him to his office and gave him the info to get his vehicles back and told him what he needed to do to be in compliance.

Since there was no further business, Dan moved for adjournment with Bob 2nd and all agreed.

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Attests:

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