

Regular Council Meeting
February 12th, 2014

The February 12th, 2014 Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Steve Rockwell.

Roll call: Barber, Basterash, Brown, Fox, Gilliam and Weilnau. Also present-Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno, Administrator Kevin Ackerman.

Motion by Gilliam, seconded by Basterash to approve the Minutes of the January 22nd, 2014 Council Meeting. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Barber, seconded by Basterash to approve the February 12th, 2014 Council Bills in the amount of \$16,452.28. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Basterash, seconded by Barber to approve the Utility Bills of February 8th, 2014 in the amount of \$26,783.70. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Citizens Participation –Troy Haslinger co-founder of the Life Is Good No Matter What Foundation presented Council with information on a 5K run planned for November 8th. The run will be in the Village and Township area, with its purpose to raise money and cancer awareness. The non-profit organizations mission is to grant wishes and fulfill dreams of those who have cancer. The organization is in honor of Troy's sister Holly Haslinger Snyder, who passed away from colon cancer in 2011. The organization will be in touch with Council once plans are more firm for the November 8th event.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Barber to accept the recommendation of the Mayor and hire Robert Meister as the permanent Chief of Police for the Village of Milan. Roll call: Basterash-yes, Brown-yes, Fox-yes, Gilliam-yes, Weilnau-yes, Barber-yes, motion carried. Motion by Brown, seconded by Barber to award Chief Meister a \$2.50 an hour increase, with a one-year probationary period effective October 4, 2013. Roll call: Brown-yes, Fox-yes, Gilliam-yes, Weilnau-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, motion carried. Meister was sworn in by the Mayor and pinned in front of family, friends and co-workers by his 7 year old daughter Mallory.

Motion by Barber, seconded by Gilliam to accept the Mayor's recommendation and promote Patrick Fox to the rank of Sergeant, for the Village of Milan. Roll call: Fox-yes, Gilliam-yes, Weilnau-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Brown-yes, motion carried.

Motion by Gilliam, seconded by Barber to award Fox and additional \$1.50 an hour with a one-year probationary period effective October 4, 2013. Roll call: Gilliam-yes, Weilnau-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Brown-yes, Fox-yes, motion carried.

OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Street, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-The Village has received many thanks for the great job in keeping the streets clean with all the snowfall this winter.

Safety-None

Finance- Motion by Gilliam, seconded by Brown to award electrician Tyson Metz to full time status as he completed his 6-month probationary period on February 12th, 2014. Roll call: Weilnau-yes, Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Brown-yes, Fox-yes, Gilliam-yes, motion carried.

Regional Planning, Building Codes and Inspections-Fox recently attended a TMACOG meeting.

Utilities-The new bucket truck is in, with all Village and Township employees participating in a 2 hour training program.

Through ordinance, the Village plans on selling the 1987 bucket truck.

The substation bushings are in and scheduled for repair this Friday. Scaffolding has been rented to erect a dome for heat purposes while the 3 bushings are replaced.

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-None

Parks and Trees-None

NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-The Administrator talked to Council about the proposed hauling permit legislation. Members of Council had concerns about the wording. A Street Committee Meeting will be scheduled to review concerns.

Safety-None

Finance – Motion by Weilnau, seconded by Brown to award all Village employees a 2.5% wage increase, as discussed at a recent Finance Meeting. Roll call: Barber-yes, Basterash-yes, Brown-yes, Fox-yes, Gilliam-yes, Weilnau-yes, motion carried. Meister and Fox will receive their 2.5% increase prior to the hourly increases awarded them tonight.

Regional Planning, Building Codes and Inspections-None

Utilities- A rotating assembly was replaced in the #2 high service pump at the WTP. The pump transfers water from the plant to the tower.

Dan Hipp recently dug out by hand all hydrants in the Village that were covered by snow. It is extremely important for residents and businesses to make sure the hydrants are visible.

Civic Contacts and Historical Society-Milan Garden Club is interested in possibly sponsoring 8 planters in the Square. They will report back to Council when they have more to report.

Parks & Trees-None

Unfinished Business-Council was given an updated sheet on Committees.

The employee manual will be distributed to Council again, with the intention of passing it at the next meeting.

Committees should be scheduling meetings and nominating a chairperson.

The Fiscal Officer will look into business cards for Council as requested.

Motion by Barber, seconded by Basterash to adjourn. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Steven Rockwell, Mayor

Mary Bruno, Fiscal Officer

