

Regular Council Meeting
November 17th, 2010

The meeting of the November 17th, 2010 Regular Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Robert C. Bickley.

Roll call: present- Dickman, Fox, Kovesdi, Maloney and Wolf. Absent-Jenkins. Also present- Administrator Bruce Bowie, Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno and Solicitor Vickie Ruffing.

Motion by Dickman, seconded by Kovesdi to approve the minutes of the November 10th, 2010 Council Meeting. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

There were no bills to pay at the November 17th, 2010 meeting as they had been approved and paid at the November 10th meeting.

Citizens Participation

Richard Smith addressed Council on an article he had read in the Sandusky Register concerning the Village and the electric fund. He said he read in the Sandusky Register the article about the \$400,000.00 money loss in the electric fund. He said when dealing with issues like this, a consultant or expert should always be used. He further stated he was happy to see it corrected and appreciated the professionalism.

Also in attendance were resident Todd Barber and Heather Chapin-Fowler from the Sandusky Register.

OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers- A stop sign is permitted to be mounted on a lamppost, but no other sign is.

The replacement trees have been planted at the Swan/Liberty Street project.

The Mayor stated he was disappointed he won't be reimbursed for the sidewalks that were put in front of his business on Front Street On The Square. He stated he eliminated a hazard. Members of Council said they were not going to replace any sidewalks this year, and the portion that was done was part of the grant for the handicap ramp. The Mayor stated everyone on the Square will now be responsible for paying for any repairs to their sidewalks.

Safety-None

Finance-None

Planning, Building Codes & Inspection- None

Utilities- The Gorsuch power station has permanently been shut down. New generating assets and power supply contracts will replace Gorsuch as sources of power.

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-None

Parks and Trees-None

NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-None

Safety-None

Finance-Motion by Fox, seconded by Maloney to eliminate section 2 of the employee incentive ordinance no. 499-04-09. This is the section that deals with cost savings. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Dickman to authorize the Solicitor to draw up legislation eliminating section 2 of the employee incentive ordinance no. 499-04-09. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Wolf, seconded by Fox to recommend no raises for 2011. This does not include the ½% full time employees may be awarded by fulfilling the schooling portion of the employee incentive ordinance no. 499-04-09. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Regional Planning, Building Codes & Inspection- ODOT is considering constructing a salt shed at the Milan facility. They have requested zoning information.

Utilities- None

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-The Chamber of Commerce will hold a Holiday Open House for Milan merchants on December 4th, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Parks and Trees- Motion by Wolf, seconded by Fox to accept an ash tree plan for Milan. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

John Fox commended Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno for the research into the electric fund to identify the many errors. He stated he knew she put a lot of time into finding the problems and that she had come to Council many times stating there was something drastically wrong. He said if it wasn't for her he can't imagine where the electric fund would be now and was thankful she took it upon herself to find the errors and stop the money loss.

Motion by Wolf, seconded by Kovesdi to authorize the Administrator and Mayor to sign off on the Memorandum of Understanding, in reference to Johns Manville. This will provide a foundation for two verbal zoning commitments made during meetings with the Village. The Village will agree to allow an easement for an outlet to the Tenneco fire pump located on Village Electric Department property. The Village will agree to take ownership of the sanitary lift station located on the exterior of the east wall of the Tenneco factory with the easements provided by Johns Manville for Village access. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

LEGISLATION

AN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES 2011 WESTERN LAKE ERIE BASIN ASH REMOVAL AND CANOPY RESTORATION PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motion by Maloney, seconded by Fox, to suspend the rules. Roll call: Kovesdi-yes, Maloney-yes, Wolf-yes, Dickman-yes, Fox-yes, motion carried. . Motion by Maloney, seconded by Fox to adopt by title only as an emergency. Roll call: Maloney-yes, Wolf-yes, Dickman-yes, Fox-yes, Kovesdi-yes. Motion carried. . Resolution no. 555-11-10

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE ELECTRIC FUND. Motion by Maloney, seconded by Fox to adopt by title only. Roll call: Wolf-yes, Dickman-yes, Fox-yes, Kovesdi-yes, Maloney-yes, motion carried. Ordinance no.538-11-10 This ordinance will allow the Fiscal Officer to appropriate money that has not previously been appropriated in the electric fund to cover costs in the electric fund.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 522-03-10 TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE TRANSFER OF ADDITIONAL MONIES TO VARIOUS FUNDS. Motion by Fox, seconded by Maloney to adopt by title only. Roll call: Dickman-yes, Fox-yes, Kovesdi-yes, Maloney-yes, Wolf-yes, motion carried Ordinance no.539-11-10 This ordinance will transfer money from one line item to another line item, within the same fund to cover expenses.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE FREE USE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES TO THE STREET AND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF MILAN, OHIO. . Motion by Fox, seconded by Maloney to bring this ordinance to its first reading by title only. Vote-all yeas, motion carried. This ordinance will ensure all departments of the Village of Milan pay for their electric use, with the exception of the street department and electric department.

Motion by Maloney, seconded by Dickman to excuse Jenkins from tonight's meeting. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

John Fox requested Heather Chapin-Fowler from the Sandusky Register attend more Council meetings should she be available.

Motion by Dickman, seconded by Fox to adjourn. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Mayor Robert C. Bickley

Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno