

Regular Council Meeting
February 24th, 2010

The meeting of February 24th, 2010 Regular Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by President Pro Temp David Jenkins.

Roll call: present- Dickman, Fox, Jenkins, Kovesdi, Maloney and Wolf. Also present- Administrator Vickie Ruffing, Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno and Solicitor Vickie Ruffing. Mayor Bickley is in Washington D.C.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Dickman to approve the Minutes of the January 27th, 2010 Council Meeting. Vote-all yeas, motion carried. The meeting of February 10th, 2010 was cancelled due to the weather.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Kovesdi to approve the February 24th, 2010 Council Bills in the amount of \$6,558.23. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Dickman, seconded by Fox to approve the February 24th, 2010 Utility Bills in the amount of \$63,270.33. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Citizens Participation

Darrell Maines of 1707 Seminary Road, Milan Township was in attendance to discuss an issue he had with a police officer while removing snow from his mother's house at 34 Broad Street, in the Village. He first asked if there was an ordinance preventing him from putting snow in a neighbor's tree lawn and was told there was not. His second concern was the way he felt he was treated by the officer on duty, feeling it was confrontational and unprofessional. Maines was told he could file a report if he so wishes. The Chief had not contacted Maines at this point. Council apologized and will make sure there is a follow up, stating the concern is now on the record.

Tim King from Erie Regional Planning addressed Council on the upcoming census. Starting next month through April 1st, the survey will be taken. The census is taken every 10 years, and distributes about \$482,000,00.00 in Erie County with programs such as Head Start, WIC, Sandusky Transit, block grants and others benefitting. These funds stay with Erie County for the next ten years. December 2010 the President will be presented with the information, and January 2011 the information will be distributed. Currently, Ohio stands to lose 1, if not 2 Congressional seats as the number represented changes with the population.

Tom Forster spoke to Council about the new health insurance plan, beginning March 1, 2010. Although Milan's increase came in under the state average of 30%, he felt it was still high. The Fiscal Officer and Administrator have worked on a wellness plan, and Forster explained it in detail to Council. There were many positives to a wellness plan such as lower costs starting the second year due to fewer claims. Council asked if the renewal cost can be known sooner and Forster will look into it.

OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storms Sewers-The Swan/Liberty Streets project will start in the near future.

The ODOT replacement project at Rattlesnake Creek Bridge was discussed with the necessary detour through Milan. Power poles must be re-located and Verizon will need to replace poles. Officials in Huron and Erie County, as well as City of Norwalk were not aware of these issues. The Shaw Mill project was also to be done at the same time, closing two ways through and into town. The Rattlesnake project will be done after Labor Day now. To deal with the expected heavy traffic it was suggested a "right on red" at the main intersection in town, but members of Council felt the Chief would not go for the idea. All Village side streets will also take extra wear and tear.

Safety-None

Finance-Milan is still in the running for the Johns Manville factory. The Ohio Job's Tax Credit was approved last July; it now goes to the State Controlling Board for final approval.

Tenneco engineers separated the sanitary sewer connection with the new connection goes into the gravity sewer

Tenneco Engineering requested a new street number to be given to the factory facility. Using the Erie County Addressing software and Erie County database, the number 49 was given to the factory.

Planning, Building Codes & Inspection- None

Utilities-None

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation –At the recent Chamber of Commerce awards John P. Seamans was awarded Citizens of the Year, Veggie U, the Youth Service Award, Smiley Automotive, the Business of the Year and Charles Mosser the Community Service Award.

The nominations have been narrowed from 90 to 10 by the National Statuary Committee, with the Thomas A. Edison placing in the ten. The committee will set up voting and it will go until July.

Parks and Trees-None

NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-None

Safety-Council discussed the public meeting dealing with the cat problem in the Village. It was agreed that cat colonies and feral cats are out of control within the Village. This has been an on-going problem and a trap-neuter-release program appears to be something the Village could benefit from. Jo Walls the trap, neuter and spay coordinator from the Erie County Humane Society addressed Council and Village residents on her program as well as handing out informational material. Much of the cost can be covered by donations, as it costs about \$75.00 per cat for the process. Neutered cats are better behaved and roam less while living on their own. The Village would first need to amend their ordinance allowing the cats to be released back into the Village. Also, the Village talked about enforcing the portion of the ordinance that states if you own an animal you must confine it. Motion by Wolf, seconded by Kovesdi to have the Solicitor amend the ordinance to allow the releasing cats back into the Village should the Village chose to go with the trap, neuter, spay program. The Solicitor will donate her time amending the ordinance. Vote-all yeas, motion carried. The ordinance will be done as an emergency to be in effect before mating season.

Chief Ward will be updated on the cat meeting.

The Solicitor or Administrator will have a summary to be read after all legislation to make it clearer to the public what the ordinance or resolution is about.

Finance- Motion by Maloney, seconded by Kovesdi to accept the new insurance policy with individual rates to be determined. Each adult covered on the policy will pay a portion of their insurance priced at \$60.00 per month, or \$720.00 a year. Each married employee of the Village will be required to provide documentation showing their spouse, if employed, does not have health insurance available to them through their employer, even if it comes at a cost to them. The reimbursable portion to employees will be doubled, with singles now being reimbursed back to \$200.00, instead of \$100.00, couples or one employee with dependents being reimbursed back to \$800.00 not \$400.00, and families being reimbursed back to \$1200.00, no longer \$600.00. A wellness awards program has been established, giving each employee the opportunity to reduce their annual cost. Five parts make up the wellness program, with each adult reducing their out of pocket premium by \$12.00 for each part passed: cholesterol target=cholesterol (LDL)=less than 160, glucose=high target=glucose under 126, blood pressure target=systolic less than 140 and diastolic less than 90, tobacco/nicotine target=none present, body mass index high target=less than 30. Fisher Titus Industrial Health will process the assessments and screenings with a pass/fail confirmation provided to the Village. Each covered employee may opt to re-test one time after 6-months of the original screening(s). The assessment is voluntary. The Village will pay the cost of the assessment(s) which will be \$45.00 per adult. This policy is in effect from May 1st, 2010 through April 30th, 2011. Vote-all yeas, motion carried. 0

Motion by Kovesdi, seconded by Fox to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay the Anthem Insurance premiums up until the wellness program takes effect on May 1st, 2010. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Regional Planning, Building Codes & Inspection-A meeting for a variance will be held on February 18th for a storage building on Lockwood Road.

Utilities-The Village received checks from AMP for the sale of Renewable Energy Credits.

The Village is working with Erie Metro Parks on the Carbon Offset Project.

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-The Village is collecting cell phones and ink cartridges for Serving Our Seniors.

Parks and Trees-None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Milan Township Fire Department asks all fire hydrants be kept clear of snow.

Bruce Bowie is the president of the Milan-Berlin Public Library Board of Trustees.

The Village employees were commended for a job well done during the recent snow storms.

LEGISLATION

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FORM AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A LANDFILL GAS SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. AND TAKING OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH REGARDING LGES LANDFILL GAS ELECTRIC GENERATIONS. Motion by Fox, seconded by Dickman to bring this resolution to its third reading by title only. Roll call: Fox-yes, Jenkins-yes, Kovesdi-yes, Maloney-yes, Wolf-yes, Dickman-yes, motion carried. Motion by Fox, seconded by Kovesdi to adopt. Roll call: Jenkins-yes, Kovesdi-yes, Maloney-yes, Wolf-yes, Dickman-yes, Fox-yes. Motion carried, Resolution no. 552-03-10

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

Mayor Robert C. Bickley

Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno