

Regular Council Meeting  
May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010

The meeting of May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Regular Council Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Robert C. Bickley.

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

Motion by Fox, seconded by Jenkins to approve the Minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Council Meeting. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Maloney to pay the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Council Bills in the amount of \$ 13,889.74. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Motion by Dickman, seconded by Fox to pay the May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Utility Bills in the amount of \$ 105,149.89. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

### **Citizens Participation**

Scott Thom from the Erie County Health Department reported on the number of permits and inspections the ECHD processed in the last year, with the amount being down. The Health Department is looking for applications for single story homes for lead base paint testing. Applications are available through Erie County Regional Planning.

Dan Shupe spoke on behalf of the income tax, stating if necessary to change the rate it should be done to preserve the nice Village that it is. He also said if the Village starts cutting services, it will add up.

Fritz Berckmeuller again stated he didn't feel the tax was necessary and there were ways to cut without doing away with any personnel. The Fiscal Officer explained transfers cannot be done, as they are governed by the ORC. She also spoke with an auditor for the State of Ohio and was told transferring money from the street fund, which is not a special revenue fund, into the general fund would more than likely not be a reason for transferring money, and the Village would be denied. Transfers of that kind are usually to cover a debt, occurring when the fund that money is being transferred from has fulfilled its purpose.

Lorri Keyser again questioned the emergency part of the legislation. She felt if the tax is being discussed it should include all residents of Milan, not just earned income.

### **OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Streets, Sidewalks and Storms Sewers-**The Swan/Liberty Streets project is moving along with the asphalt work to start soon.

Candy Draeger asked if residents are informed when trees in their tree lawn are coming down. She also questioned why Council does not speak back to any of the Village residents who have been asking questions, concerning the income tax.

Mary Basterash asked if Council will be voting on the income tax tonight.

Melissa Vartorella asked when the last income tax rate was and was told 20 years ago. Since it hasn't been raised in that long of a time period, she doesn't understand what the problem is.

**Safety-**None

**Finance-**None

**Planning, Building Codes & Inspection-** None

**Utilities-** None.

**Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-**None

**Parks and Trees-**Al Siewert reviewed the Village trees, prioritizing those that need to come down. There are another 8 trees that should come down but there are no funds to cover the cost.

## **NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-**None

**Safety-**None

**Finance-** If there are to be any changes in the clothing allowances, the clothing allowance ordinance will have to be amended.

**Regional Planning, Building Codes & Inspection-**None

**Utilities-**The Tenneco engineering facility fire system is now connected directly to the Village.

AMP has announced the Gorsuch Station will close, which provides approximately 70% of the Village's power. New and current resources through AMP will replace the Gorsuch power.

**Civic Contact and Historical Preservation-**Motion by Maloney, seconded by Wolf to allow the Cub Scout Pack 215 from Milan to use the Administration Building on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> for their annual car wash. A rain date if necessary will be Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Over 200 visitors attended the International Museum Day on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Parks and Trees-** None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Administrator, Fire Chief and Police Chief will meet with the Milan Melon Festival Committee on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> to prepare for a smooth running festival.

## **LEGISLATION**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART-ONE, ADMINISTRATIVE CODE, TITLE NINE TAXATION, CHAPTER 197 INCOME TAX, SECTION 197.03 IMPOSITION OF TAX, TO INCREASE THE RATE OF TAX TO ONE PERCENT PER ANNUM EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010.** Motion by Maloney, seconded by Fox to bring this ordinance to its first reading by title only. Vote-Fox-yes, Jenkins-yes, Kovesdi-yes, Maloney-yes, Wolf-yes, Dickman-yes, motion carried.

The Fiscal Officer will look into options with the clothing allowance, rugs and cleaning and discuss them with the Finance Committee.

Motion by Wolf, seconded by Fox to hold a Special Meeting to discuss the income tax legislation on Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

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

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Mayor Robert C. Bickley

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Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno