

Regular Council Meeting
September 1st, 2009

The meeting of September 1st, 2009 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 B. Ruffing.

Motion by Fox, seconded by Jenkins to approve the Minutes of the August 18th, 2009 Council Meeting. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

There were no bills to be approved tonight as the Fiscal Officer was closing out the month of August. With the computer systems, no bills can be prepared until August is finished.

Citizens Participation

Tammy Vitaz, Melon Festival President asked Council for a clarification of the Melon Festival Committee within the Village of Milan, and was told it is spelled out in the annual agreement. One of the issues discussed was the changing of the parade route, going east on Church Street and cutting out Huron and Front Streets and one block of Main Street. The committee will rent the library lot for one last time this year, due to a price increase of \$150.00. Vendors in that area will need to be placed elsewhere, with the committee targeting around the Invention restaurant, including the Church Street side, resulting in a route change for the parade. Milan Township Fire Chief Jim Jeseberger stated, with safety being his only issue, the parade works well the way it is set up, with no vendors on Church Street. Jeseberger's strong objection to the parade coming down Church Street was fire truck safety. Safety aside, Mayor Bickley felt it changed the atmosphere of the festival, and offered to donate the extra \$150.00 for the library rent. Vitaz said she would put the vendors upstairs at town hall if necessary.

The parade change was voted on at the committee's last meeting. It was suggested for future years it would be helpful to have communications between the Village, Melon Festival Committee, and the police and fire chiefs to cover safety issues and discuss any possible changes. Mayor Bickley asked when the committee holds its meetings.

As it turned out, in the signed agreement, no streets were requested to be for the parade route. Vitaz told Council it was an agreement that had been passed down to her. The 2010 agreement will have the proper closings.

Aaron Timbs spoke with Council about the port-a-johns at the Invention Restaurant. He will speak to the owners to resolve the issue.

Lisa Horschler extended a formal invitation to Council to attend Melon Festival Committee meetings, so in the future other possibilities can be explored.

Others in attendance at tonight's meeting were-Jim Verbridge and William Rutger from the Milan-Berlin Township Library and Tom Vitaz from the Milan Melon Festival Committee.

OLD COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storms Sewers-None.

Safety-None

Finance-None

Regional Planning, Building Codes & Inspection- None

Utilities-None

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation –None

Parks and Trees- None.

NEW COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Streets, Sidewalks and Storm Sewers-There is a traffic problem at the Milan Elementary School, due to lack of busing. It was suggested school employees keep the east side of Main Street open. There is parking in the lot across from the school. It will be discussed between the Administrator, police chief and school superintendent.

Safety –Motion by Jenkins, seconded by Dickman to hire Paul Gardner as part-time officer starting at \$9.00 an hour with a one year probationary period, effective August 23rd, 2009. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Finance- None

Regional Planning, Building Codes & Inspection-The Administrator sent an unofficial letter to two property owners concerning maintenance. One did contact the Administrator. Council discussed when it would become a legal matter.

Utilities-The electric department assisted Monroeville with a power transfer on August 26th.

The Mayor will attend the AMP dedication to the new building.

The Administrator attended AMP Prairie State and Gorsuch project meetings recently.

Justin Stelzer is painting the water treatment buildings for his Eagle Scout project.

Civic Contact and Historical Preservation- Motion by Maloney, seconded by Jenkins to close Center Street from Front Street to Church Street for the annual chicken barbeque on Sunday, September 6th. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

Voting for the Edison statue in Washington can be done on-line.

Parks and Trees-None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council feels it would be a good idea to meet with the Melon Festival Committee a few weeks after the festival to see what worked and what didn't.

LEGISLATION

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO TRANSFER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MILAN TOWNSHIP OWNED PERSONAL PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE.

Motion by Jenkins, seconded by Wolf to bring this ordinance to its second reading by title only. Vote-Dickman, Fox, Kovesdi and Wolf-yes. Maloney-no, motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART NINE-STREETS, UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE TITLE ONE, CHAPTER 901 SECTIONS 901.05 AND 901.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MILAN, OHIO PERTAINING TO SIDEWALKS. Motion by Maloney, seconded by Dickman to bring this ordinance to its second t reading by title only. Vote-all yeas, motion carried.

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

Mayor Robert C. Bickley

Fiscal Officer Mary Bruno