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VILLAGE OF MILAN COUNCIL MEETING

March 20, 2023 - 5:30 p.m.

Milan Municipal Building

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of the Minutes of March 6, 2023
4. Consideration of the February 2023 Treasurer's Report
5. Consideration of the Semi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bills
6. Consideration of General Election Ordinance #1771
7. Consideration of a contract with OnSolve for an Emergency Alert Service
8. Discussion on Surplus Properties Parcels 1624105003 and 1624106005
9. Consideration of Annual Royal Ball Run
10. Committee Reports
11. Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board
12. Adjourn

*Roll Call*

Roll call showed Trustees Doug Humphrey, Harry Stuart, Cassandra Mikao, Karen Wilson, Bruce Stickell and Michelle Hubbard present. No one was absent.

*Pledge of Allegiance*

Attorney Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Consideration of the Minutes of March 6, 2023*

Mayor Dawson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of March 6th. Trustee Hubbard stated on page 3 of the minutes, the owner of Q.C. Mart is Bill Ernst not Bill Cox. Mayor Dawson stated that is correct. He then asked for a motion on the minutes with the correction. Trustee Hubbard moved to approve the minutes with the change of the owner's name to Ernst. Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

*Consideration of the February 2023 Treasurer's Report*

Treasurer Arion Cox, stated fiscal year to date fund activity for the General and Camden Centre funds were both doing well and the only deficits were TIF IV and Insurance Reserve. The Camden Centre's performance attributes to an increased number of functions held, as well as the loss of revenue due to a transfer to pay multiple large claims in February, resulting in a current deficit. We expect to receive payments from the stop loss carrier for some of these claims to offset the high expenditures and bring the balance into a better position.

Treasurer Cox highlighted two of the top ten General Fund revenues from February. The Reimbursement and Restitution revenue is comprised of a payment of \$30,135 from Q.C. Meg & \$16,702 from Rock Island/Milan School District 41 for property tax rebates. Interest of \$29,733 from the IL Funds General account was deposited as well as General Fund paid \$198 to the other funds earning interest in the Blackhawk pooled cash account due to a negative claim on cash. Interest earned on \$8.8 million from the Illinois Funds general account was \$29,733, while the

interest earned on the Blackhawk pooled cash account with a balance of \$8.3 million was \$14,814. A significant transfer will be initiated in April to correct the negative claim on cash balance prior to fiscal year end, in the interim we are keeping money in the account earning greater interest.

Ms. Cox stated top expense activity for the month included the Surplus Distributions from TIF Districts 1,2 & 3 totaling \$1,489,885.56, which Milan will receive \$258,600.81 back from the County in March. Insurance claims payments were approximately 3.5 times the average monthly amount, however the village expects to receive money from the stop loss carrier to offset some claims; other professional services included a payment to QComm911 in the amount of \$75,684 and a \$10,990 was a payment from Public Works for a new trailer approved in May, 2022.

Mayor Dawson thanked Ms. Cox for her report and asked for a motion. Trustee Humphrey moved to approve her report as presented and Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

### *Consideration of the Semi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bills*

Trustee Humphrey, Finance Chairperson, stated the five largest bills to be approved this evening are Martin Equipment \$30,724.57 repair of the backhoe, MidAmerican Energy \$22,918.58 gas and electric, Blick and Blick Oil \$16,907.33 for gas and diesel, The Economic Development Group LTD \$25,397.62 which are the 2022 annual administration fees. The regular payables are in the amount of \$169,018.79 and the eye and dental reimbursable payables are in the amount of \$2,264.35, total payables for approval is \$171,283.14.

Trustee Humphrey asked if there were any questions on the bills. There being none he moved to pay all of the payables in the amount of \$171,283.14. Trustee Stickell seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Stuart, Mikao, Wilson, Stickell, Hubbard and Humphrey voted "Aye". Motion carried.

The bills will be paid from the following accounts:

General Fund	\$ 68,814.38
Garbage	5,680.46
MFT	2,994.56
Camden Centre	1,048.92
TIF I	11,384.17
TIF II	4,811.45
TIF III	9,714.30
TIF IV	4,676.85
W/S	<u>62,159.25</u>
	<u>\$171,288.14</u>

### *Consideration of the General Election Ordinance #1771*

Mayor Dawson read the General Election Ordinance stating there would be a General Election in the Village of Milan on April 4, 2023 to elect three Village Trustees; all to serve full four year terms.

Trustee Stickell moved to pass Ordinance #1771 and Trustee Mikao seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Mikao, Wilson, Stickell, Hubbard, Humphrey and Stuart voted "Aye". Motion carried.

### *Consideration of a contract with OnSolve for an Emergency Alert Service*

Assistant Administrator Johnson stated after looking at a few different systems, it was decided that OnSolve Emergency Alert Service met the village's need for a notification system for emergency alerts. When installed there will be a customer section, where residents may sign up to be on the on call service. Residents may choose the type of emergencies they want to be notified of so they only get the ones they want. The initial onetime sign-up fee will be \$500 and the annual fee for the service will be \$2,611. Mr. Johnson stated he spoke with Geneseo staff and they are very pleased with how it works. He recommends purchasing the OnSolve emergency notification system for Milan.

Ms. Linda Hocker wanted to thank the board from the Hillcrest residents for considering this equipment. Mayor Dawson thanked her for bringing this to our attention.

Trustee Wilson moved to sign the contract for emergency notifications with OnSolve in the amount of a \$500 onetime sign-up fee and an annual cost of \$2,611. Trustee Mikao seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

### *Discussion on Surplus Properties Parcels/1624105003 and 1624106005 116 E. 2nd Ave*

Administrator Seiver stated these two parcels are owned by the village. We acquired them when the house on parcel 1624105330 better known as 116 E. 2nd Avenue burnt down and the village acquired it by condemnation and cleaned up the burnt house. The village has been mowing the two lots for several years and would like to claim it as surplus property. We could then donate it to Habitat for Humanity. They have indicated they would take the properties and they have a couple who qualify under the Habitat for Humanity regulations to build a home there. The village would ask that the two parcels be combined into one. We would no longer have to mow the property and would get a nice house that would be on the tax roll.

Mayor Dawson stated the village has worked with Habitat on several other homes. It is a good way to clean up properties and get them back on the tax roll.

Mayor Dawson asked if there was any discussion on the plan Mr. Seiver recommended. The consensus was to proceed with the plan. Mayor Dawson asked if Attorney Scott could prepare the necessary paperwork to declare the property surplus.

Attorney Scott stated he thought sometime ago the village passed an ordinance on surplus property. He will review that and have what we need at the next council meeting.

### *Consideration of the Annual Royal Ball Run*

Mr. Pat Hartmann stated he is here to ask permission to conduct the Royal Ball Run this year. It will be the 12th year for the run, which will follow the same path as last year. The run generates a significant amount of interested runners, 1,076 participants were here on race

weekend. He has had rave reviews on the organization of the event and how welcoming the local businesses and residents have been. The annual Royal Ball Run Carnival and Royal Ball Run for Autism has invested over \$325,000 in local autism programs. He wanted to thank all of the hosts for the Royal Ball events, the business community has been outstanding hosts. He would like to mention, Royal Ball will be moving to their new location at 222 W. 4th Street, Milan, which he and his wife purchased in July 2022.

Mayor Dawson congratulated Mr. Hartmann on doing a great job at hosting a wonderful event that helps so many. He is proud that the Village is a part of it.

Trustee Hubbard moved to approve the Royal Ball Run to proceed with the 12th annual events. Trustee Stuart seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

### *Committee Reports*

Trustee Stuart stated the Camden Centre has been rented for a spring craft fair and a coin show. These are two large events. Last weekend they hosted a large wedding bringing in \$3,200 from the bar receipts alone. Mayor Dawson stated it sounds like the Camden Centre is coming back from being closed due to COVID.

Trustee Mikaiio is planning a Park and Recreations meeting on Monday, March 27th at the Camden Centre.

Trustee Wilson has volunteered to be the liaison for the village for the Milan Fall Harvest Celebration Inc. Some of the new events they are planning is asking the Milan Lions Club to hold Bingo at the Camden Centre and a high school "Battle of the Bands" event, as well as having a D.J. and two bands playing per day. Mayor Dawson thanked Trustee Wilson for volunteering to be the village's liaison.

Trustee Hubbard stated the Milan Police Department has hired Basil Dudley to join their department. Mr. Dudley has been an officer with Knox County. He will not have to go through the training program for new officers. He will be officially sworn in at the April 3rd meeting.

Administrator Seiver updated the progress to clean up a parcel at 701 W. 11th Street. This parcel was bought for taxes by Steve Sodeman. Recently Mr. Sodeman passed away and the property is in a Living Trust. Eagle and Eagle Attorneys are handling the Living Trust for the Sodeman estate and stated they are planning to get a clean title for the property.

Eagle and Eagle stated the property can be sold now that the title was obtained. The Village asked the court if it was legal for them to purchase the property from the Estate. A judgement was made that it would be legal for the village to purchase the property from the Estate after waiting 30 days. Now that 30 days from the judgement has passed the estate may sell it. They are willing to sell it to the village for \$10,400, which is the three years of taxes the estate paid to get the title, plus \$500 for attorney fees. They would also ask that any liens the village has against the property be released. The village can take possession of the property on April 13, 2023. Administrator Seiver is asking the consensus of the Council to proceed with the purchase. Mayor Dawson asked for a consent to proceed. All Council Members agreed.

Administrator Seiver stated the owner of a vacant house at 517 W. 2nd Street cannot be contacted. The village has been mowing and maintaining the property. The R.I. County Trustee is petitioning for a deed on the house. If the taxes aren't purchased before July 21st, the village could purchase the property from the tax sale in October and then tear the house down.

There has been some interest from the businesses to the west to use it for a parking lot for their businesses. The Board's consensus was to proceed.

### *Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board*

Linda Hocker stated there is a house problem in her neighborhood and she believes it is in foreclosure. Mayor Dawson said the village has no jurisdiction concerning a foreclosure.

Ms. Hocker stated there is still a problem with accidents at the stop sign at 28th Ave. onto RT 67. People are not stopping at the stop sign.

Mayor Dawson stated the problem that people think when the car in the right hand lane is turning off of Rt 67 onto the service road they do not see the car in the left hand lane of Rt 67 and they pull out and get hit. People need to be patient and wait till the car actually turns so they see the car which was hidden by the car turning off Rt 67.

Dave Krouth stated the Saturday Service for the Micro Transit bus has been doing well. Mayor Dawson thanked Mr. Krouth for his reporting. He realizes how lucky Milan is to have the Micro Transit in the village.

### *Adjourn*

There being no further business to come before the Board he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Wilson so moved and Trustee Mikao seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Barbara L. Lee, Certified Municipal Clerk