

## PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2024 APPROPRIATIONS

Mayor Dawson called the Public Hearing to order at 5:15 p.m. on June 19, 2023. Persons attending were Mayor Dawson, Clerk Barb Lee, Trustees Stuart, Wilson, Stickell, Hubbard and Humphrey, Assistant Administrator Shawn Johnson, Jerry Mader, Dave Krouth, Daryl Shomr, Amy Ressen, Betty Boltz, Jim Hensen, Debra Kunst, Jon Holgren and Steve Moller.

Mayor Dawson stated there has been a budget prepared by Administrator Seiver, Assistant Administrator Johnson, Finance Director Cox and all department heads. Mayor Dawson and the Trustees of course wants everyone to be able to purchase what is absolutely necessarily. Due to an increase in revenue this year, it will be possible to replace some vehicles and equipment we need. The village has also received two grants, that we will be used to update all of the parks.

Assistant Administrator Johnson stated due to fact we did not use MFT for much road maintenance last year, we have two years of revenue that we can use for this year's road maintenance. Great emphasis has been placed on street repairs and an aggressive plan has been put in place. The bid on the Heat Treat Recycling came in under the engineer's estimate, so we will be able to do more work than we had planned.

Mayor Dawson asked if there were any questions or comments from the Trustees or Audience.

Mr. Dave Krouth asked if work on East 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue could be done since the bid on street maintenance came in below what they expected.

Mayor Dawson stated the extra work areas have not been determined yet. He does know within 2 years the bridge on 27th Street and 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave. will have to be fixed.

Ms. Jean Hensen stated the cul-de-sac on W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street is really bad.

Trustee Wilson said East 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets are also really bad. I hope they were included in the plan.

Mayor Dawson stated maybe work can be done in sections, he doesn't know for sure. He said he didn't have the map showing which streets will be done, in front of him at this time, but anyone is welcome to stop in and view it at Village Hall.

There being no further comments, Mayor Dawson closed the Public Hearing at 5:30 p.m.

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Barbara L. Lee, Certified Municipal Clerk

## VILLAGE OF MILAN COUNCIL MEETING

June 19, 2023 - 5:30 P.M.  
Milan Municipal Building

### AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consideration of the Minutes of June 5, 2023
4. Consideration of the May 31, 2023 Treasurer's Report
5. Consideration of the Semi-Monthly and Miscellaneous Bills
6. Presentation by Dwight Ford, Executive Director of Project NOW
7. Consideration of the Milan Police Pension Fund 2023 Amended Treasurer's Report
8. Committee Reports
9. Citizens Opportunity to Address the Village Board
10. Adjournment

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### ROLL CALL

Roll call showed Trustees Bruce Stickell, Michelle Hubbard, Doug Humphrey, Harry Stuart, Karen Wilson was present. Trustee Cassandra Mikaio was absent.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Attorney Lincoln Scott led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2023

Mayor Dawson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of June 6, 2023. There being none, he asked for a motion to accept them as presented.

Trustee Stuart moved to approve them as presented and Trustee Wilson seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

### CONSIDERATION OF THE TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Arion Cox stated the month and YTD May performance report shows the first property tax distribution helped the General Fund and the Garbage Fund have healthy fund balances to begin the new FY. The Insurance Reserve Fund shows a deficit because our contribution was not posted, but it will balance out on the June report after the budget is passed. The Water and Sewer Fund always shows a negative annually on May 1<sup>st</sup> due to an annual bond payment made on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The largest revenues for May were property tax, sales tax, corporate personal prop replacement tax, state income tax, non-home rule sales tax and local cannabis tax.

The largest expenses were bond principal and interest and other professional services.

There being no comments on the Treasurer's Report, Trustee Stickell moved to approve the report as presented and Trustee Humphrey seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

### CONSIDERATION OF THE SEMI-MONTHLY AND MISCELLANEOUS BILLS

Trustee Humphrey stated we have a FY 23 hold over again this time. Treasurer Cox stated this should be the last one, as the auditors will be coming in July 10<sup>th</sup> to start the audit. There are usually no more adjustments to make at this point.

Trustee Humphrey stated there are \$1,028.59 for FY23, there are \$69,708.18 regular bills for FY24 and \$1,277.05 for eye and dental for FY24 making a total of \$72,013.82.

The largest bills are for MidAmerican Energy Co for gas and electric in the amount of \$15,393.02, Zion Bank for Bond Interest \$6,937.11, Millennium Waste for STP Sludge/Municipal Waste in the amount of \$5,924.77, KPH Solar Farms for electricity in the amount of \$4,030.68 and the R.I.C. Sheriff’s Office for integrated P-25 Emergency Radio Tower in the amount of \$3,169.00.

There being no questions on the bills, Trustee Humphrey moved to pay them in the total amount of \$72,013.82 and Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. Roll call vote showed Trustees Hubbard, Humphrey, Stuart, Wilson, and Stickell voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

The bills will be paid from the following accounts:

General	40,324.90
Garbage	8,248.26
Motor Fuel Tax	2,706.77
Camden Centre	758.01
TIF II	27.57
Water/Sewer	<u>19,948.31</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	\$72,013.82

*PRESENTATION BY DWIGHT FORD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PROJECT NOW*

Mayor Dawson stated Mr. Ford, could not attend at this meeting, but will be setting up a new date to make his presentation. There will be no action taken on this agenda item.

*CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDED MILAN ANNUAL POLICE PENSION FUND REPORT FOR FY 2023*

Police Pension Secretary/Treasurer, Arion Cox presented an amendment to the Annual Police Pension Treasurer’s Report she presented at the March meeting. At that time she stated there would be an amended report after the state finished their March report. The amendments basically changed the total revenues to \$969,933 and the expenses to \$845,421, which left an ending fund balance of \$12,604,757.

She stated the fund is doing very well and is between 75% and 80% funded. The goal of Milan’s pension fund was to be 100% funded by 2040. If we continue on the path we are on, I believe we will reach the goal.

Mayor Dawson stated the state legislature voted to set up a State Police Pension Board to handle all investments for all Illinois Police Pension Fund moneys. This way larger investments can be made, which will create larger interest payments and will benefit each municipality. There are individual municipal pension statements for each pension fund, so they can balance their own individual fund.

There being no comments on the report, Trustee Stickell moved to approve the amended annual police pension report for 2023. Trustee Stuart seconded the motion and all Trustees voted “Aye”. Motion carried.

*COMMITTEE REPORTS*

Trustee Wilson stated she received a call from Kevin Farrell regarding replacing a truck for the sewer treatment plant. She was wondering when we will be doing that.

Assistant Administrator Johnson stated the truck was included in the 2024 budget and as soon as the Appropriation Ordinance is passed we will be able to order it.

She also mentioned in checking some of the parks before coming to the meeting tonight, she felt Dickson Park was in sad shape.

Mayor Dawson stated the field is in good shape and would like to see some people playing on it. As soon as Trustee Mikio holds a Park Meeting some decisions will be made about enhancing all of the parks, since we will receive a couple of large grants to be used for that purpose.

Trustee Stickell stated the report the Board received from Rob Schroeder on the community clean-up is very interesting. He seems to be doing a good job of getting residents to get their yards up to code, all the time taking this job off of the Building Inspector. In reading his report I was surprised to see how much the fines are when people disregard the letters Mr. Schroeder sends out to them about codes they are violating. If they do not correct the violations they have to go to the MUNICES Court

and in some cases pay a fine. The village is not in the business of making money off of residents. We have a responsibility to everyone's neighbor to keep all yards neat and orderly. That is our goal.

Mayor Dawson stated has driven around town and noticed a difference in some of the problem areas. I am glad we got Rob hired for the job.

### *CITIZENS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE VILLAGE BOARD*

Mayor Dawson asked if anyone from the audience would like to address the Board.

John Holgren, resident of HighCliff Estates and member of the Guardians, would like to see more police patrol in the mobile home park. Just this week a man broke into a mobile home and attacked the tenant putting him in the hospital.

Mr. Holgren also stated there are 28 abandoned mobile homes in the park. The maintenance is pulling them out and parking them in the space between HighCliff and the quarry.

Mr. Holgren continued with the problem of the broken water hydrants.

Mr. Moller stated since the last council meeting he has spoken to the State Fire Marshall regarding the problem. The Fire Marshall is coming in Thursday and between Blackhawk Fire Department and the Fire Marshall something will be decided.

Mr. Holgren stated there have been three managers different managers for the park and things haven't improved. The landscape is neglected, the rents have been raised and the swimming pool has been closed. Also, a solid fence has been put up all around the pool. The well-known fencing company that put the fence up, should have known there shouldn't be a solid fence around a public pool.

Betty Pedriali stated last year, there were some kids in the pool having trouble in the water. People saw the problem and went in to get them to safety. With that fence the pool cannot be monitored.

Mr. Moller stated the pools are supervised by the Public Health Department and they should be notified.

Debra Kunst asked about the communication system and the number of Warning Sirens in the community.

Assistant Administrator Johnson stated he is working with communication vendor to correct the boundaries of Milan which were set up wrong. This will take some time. The Warning Sirens are distributed in locations that make it the best warning for all residents,

Claire Mortanson would like to know if Milan will ever use yard waste bins for recycled materials. That is the way the city picked up and it seemed to work well in the city they came from.

Mayor Dawson stated Milan picks up bags with yard waste stickers every Friday. You can purchase the stickers at village hall and you also need to register your name and address for the pick-up list. This system is working well for us.

Dan, from the Q.C. Dravens softball team, would like to use Dickson Park for practice. He called the Park Director and she stated the fields had been scheduled with other teams. The Dravens are a Milan team and should have access to their diamonds over out of town teams.

Mayor Dawson suggested he call Jeanne Beuseling, who sets up the schedule for the diamonds and get an arrangement made for his team to have a slot to practice.

### *ADJOURN*

There being no further business to discuss, Mayor Dawson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Karen Wilson moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Hubbard seconded the motion. All Trustees voted "Aye". Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Barbara L. Lee, Certified Municipal Clerk