

# COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

*March 22, 2016*

Mayor Francis called the meeting to order.

*Present were:* Mayor Francis; *Councilmembers:* Sarah Copp, Anthony Miller, Scott Fogle, Karen Grudich, Don Dohrman, and Jason Tinnerman. *Also present were:* Manager Kline, Ben Herron, and Clerk Cantrell. *Absent:* None.

## GENERAL UPDATES

Manager Kline stated the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control had sent a letter to the Municipality stating every liquor license holder in West Milton would be required to renew their liquor license by June 1, 2016.

Manager Kline stated he would have two (2) Ordinances ready for the April 12, 2016, Council Meeting for rezoning of property. One will be for the rezoning of 8.6 acres owned by Monty Fogle across from the storage lockers. He stated Gracehaven Church is interested in purchasing this property and plans to build a new Church on the property. Manager Kline stated the Planning Board recommends the property be zoned R1. He stated the Planning Board decided not to hold a public hearing and asked Manager Kline to write a letter letting the surrounding neighbors know there would be an Ordinance for the rezoning introduced for a first reading at the April 12, 2016, Council Meeting. Scott Fogle asked how soon Gracehaven Church would be building their new Church. Manager Kline stated he did not know.

Manager Kline stated Brumbaugh Engineering & Surveying has made an offer on the property the Eagles owns contingent upon the property being rezoned. He stated the property is currently zoned as R3. Manager Kline stated the Planning Board is recommending the property be rezoned to B3. Manager Kline stated the Planning Board decided not to hold a public hearing and asked him to write a letter letting the surrounding neighbors know there would be an Ordinance for the rezoning introduced for a first reading at the April 12, 2016, Council Meeting. Jason Tinnerman asked if the change in zoning would change the tax formula for this property. Manager Kline stated he did not know. He stated he would have to ask the Miami County Auditor's Office.

Manager Kline stated a mistake was made when the Budget for 2016 was passed. He stated the Municipality received a grant to replace the playground equipment in the Municipal Park for seventy-seven thousand dollars (\$77,000). Manager Kline stated a total of one hundred twelve thousand (\$112,000) dollars should have been put in the Budget for the replacement of this equipment since the grant received is a reimbursable grant. He stated he would be submitting legislation to re-appropriate the correct amount. Manager Kline stated the grant money the Municipality of West Milton would be receiving has to be shown as income.

Manager Kline stated from all indications it looks like Tim Swartztrauber is now cancer free and intends to return to work in either April or May of 2016. He stated there would be restrictions. Manager Kline stated Tim would not be allowed to work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant for at least a year due to restrictions due to his health situation. Manager Kline stated Tim would be doing zoning compliance checking for properties that needs to have maintenance done to the exterior, for properties that needs sidewalk repairs, and for junk cars, etc. Manager Kline stated he wants Tim to be aggressive in checking into the Ordinances to see if they are okay as written or if they need to be reworked making them more enforceable.

Manager Kline stated the new police cruiser is in and ready to go. He stated the City of Vandalia has not made their decision as to whether to get rid of any of their vehicles.

Ben Herron stated the truck chassis should be in sometime in April or early May. He stated he has gotten three (3) quotes to build the truck. Mr. Herron stated most dealers can meet the requirements needed for the Municipality of West Milton; but it is harder to get the type of salter and plow that is needed. He stated two (2) dealers in the area have submitted quotes for the salter and plow. Mr. Herron stated the Municipality has been able to save two thousand five hundred (\$2,500) dollars on the hitch.

Bob Stahlman of DPL Energy stated DPL Energy has been giving grant money to communities to use for economic development or strategic planning. He stated Manager Kline had applied for a grant for the Municipality of West Milton for a new audio system to be used for different events. Mr. Stahlman stated the grant has been approved and he would be presenting the Municipality with a five thousand (\$5,000) dollar check at the

April 12, 2016, Council Meeting. Manager Kline stated Tom Beck gave him cost estimates for permanent speakers to be installed at the Municipal Park and that Mr. Beck has found video equipment for three thousand (\$3,000) dollars. Manager Kline stated Mr. Beck is looking for speakers that can be placed in downtown West Milton to be used to play music downtown during special events. Manager Kline stated this equipment would have logos on it saying brought to you by DPL Energy.

Bob Stahlman stated DPL Energy has sold energy resources to IGS Energy out of Dublin, OH. He stated IGS Energy is about ten (10) times the size of DPL Energy. Mr. Stahlman stated IGS Energy would continue the Community Savings Program. He stated this program will continue until its expiration. Mr. Stahlman stated he is now working strictly with Miami Valley Lighting.

Jason Tinnerman stated the Sunoco station now has a new owner. He stated the owner is friendly and is working to make the station cleaner and better.

Jason Tinnerman stated the Rec Council just approved doing a rebuild of the peewee field. He said new topsoil would be brought in, good turf would be installed, and it would now have a watering system. Mr. Tinnerman stated the entrance off of Lowry Drive would be redone also. He stated anyone that wanted to could donate money to this project.

Sarah Copp stated Andy Grudich sent her a pamphlet for the Community Service Day. She stated the date has been set as May 12, 2016, with a May 19, 2016, rain date. Manager Kline asked Ms. Copp to forward a copy of the pamphlet to him and he would forward it to the library. Scott Fogle stated the Council of Churches would be meeting on Monday, March 28, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

Sarah Copp stated she went to the City of Tipp City and talked to the street crew and asked about maintaining the planting of pots. She stated the street crew stated there is a Garden Club that takes care of the pots with flowers in the downtown area and that the business owners also help with the watering of the flowers. Discussion took place as to potential locations for pots to be located in the downtown area of West Milton and the cost of the pots and the cost to plant flowers in the pots. Anthony Miller recommended contacting the MIM organization for their input.

Don Dohrman asked how citizens can get support from the CAC (*the new administrators for the local income tax*). He asked Manager Kline to put together information to be used when talking to the citizens of West Milton explaining why the Municipality changed from the City of Vandalia to CAC for the administration of the local tax for the Municipality of West Milton. Manager Kline stated he would put something together and put it in Council's weekly packet.

Scott Fogle stated the Park Board met last Wednesday and looked at the website to pick out different items for the Municipal Park. He stated they would meet again in April and make their decision as to what items to purchase. Mr. Fogle stated the grand opening for the Disc Golf Course has been set for May 28, 2016, and that a movie would be shown in the park after the grand opening.

Scott Fogle stated there will be a Car Show again this year at the Fall Fling. He stated the Fall Fling will be held the third Saturday in September.

Scott Fogle stated the Park Board may be showing movies in the park a couple of other times during the summer. He stated it has been suggested to use a box truck with a tarp on the side of the truck as the movie screen.

Scott Fogle stated planning for the Fourth of July celebration has started. Manager Kline stated the Fourth of July celebration would be held starting Friday July 1, 2016, and continue through Monday, July 4, 2016.

Scott Fogle stated Patterson Florist would be celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. He stated maybe Mayor Francis could do a proclamation for Patterson's for their years of dedication and for having their business in West Milton for so many years. Mr. Scott stated Mr. Patterson signed a contract to sell his property where the florist shop is located to the Dollar General store.

Manager Kline stated the paperwork for the Police and Fire Renewal Levy needs to be submitted to the Board of Election in August. He asked that Council think of ways to get the information out to the community and encourage the citizens to vote for the renewal of the Police and Fire Levy.

Manager Kline stated the Park Board would be meeting on April 20, 2016, and looking at and making decisions on items for the Municipal Park

playground equipment. He stated he would then show Council the items chosen by the Park Board at the April 26, 2016, Council Workshop Meeting. Manager Kline stated then during the May 10, 2016, Council Meeting a presentation would be made to show the public the items chosen for the playground equipment in the Municipal Park.

Karen Grudich asked if anything was being done regarding having a Farmers Market in West Milton. Scott Fogle stated a gentleman at his Church does Farmers Markets and that he would discuss with this gentleman how to get a Farmers Market started. Jason Tinnerman stated he feels the Farmers Market should be for produce.

Karen Grudich asked when everything would be put back in the Municipal Park for the Disc Golf Course. Ben Herron stated it would be put back up in the next few weeks.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Jason Tinnerman made a motion, seconded by Scott Fogle to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM  
Clerk of Council

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Fred Francis  
Mayor