

# COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

*May 24, 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.

## UPDATES

Manager Kline stated the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) legislation will need to be redone due to ODOT changing the work they will be doing in West Milton.

Manager Kline stated the City of Vandalia has decided to use their used vehicles in other city departments rather than sell them. He stated therefore the Municipality of West Milton would not be purchasing a used vehicle for the Police Department.

Manager Kline stated he and Jill Grise met with McGohan Brabender regarding the health insurance renewal for the Municipal employees. He stated the Municipality is currently in the Community Rating Program. Manager Kline stated there are two options that makes it possible for the Municipality to leave the program. He stated he would give Council additional information as he has it.

Manager Kline stated Tim Swartztrauber is back to work. He stated Jim Wilson would be retiring August 31, 2016.

Manager Kline stated the Comprehensive Plan done by the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission (MVRPC) was last updated in 2004. He stated the MVRPC would be getting back to him as to the cost and timeframe to update the Municipality's Comprehensive Plan.

Ben Herron stated phase one of the gas main has been completed. He stated approximately seventy-five (75) of the Hometown Hero Banners have been put up and the rest will be put up tomorrow.

#### WMUT AGENDA

Manager Kline stated the West Milton Council, the Milton-Union School Board, and the Union Township Trustees would be meeting Thursday, May 26, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Milton-Union High School. He stated he would not be available to attend the meeting. Manager Kline gave the following items as topics of discussion on behalf of the Municipality: Garden Club, Farmer's Market, ½% Safety Income Tax Renewal, Movies in the Park/Disc Golf, Fourth of July Update, Potential Business Growth, and the Ludlow Falls sewer extension.

#### LUDLOW FALLS SEWER EXTENSION

Manager Kline stated Mayor Patricia Neisley, Clerk Robin Smith, and Ted Wilson of Ludlow Falls were in attendance. He displayed two maps showing two scenarios for extending the sewer line from West Milton to Ludlow Falls. Manager Kline stated one of the scenarios would be a forced main from Ludlow Falls to West Milton and would cost 2.5 million dollars. He stated the other scenario would be to put in a 15" line starting at the Wastewater Plant down Donna Jane Court, etc. at a cost of 2.9 million dollars. Manager Kline stated his recommendation would be to do the second scenario. He stated it would serve Ludlow Falls and help the community in the future. Manager Kline stated Nathan of RPEG, an organization that helps small communities find funding for these types of projects, wants to set up a meeting with Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP), Ludlow Falls, and West Milton. A lengthy discussion took place regarding how much the Municipality of West Milton would have to pay, applying for grants to pay for the Ludlow Falls Sewer Extension, how the Municipality of West Milton would recoup money spent on this project, the proper line size for this project, and Community Block Grants that Ludlow Falls residents could apply for to help them pay to hook into the sewer line. Manager Kline gave each Councilmember a report showing four (4) financing scenarios for their review. He stated if this is approved the project would move fast. Manager Kline stated the engineering would have to be completed and be ready to do the project within a year. Manager Kline stated the Municipality of West Milton needs to have a written agreement with Ludlow Falls to provide them with sanitary sewer before grants can be filed to obtain funding for this project. He stated the Municipality of West Milton and Ludlow Falls need to

agree that extending the sanitary sewer from West Milton to Ludlow Falls is a joint project.

#### ADDITIONAL UPDATES

Mayor Francis, Fire Chief Frantz, and Police Chief Busse visited with the second grade classes at Milton-Union Schools. Chief Frantz stated they took a fire truck and the children loved it.

Manager Kline stated he cannot ask anyone to vote for the ½% Income Tax Renewal; but he could give any facts that anyone asks for. A lengthy discussion took place as to how to get the word out asking citizens to vote for the ½% Income Tax Renewal in November 2016. It was the consensus of Council that Councilmember Miller head this project.

Councilmember Fogle stated the Park Board has set the grand opening of the Disc Golf Course for Saturday, May 28, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. He stated they would be having some games and activities. Mr. Fogle stated Wertz Hardware is giving the Park Board a couple of disc to be given away as prizes. He stated a movie would be shown later that evening. Mr. Fogle gave information as to what vendors would be located in the park at the time of the Disc Course grand opening and the showing of the movie. He stated the movie would start at 9:00 p.m. in the Municipal Park. Mr. Fogle stated the movie Good Dinosaur would be shown and that Curry's Video donated the movie.

Councilmember Fogle asked Councilmembers if they would have their own vehicle for the Fourth of July Celebration. He stated the Corvette Club in Troy would provide six (6) vehicles for the Fourth of July Parade. The parade will be on Monday, July 4, 2016.

Mayor Francis stated there is a lot of good information in the Comprehensive Plan. He gave information as to the contents of the plan. Mayor Francis asked each Councilmember to review the Comprehensive Plan particularly the "*Future Land Use Goals and Objectives Section.*"

Mayor Francis stated he spoke to Mr. and Mrs. Winemiller and Mr. Brumbaugh after the May 10, 2016, Council Meeting. He stated Mr.

Brumbaugh would not give information as to what type of business he would put in the other half of Inlot No. 1444 (2264 S. Miami Street) and Inlot No. 1445 (2270 S. Miami Street) if he purchases the property. Mayor Francis stated Mr. Brumbaugh has drawings to possibly put in a service business. Mr. Winemiller stated he would not like it if a 24-hour business with a loading dock went into this area. He stated he would be okay with a service neighborhood business. Mayor Francis stated he would attend the next Planning Board Meeting and ask them to review and update the rezoning rules and regulations.

Councilmember Copp stated the West Milton Garden Club is up to nine (9) members. She stated the Garden Club wants to plant perennials around the welcome signs coming into West Milton. Ms. Copp stated signs advertising the Farmer's Market has been put around town. She asked Manager Kline to put the information in the newspaper. Ms. Copp stated she has put the information on Facebook and asked all Councilmembers to help her get the word out.

Councilmember Fogle stated he saw that the Upper House has been condemned. Manager Kline stated the owners have been given until July 2016 to make significant improvements.

Councilmember Tinnerman stated a Boston Stoker supplier may be coming to West Milton.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Scott Fogle made a motion, seconded by Jason Tinnerman to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM  
Clerk of Council

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Fred Francis  
Mayor