

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

July 23, 2013

Mayor Coate called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Coate; *Councilmembers:* Fred Francis, Debbie Miller, Jason Tinnerman, Scott Fogle, Ora Ashley, and Susan Willis. *Also present were:* Manager Kline, Chief Kimpel, Ben Herron, Tim Swartztrauber, Law Director Sell, and Clerk Cantrell. *Absent:* None.

The following Certificate of the Clerk of the Council to the presiding Officer of the Council of the Municipality of West Milton was read: The undersigned certified that all requirements to notice and notification has been done or attempted to be done in compliance with Council Rule III.

Dated: July 23, 2013

Signed: Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM
Clerk of Council

BARKING DOG ORDINANCE

Manager Kline gave Councilmembers a copy of Codified Ordinance Section 90.29 – Loud Dog – for their review. He stated he had received complaints regarding dogs barking. Chief Kimpel stated the current ordinance is for the most part unenforceable as written. Scott Fogle asked how often Manager Kline received complaints. Manager Kline stated it happens pretty often; but it seems to be neighbor against neighbor. Ora Ashley asked if the police officer ever wakes up the owner(s) of the dogs and tell them to take the dog in. Manager Kline stated he thinks they do. Chief Kimpel gave each Councilmember a copy of Tipp City’s Loud Dog Ordinance for their review. Their ordinance states – No person shall harbor or keep a dog which by loud and frequent or habitual barking, howling or yelping, shall cause annoyance or disturbance to another person. Chief Kimpel stated the Police Department would probably issue a warning the first time and than a citation. It was the consensus of Council to rewrite Section 90.29 – Loud Dog Ordinance.

FIBER OPTICS

Manager Kline stated the fiber optics contract has been executed. He stated the Municipality has a point of presence. Manager Kline stated he thinks the Municipality should capitalize on this to make additional revenue for the Village. He stated he plans to meet with a company that can give him ideas on how to make money on this.

HEALTH CARE

Manager Kline stated he and Jill Grise are shopping around for health care. He stated they are getting information and quotes from several companies. Manager Kline stated it does not look good. Rates range from 87% to 130% higher than what is being paid currently for health care. He stated Anthem's rate is going up 26.7%; but they are quoting several different options. Manager Kline stated he is looking at the Ohio Plan. He stated this plan combines seven hundred (700) communities in a pool. The Ohio Plan would be for sixteen (16) months so it could be renewed on a calendar year and make it easier to budget for health care. Manager Kline hopes to have numbers before the next Council Meeting. He stated the Municipality has twenty-one (21) employees; but only seventeen (17) takes health care.

WATER METER BIDS

Tim Swartztrauber stated three (3) companies participated in the water meter bidding. He gave each Councilmember a sheet giving information about the Water Meter Replacement Bid Tabulation for their review. Mr. Swartztrauber stated currently the water meters are read by going door to door. He stated the three (3) companies submitted bids for drive-by meters (*read by driving by everyone's house – done with mini computers*) and fixed based meters (*information would be sent to the computer at the Municipal Building every hour*). They bid Badger meters and Sensus meters. Manager Kline and Mr. Swartztrauber have gone to one facility to see how one type of these meters work and plan to go to another facility to check out the other type. Manager Kline and Mr. Swartztrauber stated if the Municipality wants to give the citizens excellent service they recommend purchasing the fixed based meters. Ora Ashley asked if citizens would continue to get credit for the months they water their lawns. Manager Kline stated, "yes." Jason Tinnerman asked how old the current meters are. Mr. Swartztrauber stated between eighteen (18) and twenty-three (23) years old. Mr. Tinnerman asked how much it would cost to just replace the meters that currently need to be replaced. Mr. Swartztrauber stated approximately one hundred forty dollars (\$140.00) plus labor per meter. He stated there are approximately two thousand one hundred (2,100) homes that have meters. Ora Ashley asked if Mr. Swartztrauber knew how much it cost to do the readings the way they are currently read verses putting in the meters. Manager Kline stated revenue would increase because the new meters are more accurate and that money would be saved on manpower; due to it taking a lot less time to do the reading of the meters. Manager Kline stated he is working with Sue Farmer from OWDA regarding rates for a loan. Scott Fogle asked what happens if the system goes down. Manager Kline stated they guarantee to have the system back up within fifty-eight (58) hours. Mr. Swartztrauber stated the

Badger meters are a better meter; but the Sensus meters have better antennas. He stated if Council wants the companies to come in and give demonstrations to let him know.

STREET RESURFACING

Ben Herron stated the bids for street resurfacing will be opened on August 1, 2013. He stated the project has to be completed by October 4, 2013. Mr. Herron gave each Councilmember a sheet listing information regarding the 2013 Paving Program Overview for their review. He stated this year he will be getting into the problem streets that will need to be milled. Mr. Herron stated the streets should last thirteen (13) years or longer. He stated the Municipality is currently on a twenty-five (25) year program. Mr. Herron stated Williams Drive needs to have the surface grade brought back to the original grade and the loop detector and plastic pavement markings need to be replaced. He stated Emerick Road – S. Miami to the corporation limit needs to be brought into one paving cycle. Mr. Herron stated the loop detector and thermal pavement markings need to be replaced. He stated all I&I work can be done within the manholes so as not to interfere with the new street surface. Mr. Herron stated this closes out the south sector; except Laurel Lane needs to be refinished.

OTHER

Debbie Miller congratulated Manager Kline for his wife being promoted to VP/Director of Loan Operations and Special Projects.

ADJOURN INTO SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Jason Tinnerman to adjourn into a Special Council Meeting. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain*: None. *Absent*: None.

ADJOURNMENT

Susan Willis made a motion, seconded by Ora Ashley to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM
Clerk of Council

Michael Coate II
Mayor