

# COUNCIL MEETING

*February 11, 2014*

Mayor Coate led Council and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation was given by Mayor Coate.

Mayor Coate called the meeting to order.

*Present were:* Mayor Coate; *Councilmembers:* Susan Willis, Jason Tinnerman, Scott Fogle, Ora Ashley, and Anthony Miller. *Also present were:* Manager Kline, Law Director Brosh, and Clerk Cantrell. *Absent:* Fred Francis.

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:* February 11, 2014

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

## OATH OF OFFICE

Law Director Brosh administered the Oath of Office to the Chairperson of Council, Susan Willis.

Manager Kline stated Councilmember Francis was not sure if he would be at the meeting; but he was trying to get to the meeting.

## MOTION TO EXCUSE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS

Susan Willis made a motion, seconded by Scott Fogle to excuse Fred Francis from the January 28, 2014, Council Workshop Meeting. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Francis.

## MINUTES

Jason Tinnerman made a motion, seconded Scott Fogle to adopt the January 14, 2014, Council Meeting Minutes. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Francis. *Minutes adopted.*

Scott Fogle made a motion, seconded by Ora Ashley to adopt the January 28, 2014, Council Workshop Special Meeting Minutes. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain*: None. *Absent*: Francis. *Minutes adopted*.

#### OTHER MINUTES

There were no other minutes at this time.

#### CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL

Manager Kline stated he had received correspondence from the Ohio Department of Transportation requesting Council do another Resolution like the one that was recently done. Manager Kline stated he would give the sample Resolution to Law Director Brosh for review.

#### COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Kathy Roeder, General Chairperson of the Troy Strawberry Festival and Debbie Char were in attendance. Ms. Char stated the Troy Strawberry Festival was established in 1977 to help non-profits have an avenue to raise money for their organizations. Ms. Char stated the parade is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 7, 2014, in Troy, OH. She asked that West Milton be a part of the festival. Ms. Char stated it was to be for all the cities, municipalities, and townships in Miami County not just for Troy. Ms. Char stated anyone needing additional information about the festival could go to the gostrawberries.com website. She stated Home Grown Berries is the theme for the festival this year.

Susan Willis stated the theme for the Fourth of July Festival held in West Milton is Home Grown Heroes. Ms. Willis asked them to participate in West Milton's festival also. Ms. Willis also asked Ms. Char if the competition between the various cities had been included in the Strawberry Festival this year. Ms. Char stated no but she would check on this.

#### ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

##### Resolution CM-14-01

*Resolution CM-14-01* was introduced by Council and read by Law Director Brosh, A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND THANKING MR. CHARLES H. SELL, II FOR HIS OUTSTANDING DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST MILTON, OHIO. Susan

Willis made a motion, seconded by Ora Ashley to adopt *Resolution CM-14-01*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain*: None. *Absent*: Francis. *Resolution CM-14-01 adopted*.

Mayor Coate stated Mr. Sell faithfully supported the Village of West Milton for over twenty-seven (27) years. He thanked Mr. Sell for being a part of the Municipality and wished him good luck and God bless.

Mayor Coate presented Mr. Sell with a Resolution mounted on a plaque with a key to the Municipality on it.

Mr. Sell stated he was not use to sitting in the audience – he was use to sitting up front. Mr. Sell stated he felt being the Law Director of West Milton was a worthwhile thing for him to do. He thanked Council and thanked them for the plaque.

#### Ordinance CM-14-02

*Ordinance CM-14-02* was introduced by Council and read by Law Director Brosh, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY. Jason Tinnerman made a motion, seconded by Scott Fogle to adopt *Resolution CM-14-02*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain*: None. *Absent*: Francis. *Ordinance CM-14-02 adopted*.

#### Resolution CM-14-03

*Resolution CM-14-03* was introduced by Council and read by Law Director Brosh, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE AFFINITY AGREEMENT AND REAFFIRMING AN ENDORSEMENT OF DP&L ENERGY RESOURCES AS THE MUNICIPALITY'S PREFERRED ENERGY PROVIDER. Jason Tinnerman made a motion, seconded by Susan Willis to adopt *Resolution CM-14-03*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain*: None. *Absent*: Francis. *Resolution CM-14-03 adopted*.

## MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Manager Kline thanked the two ladies that were in attendance to represent the Troy Strawberry Festival for coming to the Council Meeting.

1) Market Street Improvements –

Manager Kline stated Ben Herron has been putting together the bid specs for the improvements for Market Street. He stated after discussion, they concluded it would be best to NOT widen the street by two feet on each side of the current layout. Manager Kline stated the road is approximately twenty feet (20') wide and is adequate for two-way traffic, including school buses. He stated widening the street could potentially hinder the current driveway approaches and cause problems with drainage. It was the consensus of Council to move forward with the changes. Manager Kline stated they would draft the specs to prepare to bid the project.

2) Senior Honors Government Class -

Manager Kline stated Mr. Grafflin of the Milton-Union Schools would like to conduct a mock Council Meeting again this year. Manager Kline stated he anticipates the class attending the February 25, 2014, Council Workshop Meeting and then attending the March 11, 2014, Council Meeting.

3) Electricity Problems –

Manager Kline stated there was a recent electrical problem which took out the north and northwest section of West Milton and included Ludlow Falls. He stated DP&L was very quick to respond and power was restored within an hour. He stated there was a problem with the transformer or a problem with the line near the stadium.

4) Explosion –

Manager Kline stated about a week or so ago West Milton experienced an “ice quake” or a “frost quake.” He stated the technical term is Cryoseism. Manager Kline stated basically it is when frozen water under the ground and in between the rocks expands to the point where the pressure needs to be released. He stated this causes an explosion and can at times be heard by many and even felt like a seismic event. Manager Kline stated as far as he knows no permanent damage was caused.

5) Fourth of July Festival –

Manager Kline stated the Lion Club has been the lead for the Fourth of July Festival for a number of years and they are now stepping down. He stated a committee needs to be formed in order to continue the festival. Manager Kline stated the Municipality would like to bring the festival back to where Ludlow Falls, Laura, Potsdam, and Union Township are a part of the festival. Manager Kline asked for volunteers from the community to help with the festival. He stated the Parade Committee has been doing an outstanding job and that the theme for the parade this year is Hometown Heroes. Manager Kline asked that anyone interested in helping to call the Municipality.

6) Finance Committee –

Jason Tinnerman made a motion, seconded by Susan Willis to form a Finance Committee from members of Council for the Municipality of West Milton and to have Mayor Coate, Fred Francis, and Anthony Miller serve on the committee. After a roll call vote, the motion passed with Willis, Tinnerman, Fogle, Miller, and Mayor Coate voting *yes*. *Abstain*: Ashley. *Absent*: Francis.

Manager Kline stated he would like to meet with the Finance Committee as soon as possible.

7) Workshop Meeting –

A Council Workshop Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Manager Kline stated he worked the last two (2) years of the twenty-seven (27) that Law Director Chuck Sell was with the Municipality and he thanked him for all his help and stated he enjoyed working with him. Mr. Sell stated it was nice to work with Manager Kline as well.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no comments from citizens at this time.

COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Coate reminded the public to please be considerate in moving their vehicles off the street when the Municipal crews are working to clean the streets. He also thanked the Municipal crews for all their work during all the snow storms this winter.

ADJOURNMENT

Scott Fogle made a motion, seconded by Susan Willis to adjourn the meeting.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM  
Clerk of Council

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Michael Coate II  
Mayor