

SPECIAL COUNCIL AND WORKSHOP MEETING

February 25, 2014

Mayor Coate called the meeting to order.

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

Dated: February 25, 2014

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

EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO WWTP

Manager Kline stated the drive unit on an existing clarifier/digester is totally out. He stated they have been having problems with this since July of 2013. Manager Kline stated he was hoping it would last until this fall; but unfortunately it did not. He stated if this is not replaced the Municipality will fail a lot of the EPA mandated tests. Manager Kline stated they have prices from three (3) different companies. Tim Swartztrauber explained how the system works. He stated the requested repairs would just be a bandaid to get the Municipality through the summer. Mayor Coate asked about the life span of a drive unit for the clarifier/digester. Mr. Swartztrauber stated about twenty-three (23) years. Jason Tinnerman asked what are the benefits to wait until fall to do the remaining work to the system. Mr. Swartztrauber stated once the drive is in - the system would be okay until the fall repairs. He explained other items that need to be done. Mr. Swartztrauber stated the equipment also needs to be refurbished. Manager Kline suggest checking into purchasing the needed equipment from the manufacturer and then have Winelco Inc. install it. Ora Ashley asked where the money is coming from to do this work. Manager Kline stated there is money in the WWTP reserve account that will have to be re-appropriated. He stated he would check on doing the re-appropriation.

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Scott Fogle to waive the bidding requirements for a drive motor for the WWTP for the public safety and health. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Anthony Miller to authorize the purchase and installation of a new drive motor for the new clarifier/digester not to exceed seventy-five thousand (\$75,000.00) dollars for the WWTP. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain*: None. *Absent*: None

GENERAL UPDATES

a) Streets

Ben Herron stated the Municipal streets are in pretty good shape. He stated several areas in West Milton need to be repaired due to the weather. Mr. Herron stated they would be doing a lot with the durra patch machine. He stated this would save the Municipality a lot of money. Mr. Herron stated the Municipality is in good shape with salt; and if more salt is needed, he can get it.

b) Alarms

Ben Herron stated the 911 Center changed systems causing the Municipality to have problems. He stated he met last week with them and did a test and after last week the alarms were working just fine. Mr. Herron explained how the 911 System works.

c) Dive Suits

Ben Herron stated the West Milton Fire Department is submitting a grant for public safety dive suits. He stated they have contacted the Miami County Foundation asking for funds to purchase the dive suits. Mr. Herron stated a public safety suit costs two thousand three hundred and thirty-seven (\$2,337.00) dollars per suit. He stated they desperately need to replace the suits.

d) Mock Accident

Ben Herron stated the West Milton Fire Department, the West Milton Police Department, the Union Township Life Squad, and Sarver Funeral Home would be doing a mock accident with the Milton-Union students on April 30, 2014.

e) Water Meters

Manager Kline stated the water meters have been delivered. He gave each Councilmember a handout showing the postcard and door hanger that has been approved to send to the residents regarding the water meter replacement for their review. The postcards and door hangers request the residents call and set up an appointment to change out their water meters.

Tim Swartztrauber stated they would be setting the server box in the south tower this week and on March 13 and 14, 2014, they would be linking the tower to the office. He stated they have thirteen (13) books of meters and they will be starting with book one (1) replacing the meters.

f) Park Plan

Scott Fogle stated Joelle did a good job with the article about the park. He stated we screwed up when we sent out something about it being a skate park. He stated he was disappointed that there were only eight (8) adults to show up to the meeting regarding the park. Mr. Fogle stated they have three (3) concepts for how the park should be laid out. He explained the details of each concept. Mr. Fogle stated it was a good meeting. He stated the Park Board is not set on any particular plan. Mr. Fogle stated there would be another meeting in March. He stated the grant has been switched from an annual grant to a bi-annual grant. Mr. Fogle stated the next time the grant can be applied for is May of 2015. Manager Kline stated he is working on getting money to fix the restroom in the Municipal Park. Susan Willis stated the girl scouts are willing to purchase six benches for the park. Ms. Willis stated if the kids help to raise money for a skating area in the park then they own it. She stated they would be tweaking the plans over the next few weeks. Ms. Willis asked the students to have skate boarders to attend the next meeting and give their input. The next meeting will be March 8, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. Manager Kline stated three (3) companies have already contacted him wanting to work on the park project. He stated he would be doing a Weimar tomorrow on this. Mr. Herron stated this park would have different areas and have a recreational look. Susan Willis stated the park is seven and one-half (7 ½) acres. Jason Tinnerman thanked Susan Willis and Scott Fogle for serving on the Park Board. He stated his concern is the length of the lease. Manager Kline stated the lease is for twenty (20) years. Mr. Tinnerman stated he feels if money is going to be dropped on this project the lease should be for a longer period of time. Manager Kline stated he believes the School Board would sign for a longer period of time.

SENIOR GOVERNMENT HONORS CLASS

Manager Kline asked all the Council members, staff in attendance, the Law Director, and the Clerk of Council to introduce themselves. Mr. Graflin asked the students to introduce themselves and tell what part of Council they would be representing at the March Council Meeting.

Ken Dickerson, Student Mayor, stated the class had discussed doing surveys to get student opinions regarding the park.

Mr. Dickerson discussed the following concerns that the students have:

- 1) West Market Street – Council stated this would be taken care of this year.
- 2) Reduce the Wait Time at St. Rt. 571 and St. Rt. 41 – Ben Herron stated this would be taken care of this week.
- 3) School Entrance – Jason Tinnerman stated he had a simple fix – it is a big yellow bus that would take the students to school. Discussion took place regarding possible solutions. Manager Kline stated back in the day crossing guards were used.
- 4) Hasket Street – the students would like to see sidewalks put in on that street. Manager Kline stated the Safe Routes to School Program would be doing sidewalks this year. He explained where the sidewalks would be installed. Manager Kline stated another grant had been applied for but was not granted. He stated he would continue to apply for grants.
- 5) Front Street Where It Meets Main Street – he stated the students think it should be a four-way stop. Mr. Herron stated he would investigate it and give the students an answer at the March Council Meeting.
- 6) The Road by the Brick House Café – needs something to help drivers pull out from it. Mr. Herron stated the only thing that can be done is to eliminate some parking there. He stated a mirror might be a possibility.
- 7) Moving West on St. Rt. 571 – would like to see the speed limit sign moved closer to town. Mr. Herron stated it cannot be moved back by the trailer park. Fred Francis stated the 35 mph sign could be moved further out. Student Mayor Dickerson did not think that would be a good idea.
- 8) On Milton-Potsdam Road – would like to see a speed limit sign if you turn on the Hasket connector. Mr. Dickerson asked if the sign could be moved closer or have a reduced speed limit sign during school hours. Manager Kline suggested making it a one-way street. Ben Herron stated this was discussed in the past and this area is owned by the Township. He stated the Township defers signage to the County. Mr. Herron stated the County came out and put up a sign that stated “School Zone Ahead.” Manager Kline stated he would prefer taking this over and get it done the correct way. Manager Kline stated a Resolution could be done on this.
- 9) Buildings on St. Rt. 48 – Mr. Dickerson stated some of the buildings needs to be revamped. The students would like to see West Milton be small town USA. Jason Tinnerman stated Council has been talking about this and have been talking about tightening the regulations. Mayor Coate stated the Health Department has been working on getting some of these buildings cleaned up or torn down. Manager Kline stated the Municipality has a Maintenance Code and talked about various houses

that would be either cleaned up or torn down. Mr. Dickerson asked about the land once the demolition takes place. Manager Kline stated the State is doing grants to help with the demolition of these properties. He stated the property owners still own the property once the buildings are gone.

Manager Kline stated this group of students are a little more verbal than last year's class. He asked the students their opinion of a graffiti wall in the park. The students stated they did not want a graffiti wall and gave reasons why they do not want it. Manager Kline complimented Mr. Dickerson for being the winner of a speech he gave at the Rotary Meeting. Ben Herron stated he would have some answers for the students by the March 2014 Council Meeting; but that all the items would be looked at.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Jason Tinnerman to adjourn into an Executive Session as provided by Section 4.12(B)(5)(b) to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give an unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

Council adjourned into Executive Session at 9:11 p.m.

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Susan Willis to reconvene out of Executive Session. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

Council came back into session at 9:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Susan Willis to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

Michael Coate II
Mayor