

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

August 26, 2014

Mayor Tinnerman called the meeting to order.

Present were: Mayor Tinnerman; *Councilmembers:* Sarah Copp, Fred Francis, Susan Willis, Scott Fogle (*came into the meeting at 7:52 p.m.*), Don Dohrman, and Anthony Miller. *Also present were:* Manager Kline, Ben Herron, Jill Grise, and Clerk Cantrell. *Absent:* None.

Dated: August 26, 2014

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

RE-APPROPRIATION FOR 2014

Manager Kline gave each Councilmember a copy of a report showing the 2014 Appropriation Amendments for their review. Jill Grise stated the eight hundred (\$800.00) dollars for the Street Fund was for banner poles for the Hometown Heroes Project. Ben Herron stated the five thousand (\$5,000.00) for the State Highway Fund is for traffic light maintenance. He stated there was a bad loop in the lights, as well as mice got into the system and nicked the outer cable causing the lights to go out of sequence. Mr. Herron stated fourteen (14) out of sixteen (16) lights were damaged. He stated that system was put in place in 1991. Ms. Grise stated three thousand three hundred twenty-nine dollars and thirty-three cents (\$3,329.33) would be removed from the OPWC Fund due to only having to make one (1) payment in 2014 instead of two (2) on the Effluent Project. She also stated three thousand three hundred and thirty (\$3,330.00) would be taken out of the Sewer Capital Improvement Fund due to only having to make one (1) payment in 2014 instead of two (2) on the Effluent Project. The total amendments will be a negative eight hundred fifty-nine dollars and thirty-three cents (<\$859.33>). Manager Kline stated he would have an Ordinance prepared for the September 9, 2014, Council Meeting.

RV PARKING

Dennis Shade of Beechnut Drive in West Milton stated he and his wife had lived in their home for twenty-eight (28) years. He stated they are trying to keep their house nice. Mr. Shade showed some slides containing pictures of a travel trailer his next door neighbor owns. He stated the trailer is only five (5') feet from the property line. Mr. Shade stated he thinks the trailer is too close to their property line, is twenty-four (24') feet long including the trailer hitch, and

that it looks like junk. He stated the trailer is not registered or tagged. Mayor Tinnerman asked if it is in the Ordinance that travel trailers have to be covered by insurance. Don Dohrman stated when a travel trailer is attached to the towing vehicle it falls under vehicle insurance and when it is parked it falls under the home insurance.

Scott Fogle arrived at this time.

Mr. Shade showed pictures of houses when you first come into town, on the south end of town, where if they had travel trailers parked in their side yard it would be the first thing you see when you come into town. He stated he does not think trailers should be allowed to park in those areas because it would not look good. Mr. Shade would like the Ordinance to state:

- travel trailers twenty (20') feet or longer not be allowed to be parked on owners' properties inside the Municipal limits;
- must have a cement pad;
- total length of any travel trailer allowed to be parked inside Municipal limits be no more than twenty (20') long;
- have to be parked a minimum of ten (10') feet from the front, side, and rear property lines;
- have to be licensed.

Mr. Shade stated he believes if someone had to pay to store their travel trailer off site that it is just a part of owning an RV. Fred Francis thanked Mr. Shade for doing the slide presentation. Sarah Copp stated she thinks Council needs to keep in mind when they are working on the changes to the Ordinance to not allow something that would let West Milton look trashy. Susan Willis stated she knows a person that has their back yard completely fenced in and has their trailer on a pad. She stated that person's trailer is twenty-four (24') long. Fred Francis stated that if a minimum of ten (10') feet is required from the property line to park the trailer, most houses in West Milton would not meet the setback requirement. Anthony Miller asked Manager Kline if there is a setback requirement for concrete pads. Manager Kline stated it has to be three (3') off the property line. Don Dohrman asked about junk vehicles. Manager Kline stated there is an Ordinance to cover junk vehicles. Scott Fogle stated he has a couple of neighbors that take their campers out of storage for the summer. He stated they park the campers in their driveway in the summer. Mr. Fogle stated the campers are nice campers. He stated he was thinking about letting his neighbors know about the Ordinance but his wife told him not to because she does not want the neighbors mad at them. Mr. Fogle stated he feels bad for those people because they are not in compliance. He stated it is a tough situation. Manager Kline stated that on Donna Jane Court where Anthony

Miller's mother lives there is a big trailer that is well maintained. Don Dohrman asked if there is any way to know how many trailers there are in West Milton. Anthony Miller stated it is his opinion that if RV owners are willing to pay that kind of money to maintain their RVs on their property it should be okay for them to have them on their property. Scott Fogle suggested putting in a period of time during the summer that allows owners who are taking care of their RVs to not be penalizing for having them on their property. Mayor Tinnerman stated he would error on the side of having the people who take care of their RVs not be allowed to have them on their property in order to keep the community nicer. Don Dohrman gave reasons why he thinks this Ordinance would not take care of all the trashiness in West Milton. He asked if they should be looking into big vehicles (*utility trailers*) parked in town. Fred Francis read Section 150.274 regarding Accessory Buildings. Manager Kline stated the question Council has to ask is what do they not want to see. He stated when we first looked at this we were trying to clean up West Milton; but when we change the hard surface definition it is going to make his job harder. Manager Kline stated if you do dustless material it does not clean up West Milton. Sarah Copp stated she thinks people let their feelings get in the way. She stated she does not want to hurt people's feelings; but the Ordinance needs to be written the way we need it to be done. Don Dohrman stated he agrees a trailer should not be parked that close to a property line. Mayor Tinnerman stated he is excited about the Ordinance because they are making changes to cleanup West Milton. Scott Fogle stated it sounds like they need to eliminate all travel trailers in a residential area. Susan Willis stated she could see the setback requirement, limiting the size of the trailer, and reducing the height of the trailer; but not doing away with them totally. Scott asked if Manager Kline could get copies of what other cities do regarding RVs. Manager Kline stated he would sent copies of Ordinances other cities have regarding RVs to Council in their Friday packets. Don Dohrman asked if everyone agrees with a minimum of ten (10') from the property line. Fred Francis stated he thinks they should take out dustless. Mayor Tinnerman suggested tabling the Ordinance and work to pass something that is workable. It was the consensus of Council to table the Ordinance at the September 9, 2014, Council Meeting and discuss it more at the September Council Workshop Meeting.

OTHER

Scott Fogle stated he and Manager Kline met with the owner of the Stillwater Ridge Golf Course. He stated the owner purchased it in 1990 and that the owner is now 70 years old. Mr. Fogle stated the owner would like to sell the golf course in three (3) to five (5) years. He stated at the meeting they talked about doing a retirement village on the property. Mr. Fogle stated at one time

the village talked about moving the water tower to that site and also talked about incorporating the property into West Milton. He stated at one time a business talked about moving to that property. Manager Kline read information about a company looking for a place to locate their business. As he read the company's requirements it was determined this location would meet most of the requirements. Manager Kline stated the number one tax withholder in West Milton is the school district; the number two tax withholder is the Municipality; and the number three tax withholder is Wright Patt. Manager Kline stated the project David Allen has been working on is proceeding and that they are getting good responses.

Manager Kline stated Council had asked him about anniversary dates. He stated he is proceeding with this. Manager Kline stated Chief Kimmel retired today. He stated all three (3) Police chiefs that he asked to be on a board to help find a new Police Chief for West Milton has agreed to serve on the board. Manager Kline stated they interviewed a gentleman today regarding a Police Officer position with West Milton. He stated he was impressed with him and hopes to have him here at the September 9, 2014, Council Meeting. Manager Kline stated he worked as a Police Officer in Springfield for almost ten (10) years; but now works at Lexus Nexus and lives in New Carlisle.

Manager Kline stated the Safe Routes to School is under way. He stated the school has sent out communications to all the parents.

Scott Fogle stated the new water meters are working out great. He stated people are positive about the water meters. Mr. Fogle stated the Community Grace Brethren Church always claimed their water bills were too high. He stated he looked at their bills for the last year. Mr. Fogle stated their last reading was for thirty-six (36) days and they were billed thirty (\$30.00) dollars. He asked if the Municipality had been getting complaints regarding individuals' water bills being too high and now their bill is lower. Jill Grise stated in June they had to estimate bills and that some people had \$0.00 bills. She stated there was a problem with the readings and that their next bill would probably change. Ms. Grise stated this has been a mess. She stated some things were changed on the papers from Vanguard and that the Municipality has had to change the amounts. Ms. Grise stated they are working out the bugs.

Susan Willis stated she had had a call regarding the fence around Sunoco's dumpster and trash blowing down Williams Street. Manager Kline asked her to have the person call him. Ms. Willis asked if there was a time when Waste Management starts picking up dumpsters in the morning. Ben Herron stated he thought it was around 6:00 a.m. Ms. Willis stated the fall bowling league would be starting soon. She reminded everyone that the Fall Fling would be held September 20, 2014, in West Milton. Ms. Willis stated Dave Warner has had tax issues for years and that Emily in Vandalia has gotten it fixed. She stated the Park Board played Disc Golf last week at the Five Rivers Metro Park in Englewood and had a good time. Ms. Willis stated the Lost Creek Music Festival would be held on September 6, 2014.

Fred Francis stated Big Brothers and Big Sisters would be having their Over the Edge event on September 12, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Scott Fogle stated the cops and twenty-five (25) individuals from his church would be doing a plane pull on September 13, 2014.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Manager Kline gave each Councilmember a copy of a handout entitled Rachel's Challenge. He stated Jenny Rammel from Milton-Union schools asked him to give this to Council. Manager Kline stated the program is named after the first student killed in the Columbine shootings in 1999. He stated the program exists to equip and inspire individuals to replace acts of violence, bullying, and negativity with acts of respect, kindness, and compassion.

JOINT MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL AND TOWNSHIP

Manager Kline stated the next meeting with the Milton-Union School Board and Union Township would be held on Thursday, September 18, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. and would be hosted by the School.

ADJOURNMENT

Fred Francis made a motion, seconded by Anthony Miller to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Linda L. Cantrell CAP-OM
Clerk of Council

Jason Tinnerman
Mayor