

Regular Town Board meeting was held by the Milan Town Board on 03/19/2012 at 7:30PM at the Milan Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor William Gallagher
Councilperson Jack Campisi, Roberta Egan, Jack Grumet, Marion Mathison

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Gallagher introduced Dan Branda from Senator Ball's office. He awarded the Town of Milan's Woman of Distinction award to Ann Mancini. Mr. Branda said that on March 30, 2012 at 6PM there would be a ceremony and a reception at the Putnam Emergency Services Center to honor the first class of honorees from each village, town and city and then in April they would have an award state wide.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marilyn Moore Mancini asked the Town Board if they would change the Vendor Law so she would be able to sell hot dogs.

Tax Collector, Pamela Johnson submitted to the Town Board her February monthly report. She collected \$2,117,934.95 in taxes.

MINUTES: Regular Town Board meeting of 02/20/2012 – MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Egan to accept these minutes as written. Roll was taken and carried

YES -5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter dated March 9, 2012 from resident Dan Miller announcing that there will be a race around Briggs Mountain on Saturday, April 29, 2012 beginning at 10AM.

Letter dated March 15, 2012 from George Lawrence notifying the Town Clerk of his resignation from the Planning Board effective immediately.

Letter dated March 13, 2012 from NYS DEC informing the Supervisor that there were no violations at the town's Transfer Station.

BUSINESS:

Town Updates:

Gas Station – Supervisor informed the board that Chestnut Mart plans to go back to the Planning Board in either May or June.

Cablevision - The Town Hall should be hooked up to cable by May

Solar Panel- Council. Campisi handed out to the board a "Use and Cost

Comparison –

Solar Project at Town Garage. Council. Campisi stated " I have been monitoring the use and cost of electricity since the installation of the Solar panels in July. For the purposes of this report, I have compared the periods July 2010 through February 2011 with July 2011 through February 2012.

Time Period

KWH

Total Cost

July 2010 through February 2011	15,656	\$2,873.63
July 2011 through February 2012	5,338	1,565.82
Difference (Savings)	10,318	\$1,307.81

This means that we have reduced our commercial use of electricity by 65.9 percent and our costs by 45.5 percent.

As to why we were able to decrease electric use by 65.9 percent, but only cut costs by 45.5 percent, the answers lies in the fixed charges that we pay and charges in the rate charged. For example, if you look at the February 2012 bill, you see that we were charged only \$36.11 for electricity and \$172.55 for delivery, etc.”

Carvel/Durst Project –Update

Council. Grumet gave an update on the Durst project. He said Alexander Durst came before the Pine Plains Planning Board, Zoning Board and Town Board with a one hour presentation. Council. Grumet said that the original project called for 951 homes in Pine Plains and they changed that to 591 and they changed the amount of homes in Milan to 54. He said that they are going to do a 15% set aside for affordable housing in Pine Plains. He said that Milan should consider doing the same thing. Council. Grumet said that all the roads will be privately own and maintained. Mr. Durst gave the boards the impression that there would be no impact on the schools because the homes would be second homes for the most of the people south of us. But Council. Grumet said that if the economy changes and these homes become primary residence then the impact would be disastrous. He said that Mr. Durst felt strongly that they would be part time residents without children. Council. Grumet felt that this is something that should be monitor closely. Council. Egan asked if there was an age limit. Council. Grumet said that they was not. She also had some concerns about the roads and emergency services. Council. Grumet said that they would be shared or company take over. Council. Campisi stated that he also attended the meeting and that there was very little information about Milan. He said that there was an issue with the 54 homes and felt that was not a given. They did not make clear in their discussion the shift of the golf course. He also said that they only made a passing reference that there were going to be a sewage treatment plant in Milan and a holding pond for the treated water, which will be used to water the greens. Council. Campisi had some concerns regarding this. Discussion continued and other various comments were made.

Town Wide Assessment - Update

Scott Hobson, Assessor Chairman gave an update on the assessment project status. He said that the Starr exemptions deadline has passed and that they are being processed. The data collection is going well and we have collected more than 190 properties. Mr. Hobson stated that last year the Assessors collected data on approximately 353 properties, which is now causing a backlog for data entry. He asked the board to consider authorizing additional hours for the Assessor clerk to enter this data and other duties. Council. Grumet wanted to know how many hours she would need. Mr. Hobson said that he thought an additional 6 hours – from now until May and first two weeks in June. Council. Campisi said that Mr. Hobson should come back to the board with a more formal proposal for the Assessor’s Clerks hours.

Jim Jeffreys, Assessor added that they were making decent progress and trending higher than average. He said that vacant parcel make it a little harder because they do not have street address, but overall he felt that they were averaging the eleven parcels a week that they needed to do.

AGREEMENT – BELL COPIER

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to approve the Bell Copier Maintenance Agreement for the copy machine. Roll was taken and carried
YES -5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Egan to advertise for bids for new highway truck. Roll was taken and carried
YES -5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

Saw Kill Creek – Saw Mill Road Repairs

Glenn Butler, Highway Superintendent stated that the Saw Kill Creek is not flowing where it is supposed to be. It is flowing into the tributary. He said that the bridge that is crossing the tributary is not large enough to handle the flow of the main stream. Mr. Butler would like the Town Engineers and the attorney's opinion on how to proceed with this issue. Council. Egan wanted to know if the pond was the reason that this happened. G. Butler said that if the pond was not there the stream would still be in the wrong spot. He said that his main concern was the road, what makes this issue a problem is that it is on private property. Discussion continued.
Council. Campisi asked Mr. Butler if he would take him to see it. Mr. Butler said that he would contact the homeowner. Council. Mathison also said that she would like to see it. The Supervisor said that there would be time for the Highway Superintendent to show the site to the rest of the board.

APPOINTMENTS

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to appoint Joan Wyant as Chair of the Milan Planning Board effective immediately. Roll was taken and carried
YES -5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Egan to appoint John White to the Milan Planning Board to fill the unexpired term of Peter Goss running thru 12/31/2017. Roll was taken and carried
YES -5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION LOCAL LAW:

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to hold a Public Hearing on 04/16/2012 at 7:20 PM for the purpose of - that Chapter 127 of the Town of Milan, entitled "Flood Damage Prevention", be repealed in its entirety and that a local law for flood damage prevention as authorized by the New York State Constitution, Article IX, Section 2, and the Environmental Conservation Law, be adopted in its place, as chapter 127, entitled "Flood Damage Prevention". Roll was taken and carried
YES -5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH PROCLAMATION

Supervisor Gallagher read the Parkinson Proclamation and proclaimed the month of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month in the Town of Milan.

Supervisor informed the Town Board that the application for Rock City Sand/Gravel Mine was completed on the DEC application.

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Grumet to waive the building permit fee for the Fire Department for the addition to the fire house at the Jackson Corners Station. Roll was taken and carried
YES -5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO - 0

SPECIAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi announced that there will be a Special Meeting held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 7PM at the Milan Town Hall of the four Town Boards comprising Dutchess County Legislative District 19 (Towns of North East, Milan Pine Plains, and Stanford). The purpose of this meeting is to nominate and select a replacement for county legislator Gary cooper who has resigned. Roll was taken and carried
YES -5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO - 0

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rocky Mancini asked the board if they were going to repeal the Vendor Law.

The Supervisor said that nothing has been done yet.

Al Sardaro, Milan Fire Chief brought up the Carvel property and the emergency services. He said that they would probably would handle borderline calls the same way we handle them now.

ASSESSOR'S HOURS

MOTION by Council. Campisi seconded by Council. Egan to authorize the Assessor's Clerk to work an additional 6 (six) hours per week for the period starting March 20,2012, ending on June 30, 2012 but in no instance shall the additional pay exceed \$1,471. Roll was taken and carried
YES -5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO - 0

TRANSFERS:

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Grumet to rescind the transfer made at the February board meeting for the incorrect amount of \$9,703.50 for the interest on the Town Hall bond and to authorize the Supervisor to transfer \$9,307.50 from the Bond Interest Reserve Fund to the General fund to pay the interest due on the Town Hall bond. Roll was taken and carried
YES -5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO - 0

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Egan to transfer \$7,000 from 9710.7 Serial Bond Interest) to 9710.6 (Principal). Roll was taken and carried
YES -5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Mathison to transfer \$509.09 from the General Fund to the Trust & Agency for 2011 Direct Deposit fees. Roll was taken and carried\
YES -5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

BILLS – Bills were presented to the Board for their audit and review. **MOTION** by Council. Campisi seconded by Council. Egan to pay General Abstract # 3 Claims 64 thru 104, totaling \$23,956.12 – Highway Abstract # 3 Claims 24 thru 41, totaling \$51,891.72 – Capital Bridge Abstract # 3 Claim # 2, totaling \$7,070.16 – Escrow Abstract # 3 Claim 2, totaling \$81.50. Roll was taken and carried
YES -5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to adjourn this meeting. (8:45 PM). Roll was taken and carried
YES -5 Campisi, Egan, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Gill, Town Clerk