

The Milan Town Board held their Regular Town Board meeting on 01/19/15 at 7:30 PM at the Milan Town Hall.

Present: Supervisor Gallagher

Councilperson Jack Campisi, Jack Grumet, Marion Mathison

Absent: Councilperson Roberta Egan

The Supervisor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rocky Mancini brought up the light at Rock City again and asked the Supervisor if anything was going to be done about it. The Supervisor said that he would look into all of Route 199 since there was an accident in front of the Mobile Station just recently and on Wilbur Flats Road. He said that he was going to contact the state when he was back in the hall on Wednesday.

MINUTES: Public Hearing 12/15/14 – LL # 7 of 2014 – **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to accept these minutes as written. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Egan

MINUTES: Public Hearing 12/15/14 – Fire Contract – **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Mathison to accept these minutes as written. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Egan

MINUTES: Regular Town Board Mtg. 12/15/14 – **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to accept these minutes as written. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Egan

MINUTES: Special Mtg. Year End Mtg. 12/29/14 – **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Mathison to accept these minutes as written. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Egan

MINUTES: Special Mtg. Reorganization Mtg. 01/01/15 – **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Grumet to accept these minutes as written. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Egan

MINUTES: Special Mtg. Appoint Tn. Hall Cleaner 01/07/15 – **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Mathison to accept these minutes as written. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Egan

CORRESPONDENCE

The Supervisor stated that he received correspondence related to the new court clerk hire requested from Justice Christensen, and said the memo has been distributed to the town board members.

He also said that he had a memo from Justice Kremenick requesting a “back up” for his clerk. The Supervisor said that the board will discuss this later in the meeting.

TRANSMISSION LINES

Council. Mathison gave an update on the transmission lines. She said there are four (4) applicants for this proposed power line and one of the four is National Grid. They are now filing proposals that have to be in by January 20, 2015. Council. Mathison said that she and the Supervisor met with the National Grid team to get an update of what they have done and fundamentally have given us what we have asked for, which is to stay within the corridor – height, width and length. They are also incorporating revisions to aging infrastructure towers and lines. She said that if National Grid was to be selected we would have fewer towers and fewer lines and more power going through. They have made a great improvement in the year and have addressed the questions we have had. The Supervisor said that he came away from the meeting with a positive feeling that they listened to what we had to say.

MEDICAL COVERAGE RETIREES

The Supervisor informed the Board that he had a meeting with a rep from Ulster Services along with Councilperson Campisi and Amy Ramsey, the Bookkeeper. He said that the town currently has MVP as the coverage. The rep made a presentation for CDPHP and the savings is not astronomically but it is a savings for the town as well as the retirees to go with CDPHP. Currently MVP is \$272.30/mo. per person, and CDPHP is \$248.50/ mo. per person. The Supervisor talked about the savings in prescriptions, lower co-pay for out of network doctor visits, less money for ER visits and other savings. He said that he would like to make the following: **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to change the retiree health plan from MVP to CDPHP and notify Ulster Services of the change. Roll was taken and carried.

YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Egan

PCA/ IT Service for Town Hall

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Grumet to authorize the Supervisor to sign the revised Contract with PCA. Discussion. The Supervisor said the monthly fee has gone down \$40/month because we no longer needed the other server. He said because of this change there is a new contract that has to be signed.

Roll was taken and carried

YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher

NO – 0

Absent – 1 Egan

Justice Clerk

MOTION by Council. Campisi seconded by Supervisor Gallagher to contract with Maryann Lennon to serve as clerk to Justice Kenneth Kremenick when Justice Kremenick Council's regular clerk is not available, at an hourly rate of \$17.00. Discussion followed. Council. Campisi stated that Justice Kremenick clerk lost her daughter this past weekend. But before that, Justice Kremenick had come to Council. Campisi; he knew that Ms. McGarry was under a lot of pressure, and he wanted to bring in a second individual when she was not available. Council. Campisi said that Mrs. Lennon has a lot of experience, and works at the court in Pine Plains so he recommended her. Roll was taken and carried
YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0
Absent – 1 Egan

HIGHWAY

Glenn Butler informed the board that there was an accident with one of the highway plow trucks on Woody Row Road on early Monday morning. The truck slid off the icy road and flipped over and landed in the ditch and hit a tree. The driver is OK but the truck is out of service. Mr. Butler said that he made arrangements for the County to take over their roads that the town usually plows. He said he did not have an idea when the truck would be back in service or if the insurance company would total the truck. Discussion continued as to how they would handle this situation. Mr. Butler said that he would make all the necessary phone calls tomorrow.

284 Agreement/Highway Funds

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to sign the 284 Agreement to Spend Town Highway Funds for General Repairs for January, 2015 in the amount of \$286,513.00. Roll was taken and carried
YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0
Absent – 1 Egan

TOWN HALL PAVING

The Board reviewed a map of the town hall parking area, and discussed the paving. Mr. Butler said that there were a total of 70 spaces, 2 handicapped loading space and 4 regular handicapped spaces. This map shows the parking lot being a one way road. He said to get it to work properly the parking area would no longer be two-way traffic. Mr. Butler said that he spoke with Steve Cole, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, and he said that it was enough parking spaces for the use of the town hall. The Supervisor stated that Mr. Butler said that he wanted to purchase some materials to get started and it looks like it would be not to exceed \$15,000.00. The Supervisor said that this way once the weather breaks he could start the job. He also wanted to get the parking spaces defined and that would cost about \$830, which was not part of the original estimate. They discussed the difference between cold mix with chip seal over top verses black top. Mr. Butler said that the cold mix takes several weeks to cure so it is very tender. It is less expensive than asphalt, but it has a higher risk of failure than asphalt so it is a tradeoff. He said that the concern here is that it is a parking lot so there are not a lot of big trucks but you do have a lot of maneuvering of cars going in and out of the parking spaces. Council. Mathison wanted to know the price. Mr. Butler said that \$90,000 for the blacktop and the cold mix was \$67,000. The Supervisor said that we only appropriated for \$70,000. Council. Mathison wanted to know he was

going out for bid. Mr. Butler said that he had a contract in place for reclamation until for May 21st so as long as the town places the order for the reclamation project we can use that contract. He said the blacktop paving can be done through state contract and the same for cold mix. Council. Campisi suggested closing the hall for a week, and that would give the road a chance to cure. Mr. Butler said that it would certainly help. Discussion continued as to when they would do it spring or summer. **MOTION** by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi for the Highway Superintendent to contact the contractor to begin the paving process for the town hall with the start of the reclamation part of the project. Roll was taken and carried
YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0
Absent – 1 Egan

TOWN HALL MOWING

The Supervisor stated that there was some concerns about the cost of mowing at the Town Hall. Mr. Butler said that the reason why that bill was so high was because it included the work that was being done on the drainage at the town hall. Council. Campisi wanted to know if Mr. Butler could cut back on some of the mowing at the Town Hall. He said that he could shrink the mowing.

HIGHWAY TRANSFER

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi \$500.00 to 9720.68 to 9030.80. Roll was taken and carried
YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0
Absent – 1 Egan

TRANFERS/2014 Budget

MOTION by Council. Campisi seconded by Supervisor Gallagher to make the following transfers:

\$850.88 from 1110.12 (Justice Clerks) and \$812.58 from 9010.8 (State Retirement) to 1110.4 (Justice Contractual);
\$1,330.70 from 9010.8 (State Retirement) to 1620.4 (Buildings Contractual);
\$259.72 from 9010.8 (State Retirement) to 1650.4 (Central Communication);
\$2,633.32 from 9010.8 (State Retirement) to 1910.4 (Unallocated Insurance).

Roll was taken and carried.
YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0
Absent – 1 Egan

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to accept the year-end report of Scott Hobson, Assessor Chairman for 2014. Council. Campisi stated that it does not comport with reality. The numbers do not agree; there are too many discrepancies in his reports. Council. Campisi said that the board relies on these reports to make decisions. He asked that the other Assessors get a copy of this report and find out why these numbers are so “crazy”. The Supervisor said that he would give the other assessors the reports with a cover letter asking them to respond in two (2) weeks.

Roll was taken and carried
YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0
Absent – 1 Egan

BILLS: The bills were presented to the Board for their audit and review. **MOTION** by Council. Campisi seconded by Supervisor Gallagher to pay General Abstract # 14 Claims 566 thru 57148, totaling \$42,527.48 – Highway Abstract # 14 Claims 213 thru 222 Totaling \$12,129.64- Escrow Abstract # 14 Claim #18, totaling \$663- General Abstract #1 – Claims 1 thru 23, totaling \$10,510.23, Highway Abstract #1 Claims 1,2,3, totaling \$9,510.29. Roll was taken and carried
YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0
Absent – 1 Egan

MOTION by Supervisor Gallagher seconded by Council. Campisi to adjourn this meeting.
(8:19 PM). Roll was taken and carried
YES - 4 Campisi, Grumet, Mathison, Gallagher
NO – 0
Absent – 1 Egan

Respectfully submitted

Catherine Gill, Town Clerk