

**MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION OF THE MILAN CITY COUNCIL
HELD ON MAY 9, 2022
147 WABASH STREET, MILAN, MICHIGAN 48160**

Mayor Kolar called the work session to order at 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Kolar, Pro-Tem Kerkes, Council Members Baldwin, Kofflin, Nie, Thompson, and Wayne.

OTHER OFFICERS PRESENT: City Administrator Jim Lancaster, City Clerk Lavonna Wenzel, City Treasurer Sarah Finch, Police Chief Tillery, IT Director Koehler, DDA Director Jill Tewsley and Parks and Recreation Director Ellen Bell.

OTHERS PRESENT: Martin & Carrie Ritch, Dave Snyder, Dave Sweet, and Martin Semp.

AGENDA:

- A. Milan Area Fire Department FY 2023 Budget Discussion.**
- B. A brief discussion on sidewalks.**
- C. Any matters that may legally come before council.**

Fire Chief Stevens and FD Finance Officer Sarah Finch presented two options for proposed Operating Fire Department budget. Option 1 \$494,090.00 and Option 2 \$561,090.00. A proposed Capital budget of \$100,000.00 has also been provided. Participating municipalities contribute to the operating and capital budgets based on a weighted percentage of various factors that is recalculated each year. As the Department has continued to grow in recent years, Fire Chief Stevens hopes to move forward in Fiscal Year 2023 with staffing the Department five days per week, ten hours per day. York Township has approved the Capital Improvement budget and Option 2 for Operating, which provides the necessary budget to move forward with staffing. Milan Township will not vote on the budget until Thursday, May 12 and London Township will take formal action on Monday, May 9. The Milan City Council considered adopting option 1 but has postponed final decision until May 23, 2022.

The City Council discussed August 2021 storm that damage several residential sidewalks, making them unsafe and/or non-compliant with city ordinance. The city acted swiftly to having sidewalks repaired due weather and labor shortages. The cost is typically the responsibility of each homeowner. City Council consider several different options of collecting payment. Councilman Baldwin suggested a subcommittee to explore options further. Mayor Kolar agrees and plans to appoint the subcommittee shortly.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dave Snyder spoke.
Marty Ritchie spoke.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Councilmember Kofflin, seconded by Councilmember Wayne to adjourn work session at 7:15pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Ed Kolar, Mayor

Lavonna Wenzel, Clerk