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The Council of the City of Milford met in Council Chambers at 745 Center Street at 7:00 p.m. on July 19, 2016. Mayor Howland called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Howland, Vice Mayor Brewer, Ms. Russell, Mr. Brady, Mr. Bonnell and Mr. Haskins Mayor Laurie Howland made a Motion to excuse Ms. Evan’s absence. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Brady. All voted yes.

Presentation: From the Milford-Miami Township Chamber of Commerce – Chris Hamm, President of the Milford Miami Township Chamber of Commerce – representing the board and its members. Presented a look at what they do and what they need to do for the future for the chamber to be viable and represent what their members want them to be. Video Board Presentation introduced. Mr. Hamm introduced the new branding and the new logo for the chamber and their vision 2020 plan. The new logo/vision relates to their 5 year strategic and rebranding plan that takes them through 2020. As the Chamber heads into its 70th year, their plan is to strengthen businesses and improve government partnerships, focus on education and improve the quality of life in the community. A long history and culture have been shared by the city and the chamber. They are happy to act as a conduit for providing synergies while respecting the distinct identities of each community through the four pillars: 1) Advocacy – representing business interests and supporting pro-business regulation. 2) Education – supporting local schools through mentoring and shadowing programs. 3) Community development – which is supporting and developing local events and projects and partnering with local governments. 4) Economic Growth and Support – which is developing a plan for retraction and retention of businesses. Milford Miami Township is a 300 member business community, that employee more than 10,000 locally. The chamber provides hard benefits to local companies such as discounts and member pricing for office supplies, prescription drugs and payroll services. They coordinate and sponsor Frontier Days and parade, which has been the best festival on the East side for 4 years running. The Street Eats Food and Music Festival – which is coming up on August 6, 2016 which has become one of the largest in Ohio and one of the best in Southwest Ohio The Miami Township Summer concert series, The Dinner of Excellence for the schools, The Cover Awards to honor our community and businesses. Other events include: Chamber and Rotary Golf Outing, and the State of the City and Township, so that they can update their members and residents on actions and activities with the city and Miami Township. The Chamber also Networks with four multi-chamber events a year. They work closely with The Clermont Chamber of Commerce, Anderson Chamber of Commerce, Madeira Chamber of Commerce, and The Little Miami River Alliance Chamber of Commerce, formerly known as the Loveland Area Chamber of Commerce. Also participate in bi-monthly networking breakfasts. Twice a month in the City building, a networking breakfast is held. Education: Annual Scholarships that total over \$40,000 over the years. Promote and produce the dinner of excellence award which allows the community to honor our students, our teachers, our administrators and our business partners. Economic support – the chamber meets with a lot of new and potential businesses that come to the area asking for information. The Chamber works with City Council for Ribbon Cutting ceremonies, and Welcoming. The chamber also provides access and recommendations for local services and funding for smaller businesses that are looking to expand. Local government standpoint – the Chamber supports pro-business regulation and we provide the city with member voices with what the businesses are looking for and at. And we partner with the City on many events. New with the Chamber is the New Data Base Software which is ready to be launched in August. This will provide business the ability to communicate and market directly to other businesses through the B to B platform. It will also tie in nicely with the - My Chamber App – providing direct access to consumers and the businesses. It will also provide for a more real time feedback from the chamber members in terms of issues that affect the area.

SOCA – Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance partnership has helped increase the amount of businesses. SOCA allows the Chamber to offer additional benefits including health insurance that has saved small business 20% a month. Example: One of the earlier pilots on their health insurance program was using the Shop Program with the Obama Care Business Program and when offered to businesses it actually saved them over 20% over that program. The savings was significant, \$approximately \$700.00 a month. Also available are different tools to access capital and services. They will be rolled out with the 5 year strategic plan. There are many companies that are on the verge of expanding and will need access to capital and these tools and there are some plans in place for businesses to do that. The Chamber is also working on the rebranding of the C.O.V.E.R Awards which will focus on businesses and community with a little more pizzazz and a little more flair with a fresh coat of paint with more details to come. This will definitely be an event that you will want to attend each year. They also partner with Milford schools to have more direct access between the students and the business through a Student Chamber. A mentoring program and job readiness initiatives is also provided. The schools are preparing to look at some business curriculum that the chamber will also support in the coming years. The Chamber will also initiate a President’s Advisory council that will meet twice a year. Local business owners, community leaders, government officials, will have the opportunity within an informal session to talk about things that affect the area and discuss things that we can try to do to expand our footprint in terms of our economic engine. A strong new marketing effort that emphasizes Social media platforms that ties this all together. Starting August 1st, the chamber will kick off with a membership drive called Test Drive the Chamber. This will be the first membership drive in over a decade. It will allow those businesses that are not members to examine the benefits of belonging to the chamber. In many cases the hard measurable that you can typically measure against what you can save typically where there is Workman’s Compensation, healthcare insurance, discounts, cover the cost of joining the chamber. It’s the soft benefits, the networking, being involved in the community, giving

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back by volunteering, which the chamber pushes beyond that. New members will also enjoy some local gift cards for enrolling. This will be pushed out over a 90 day period – August 1st thru October 31st. Chamber of the future will have more cooperation with local government to enhance and expand and to engage our local economic engine and to improve our quality of life here in the area. The chamber is also going to initiate a community wide volunteer data base which will encourage more individuals and employees to get involved and provide many area groups with volunteer resources. Many groups in the area do a lot of great things and all of them have their own set of volunteers. The idea is to put together a community wide volunteer data base so that many can access from the schools, the historical society, HMA to other groups. The Chamber is also looking to expand their events – focusing on things that have local impact on the community. Events that the community wants and needs that in some cases fill gaps. This will involve working with Milford City Council to determine what makes sense for this community and the same with Miami Township. Better access to financing, business planning, grants and programs. Finally, a rising tide lifts all boats in the harbor – as they move forward they are going to find ways to help and support our community through improved partnerships particularly with the local governments. The chamber would like to help make Milford a better place not only for a better quality of living but a better place for businesses to set up and they would like to fill additional store fronts and to do what they can to focus on that area. And since the chamber is a support function, they will need our help to tell the chamber what they can do to help and become more involved.

Public Comments: Mr. Minnear asked who came up with the new Logo.

Mr. Hamm: It took about five rounds to get to the new logo. The representation is of the two communities and the bridging, or coming together of the two communities depicted in the logo. Also signifies the waterways that we have in the area, the green rolling hills, and the beautiful trees. Mayor Howland liked the new logo and the presentation. The Mayor also stated that the partnership between the Chamber and the city is vital. Referring to a recent meeting that Chris Hamm was asked to attend for the Regional Porsche Club – the input helped the city to win that event to be hosted in Milford. The partnership comes in even if it is not necessarily an exchange of funds but to help each other bring those events into the city which is key. Thank you for helping with the efforts and the planning into the 2020 plan. Mr. Hamm: 3 big things moving forward: 1: The Chamber does a good job with coordinating and partnering with the city and volunteers for events over the years. Two areas where the Chamber can do better. : Providing the city with feedback from the businesses. Many times they hear back from the residents but the businesses do not have the consolidation from the businesses. And they hope to get better at that. 2. The Chamber would also like to be more involved in the economic process. Can they help the city attract the businesses to come to town? The Chamber has special connections up to the county level items that could possibly help business with relocating to the areas as well. Mr. Brady: Is the division plan available online? Mr. Hamm: The actual launch of the plan will be more around the first week of August. The challenge that the Chamber has right now is the Street Eats is on the 6th of August and it requires all hands on deck attention from all of the chamber board. The plan will be launched within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Brady: The plan sounds really good and Kudos to the Chamber. Vice Mayor Brewer: The membership drive. Does this involve other members of the chamber to start making phone calls and network that way or is the drive for membership and internal in house process? Can the Council help with driving for more memberships? Mr. Hamm: Every member of the Chamber Board is involved directly with going out door to door – calling it Door to Door with the Board – and discussing what the Chamber benefits are. This has not been done in such a long time and sometimes all it takes is to ask. The Chamber encourages businesses to join so that they are part of something unique, to be on the fast track as well as receive tremendous benefits back to their business. And it would be very helpful to have that involvement to promote the Chamber. Mr. Brady: If the business isn’t involved at this point, what is the first thing that they should do? Mr. Hamm: Call the Chamber office and they will set up an appointment to meet at their business. There is also a packet of information they will be given. The value of becoming a member will show that there will be a substantial savings on their Workman’s Compensation and some other small savings where it pays to be part of the Networking, the business to business database.

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Statement on the Milford Main property from the Mayor

As some of you may have heard by now and for those who have not, the City of Milford now legally owns the Milford Main property. We are fully aware of the importance of this property to many in the community. That is why we plan to first and foremost hear from the public on their ideas for moving forward with this property. City Manager, Michael Doss, will lay out a schedule of public hearings in the coming months for gathering ideas and plans from the public as well as developers and other interested parties. We are also fully aware of the idea that is being circulated that the city has already entered into an agreement with an interested party. The city has not entered into any agreement with any party, individual or developer regarding Milford Main. Nor has this council heard or discussed any ideas or offers with any interested parties. This Council stance on Milford Main till tonight has always been the same- we will not consider any ideas till we own it and formulate a plan on how to hear those ideas. We are now at the stage where we can begin to hear those ideas through a format of public hearings. We are hoping to start these public hearings in September with a second in October and a third in November. Again, Mr. Doss will be providing the public with more details on those public hearings. We will do our best to get the information out to the public as soon as possible. We ask that you remember, we are at a point where we are looking to move forward not argue about the past. An iconic building in this city was torn down by the school district. As a city, as your council, as your neighbors and friends, we want to find a use for this property that is in the best interest of the city today, tomorrow and down the road. We will do our best to make a decision that meets that goal as well as honor the school and the community. We realize that whatever happens to Milford Main, it will not satisfy everyone's needs. We just ask that you please be respectful of the process and our efforts. We have a big job ahead of us and we thank you for your support, input and ideas as we move forward.

Public Comment: Mr. Minnear stated that a handful of people have alleged on social media that the council has no transparency when it comes to the discussion of the property. This has been done unfairly because never during the course of the discussions of the property has council ever approached an agreement with anyone regarding the property. Everything that the council has done has been basically listening to the population, the citizens, regarding the property. City Council has been unfairly attacked that they have been holding secret meetings and secret discussions. This is not occurring. This Council is as conversant with the population as to what we are going to do with the property. Any implication or accusation that the Council is meeting in secret or having secret discussions does not reflect on this council but reflects directly on me. They are not attorneys but I am and the Council looks to me for advice, recommendations and opinions. Whatever the council does reflects back on me. The council has been extremely transparent when it comes to the discussion of the property and they will continue to do so. I also recommend that from now on that with any discussion that has to do with the city, we try to do it so that everybody is involved and the entire city is aware of what is going on and not just a few people through social media. The councils intent is not to ignore the texts or emails, or the people that are asking questions, it is that the council would like to get everybody involved so that no one can accuse the council, which I believe have been accused unfairly, by a few people, of letting only a few people be aware of what is going on. This is not true and is not the case. If anyone has any questions, direct them to me.

Public Comment: Karen Wikoff/Executive Director from the Milford-Miami Township Chamber: National Night Out – August 2nd, suggested that it would be great for everyone wear blue on that day to support our police officers. The event is a community wide event. They are held all over the country and in lieu of everything that is going on in the country, I feel the police need our support more than ever. The Chamber is very proud of Milford's police department, the Miami Township Police department, as this event is done together.

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Standing Committee Reports:

Public Services

Vice Mayor Brewer: The committee met on July 14th, present was Vice Mayor Brewer, Mayor Howland, M. Doss, P. Holbrook, M. Newman, D. Walker, Chief Mills, and Tim Casto from Kleingers Group

OPWC-Tim Casto presented two sewer projects for funding submission -

1. **Sanitary Sewer Siphon Line Replacement Project**- this project will replace 3 existing lines 6inch, 8 inch and 10inch with a new 15 inch line and will eliminate future possibility of sanitary sewer overflow at a total estimated cost of \$364,765.00

2. **High Street Sanitary Sewer Main improvements** – this project will include installing a 12 inch sanitary sewer main to reroute the existing sewer away from its current route. This new sewer main will eliminate any potential future sanitary sewer overflows surrounding the water treatment facility. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$245,580.00. City Manager Michael Doss indicated that both projects will be funded at 49% OPWC funds and 51% from the city’s sewer capital fund. This is at current cash balance of \$1,578,853.00 dollars. Vice Mayor Brewer had asked if the projects were to be funded by OPWC, when would the projects begin? Mr. Tim Casto replied that the projects would be eligible to begin in July of 2017.

The committee agreed to make a motion to draft an ordinance authorizing the city manager to make application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for both the High Street Sanitary Main Improvements and the Sanitary Sewer Siphon Line Replacement Project with the city sewer capital fund committing 51% cash match for the total cost of the project.

Mr. Brady: Seconded the Motion

All voted yes

Pedestrian Safety Study: Tim Casto presented a proposal for Milford Pedestrian Safety Study for Main Street and Lila Avenue. The study would include review of Main Street and Lila Avenue between Baker Drive and Kurgan Lane to address pedestrian safety. The scope of services proposed would observe existing conditions including collecting data and making recommendations for potential options to improve conditions for pedestrian crossings in the area. The total cost of the proposed pedestrian study was \$11,600.00. Vice Mayor Brewer expressed her concerns that the cost to the city was too much and did not necessarily take into account or address the established existing crosswalks. Also indicate the importance to address the crosswalk sections of both Kurgan Lane as well as Five Points. Mayor Howland had agreed to express her concerns mentioning that the study would focus on other areas such as Main Street and Elm Street as well as in the trail area. Discussion among community members included other various crosswalks in the immediate area.

The committee rejected the proposed pedestrian study in the amount of \$11,600.00 and requested that Kleingers change the scope of the study to include focus on first addressing and improving the crosswalk areas in the city. A revised Pedestrian Safety Study will be presented at a future committee meeting for consideration.

Price Road and Miami Avenue intersection regarding removing the stop sign: Discussion to possibly remove the stop sign at Price Road and Miami Avenue to a continuous right turn. Mr. Casto expressed concern that eliminating the stop sign should create stop site distances issues and might not allow for vehicles stopping at the intersection to have the appropriate 150 feet distance to stop at 25 mile an hour. Vice Mayor Brewer suggested that the stop sign could remain but that the city adds a sign indicating to stop except turning right. Police Chief Mills asked if there could be a sign stating Proceed with Caution as approaching the intersection. Mr. Casto countered that there would still be a concern of adequate stop site distance and would promote a higher speed issue and further stated that the accident history would justify a change in the traffic flow pattern.

This matter was discussed in length and the sign was not approved for removal.

Meter Equipment Purchase: Water department Plant Supervisor Matt Newman presented a request to purchase equipment for the water department from NECO in the amount of \$7,851.00. Matt discussed the need for this equipment to continue the service delivery for water operations.

The Committee agreed to make a motion to draft an ordinance authorizing City Manager to purchase meter equipment from NECO in the amount of \$7,851.00.

Mr. Brady: Seconded the motion

All voted yes

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Matt Newman presented a service agreement invoice for City of Milford Water Department from Terracon Consultants Inc., to provide consultation services for the water plant facility clarifier project. It was an oversite and consultation services should have been included with the overall clarifier project, but was still necessary to provide adequate completion of the project.

The committee agreed to make a motion drafting the ordinance authorizing the city manager to pay the invoice to Terracon Consultants Inc. in the amount of \$ 8,824.00 for consultant services on the clarifier project.

Mr. Brady: Seconded the motion
All voted yes

Presentation by Pam Holbrook on City of Lebanon Service Garage:
Michael Doss indicated that Michael Albers with McGill Smith Punshon, Inc. was meeting with the City of Milford Service Department personnel to discuss items to be considered in a future service department garage facility. MSP, Inc. is providing architectural services for the design of a future city of Milford Service department garage. More information will be provided in the future to the committee and council as the consultants gather information provided conceptual design of the facility.

Other business:
Mayor Howland stated that she received several citizen concerns regarding the consideration of speed bumps on Laurel Avenue. Citizens on Cleveland Avenue are gathering a petition to make Cleveland Avenue no longer a pass through street. She requested the status of the drainage issue on Laurel Avenue and indicated that fill continues to wash away and storm water issues still exist in the area. Tim Casto indicated that there is a broken pipe at Cleveland Avenue and Mill Street. The issue, like the one on Laurel Avenue, was to be included in the Capital Improvement plan, which would identify and prioritize projects. Discussions were held regarding the drainage issues on Laurel Avenue and if a more permanent solution could be proposed. Michael Doss stated that the city has funds available in the storm water fund to address smaller scope project such as Laurel Avenue, and that he would work with Tim Casto and Kleingers to address the problems with the future storm water projects. The committee affirmed the city's commitment to finding a more permanent long term solution to the drainage issue on Laurel Avenue as well as other smaller storm water projects throughout the city of Milford.

The Public Services Meeting adjourned at 9:12am

Mr. Bonnell:
City of Milford Service Garage: will we have more information regarding the Service Garage to City Council before it goes to Planning Commission?

Vice Mayor Brewer: Yes

Mr. Bonnell: Regarding Cleveland Avenue – what exactly is the issue?

Mayor Howland: The residents are complaining about the pass through of oversized trucks. There may be a truck limit on Cleveland Avenue, but there seems to be a lot of big, heavy semi- trucks coming through. The residents wanted some indication that the trucks could not pass through Cleveland Avenue.

Mr. Bonnell: How is the traffic of Semi Trucks on Cleveland managed?

Mayor Howland: The police department must actually catch them as they are driving on Cleveland Avenue.

Parks and Recreation Meeting: Mr. Bonnell: The committee met as normal, on the 2nd Monday of the month, in which the public is welcome to join and bring any ideas and or recommendations, the committee is looking for things to do to expand. Events – possibly in the fall could be a good niche for the committee. Please feel free to join the committee on the 2nd Monday of the Month in the Council Chambers room. August 13th: 2nd Movie Night – The first movie night was a great success! A big turnout with many getting up and dancing. The event included Mr. Bonnell performing the Chicken Dance. It was great fun! The attendance is growing at the events. Thank you to the Fire Department, Police Department, and The Masonic Lodge for helping. Big Thank you to Lori Pegg! She went above and beyond to take time to have balloons ready and to set up before the movie. Without her help the event would not have been as successful as it was. The next movie will be Inside Out – Free popcorn will be given out by Park National Bank. Donated playground equipment that was donated to the city from Mr. Roe from the development out of Loveland, is now being installed at SEM Villa Park. It is in the process of being put up. There are still a few things to be done but it is in the process of going up. The plan worked out quite nicely to where it located and it is a good addition to the park.

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Safety Services: Mr. Haskins asking if able to open the floor to discuss the Fire/EMS levy.

Mayor Howland: Yes

Mr. Bonnell made a Motion to postpone the Ordinance requesting an increase in renewal of the Fire/EMS levy be postponed and put back to the safety services committee meeting for further discussion, clarification, and to get all the questions answered so that there is more time to discuss. Mr. Bonnell mad a Motion to push back the Ordinance request to the Safety Services Committee.

Mr. Brady: What is the date of when we would like to place this Ordinance on the ballot?

Mr. Bonnell: This ordinance would be for November. Which we still have time to discuss for the March ballot as long as the discussions

Mr. Haskins: asked if by pushing it back to committee, it does not eliminate the ordinance request, but gives us more time to discuss, correct?

Mr. Minnear: Yes.

Mr. Haskins: Second the motion

Mr. Brady: voted No

All others voted yes

City Manager's Report: Michael Doss presented the following report: All departments are busy at this time. The departments are involved in projects throughout the city and preventative maintenance. As the mayor mentioned earlier, the city has secured the 5th Annual RPM Rallye Porche Milford and Car show to be held Saturday - October 1st, in downtown Milford. A rain date has been scheduled for October 2nd. The Event has been held in Mariemont for the last 4 years. This is a very good thing for the city of Milford. The city worked with the Milford-Miami Township chamber to help secure this group. It will be held on a Saturday which will benefit the downtown businesses as well. The city is also attempting to partner with Valley View Foundation to host a weekend Fall Festival in October. This would be a great opportunity for the parks and Recreation committee to get involved. The city has received site plans for Dollar Tree location at River's Edge. The Cincinnati Classic Car is going to be located at 940 Lila Avenue. The city is in current negotiations with a developer to secure a possible Micro Brewery in the downtown area. Administrative officials are also exploring the expansion of our existing small business incentive program. Currently our small business incentive program really works with facade improvements, external improvements for businesses to help them out. The City has also channeled and changed to help the small businesses out and to change to also include some internal costs which include HVAC. Looking at also expand to also provide a tax incentive, to assist with growth, expansion, and or relocation of businesses in the city of Milford. This is something that the chamber recently gave a presentation on. Working with the city and partnering with the city to provide incentives to attract business. So this is something that may with the 2020 plan and the objectives of the Chamber. As previously mentioned, the city will submit two projects to the OPWC. Those submissions have to be to the OPWC by August 5th. One is a sewer project for the Sanitary Sewer Siphon Line – the project will replace 3 existing lines with a new 15 inch line eliminating future possibilities of sanitary sewer overflow and the Second project is a Sewer Main Project on High Street - the project will install a new 12 inch sanitary line that will re-route the existing sewer from its current location which is getting closer to one of our clear wells. This as well is a necessary project. We are approaching budget time our finance department is evaluating our city's current fee schedule. The fee is particularly associated with the Police department citations and Mayor's Court. The Service department is meeting with an architect to review information related to the Riverside Park area. Recently acquired playground equipment is being installed. The City is also working with the Wastewater Department on Mound Street to replace an old, 10 foot long clay pipe. The downtown LED lights around the trees have been removed. There are possible alternatives such as flood lights, to replace those lights. In bit of a holding pattern due to taking the trees out downtown and plant other trees. The Service department, staff and engineer are in the process of evaluating some of the streets for possible future Grant funding opportunities. Related to asphalt paving, sidewalks, curbs and gutter replacements. The department continues to take care of any overgrowth in our parks as well as tree overhangs in the city, throughout town and our right away. The Wastewater Department has been cleaning up after various storms that have been occurring in the area that have affected us with power outages of some of our lift stations. They are doing preventative maintenance on some of the lift stations as well as our sanitary sewer collection systems throughout town. A Main Street Sewer Service bid is currently being solicited and bid openings are scheduled to open on August 8th. The department is also in the process of evaluating any existing businesses that are tied directly to the storm sewer system in town. The Sanitary Sewer lining still continues and will continue for the next couple of months. The Water department is currently processing bids for the Water Lagoon Cleaning Project. The Clarifier project is complete and is back in full operation.

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And the water main breaks on Lila and High streets were repaired earlier in the month. Note Standing Committees - The Administrative Services Committee will be meeting July 26th at 6pm. Public Service Committee will be meeting on August 4th at 8am. A Safety Services meeting will be scheduled to discuss the Levy. Vice Mayor Brewer asked if the Public Service Committee meeting information has already been sent out. Mr. Doss: to be sent out tomorrow – Wednesday. Vice Mayor Brewer: will not be able to attend the meeting. Mr. Doss - May need to re-schedule the meeting. Will advise other members of the committee and will update.

Police Department Report: Chief Mills: Monthly report for June – Highlights in terms of training: Sergeant Mahan and Officers Wilson and Kinney attended the AAA Drugged Driver Summit on June 14th. Also members received legal updates training from the Clermont County Prosecutors Office. Notable Crime Occurrences: June 4th Burglary on South Milford Road. June 8th – Mohawk Trail Resident reported his television stolen while he was hospitalized. Detective Rodgers used the new leads online account to recover the television in a pawn shop. On June 30th Officer Wilson closed out a theft case from April with warrants signed on two suspects. An upcoming event is National Night Out – August 2nd - at Target from 6 to 9pm. For more information please visit the website www.mmttno.com Administrative items: Ohio Collaborative Onsite on July 1st. We are in the first 27 out of 900 departments in Ohio to now become certified. Miami Township is also included in the list as well as Clermont County Sheriff's Office. Many cutting edge police departments are now in Clermont County. Administrative Sergeant Mahan and Detective Liming conducted a full inventory of both property rooms producing thousands of pieces of property. This is done every few years in June. Three low level uses of force during the month of June and all three were investigated by command officers and were found to be within compliance. On June 15th the quarterly confidential investigative fund was audited by Dan Burke. Two injury reports, both on Officer Yeary: Back to back injuries on the same night unfortunately. Both incidents were low level injuries and neither resulted in medical leave fortunately. Community Relation: Second Annual Junior Police Academy – was held 6-10pm with Miami and Goshen Township. Huge success! And it continues to get better every year. Officers attend the SEM haven Public Safety Appreciation Day. Officers attended the Stoney Valley East Milford block watch parties. On June 22nd, two young Center Street residents donated half of their proceeds from their refreshment stand to the Milford Police Community Partnership. And officers participated in the Oakwood Collaborative Cookout hosted by Community United on June 26th. Vice Mayor Brewer: Does the Police Department still have t-shirts for sale? Chief Mills: They will be for sale at National Night Out. And the T-shirts are also available at the Chamber office. Coffee Mugs are also for sale at the Chamber. Chief Mills also mentioned the tremendous amount of support recently towards the Police department and other local police departments. Donations for Shop for the Hero are up. Donations for National Night Out are up. The Police department knows that they have the support of the community.

Fire and EMS Report: Chief Baird - The monthly report and the departments audit will be submitted to City Council, City Manager and to the Finance Director by tomorrow.

There have been discussions since 2012 with the city council as a whole regarding the commitment to a complete and open insemination of information, complete transparency. The contract between the Fire Department and the city reflects an agreement that what are the Fire Departments is also the City's in the event that anything would happen with the Fire Department. The department has nothing to gain by holding back any information. The department can supply any information that has not already been provided previously to make sure everyone understands what the fire board believes is the ultimate goal for the protection of the community. The department feels that they follow all the proper chain of commands. The need to address the understaffing of the department vs. the need to answer responses has been addressed while even Chief Cooper was Fire Chief was addressed. The Fire department is equally charged to provide fire protection and emergency medical services protection at the same time, concurrently. The growing EMS Community is beginning to affect the ability to provide safe affective fire/EMS protection at the same time. The department has provided documents, National standards and studies that they have done regarding their runs. Chief Baird felt as though, as the conduit between the fire board and the city council, that they had made their remarks and indicated their position in what they felt like was the most prudent and responsible action to take, to the point that when they had a Safety Committee Meeting, relatively recently, which included the Board Treasurer, the impression taken was one that the department was to come back to Council with a recommendation, which they did do. The Board felt that the action was a prudent and responsible request that would allow the voters to decide what level of Fire/EMS protection was necessary. Chief Baird assured, based on coming from a community that was much less financially capable than this community. Chief Baird has looked at the situation, has been under the tutelage of Chief Cooper and he can say that we would not have come to the council with anything less than what we felt like was the bare minimum that we could ask the voters to approve in order to sustain the operations as they are currently. This is currently at a minimum of 7 people. And the reason for that number is because every time the growing number of ambulance runs are dispatched, and every time the second ambulance gets called out, which the number of runs is going up fairly significantly as well, it has a direct and immediate impact on the ability to provide proper, safe fire protection. The Boards view and my personal view is that we would not go to the voters of Milford and ask for something without the information having been well thought out, well pondered and without having some fear that the community would not support the recommendation. Chief Baird fully respects the City Council's move to table this

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recommendation. The department has two other opportunities to consider this. Chief Baird pledges to provide any information that was not provided previously. In a meeting this afternoon with Mr. Bonnell and Mr. Haskins, Mr. Bonnell indicated that there were questions remaining among Council members that were not clarified regarding the issues at hand and why the Fire department was asking to move forward in the way that they were. Chief Baird apologized as it falls back clearly on him. He will make sure in the future that City Council is as well informed as they can possibly be. With that said, the department is willing to move forward and to look at this as we move down the road. Mr. Bonnell: To make clear that there was no question regarding the Chief's integrity or the ability to do the job. All the questions and all the concerns are simply about the overall statistics and the residents overall. This has nothing to do with the department or personally towards Chief Baird. The Chief has been very open and very honest and appreciates it. Chief Baird: This is not something that the new guy, the new Chief is saying you should do this, and you are doing it wrong. The first conversation that he remembers is when he was introduced in late 2012. Retired Chief Cooper has been working in this direction for several years. And the boards' consideration of that has simply responded by making recommendations to this council based upon the department's long term planning regarding on what is best to protect the residents. Mayor Howland: Appreciates what Chief Baird has discussed and all of the research that Mr. Bonnell has done. It truly shows government working at its best. The Fire department has a very hard job to do. And the job is done very, very well. Yet at the same time we have to be mindful when we put a measure on the ballot that is going to raise taxes. It cannot be taken lightly. And doing our due diligence is first and foremost. Some on Council felt that not all of their questions were answered. Some members struggled with how to put it to the ballot, and say that it belongs to the voters, and then when a voter should ask the ballot, the answer cannot be that we fully do not understand it. That was the question that was left. If we cannot fully understand or explain the full measure of the increase and the raising of taxes, there is a need for more data and more information so that when we do go back to the voters and taxpayers we can be firm, grounded and confident in our decision to move forward with the increase. Many members on Council have put a lot of thought and planning into this but this is an incident that it is just going to take a little bit more thought, planning and more sharing of information to get to that point. The good thing is that we are ahead of the game so that we can place this on the spring ballot. And we can all work together to make sure we take the best information forward for everyone in the community especially the Fire Department. It is a numbers game and about understanding the numbers. Mr. Brady: What is the timing for this to go on the ballot, if we are going to hit the ballot in November? What would have to happen to get this to the spring ballot? Chief Baird: The filing deadline is 90 days prior to the date of the election which was explained to the department according the Clermont County Auditors' Office. This date will be at the beginning of August. Mayor Howland: August 10, 2016. We would have to have the measure Approximately 2 1/2 weeks. Mr. Brady: It is then possible that we would have to have a Safety Services meeting? Mayor Howland: We would have to have a Safety Services meeting and a Special Committee meeting all by August 10th. Chief Baird: There would have to be enough time to also mesh the language that is needed to the County Auditor with the state requirements.

Mr. Minniewar: An Ordinance to take effect immediately, on the same day it is read would requires 5 votes. If it only gets 4 votes, it has to be read separately, on two separate days. The ordinance has already been taken over to Judy Miller of the Board of Elections, to review it. Because it takes a long time to set up to send to the Secretary of State to review. It is not necessarily going to be a problem in that regard but if it only gets 4 votes and passes, and then it has to be read on two separate days. It is getting to be crunch time.

Public Comments: There were no Public Comments at this time.

Council Comments: Mr. Bonnell: Was there an auction for the Millcroft Inn building on August 14th? Mr. Doss: The bid was accepted at \$360,000.00. The new owner had to go back to the church for consideration. Mr. Bonnell: Was informed that the church that owned the property did have some stipulations on what they wanted out of the property from the new ownership. What is the status of the Tree Project downtown? Does it still have to come back to the committee? Mayor Howland: The Tree Project was pushed back to the 5 year plan due to the dollar amount of the project. Mr. Bonnell: When does the next Citizen Police Academy begin? Chief Mills: Starting September 8th through November 10th – Thursday evenings. The Police department is taking applications now. Information is available on the website as well.

Mayor Howland: due to the National Night Out event, the City Council will not meet on the 1st Tuesday of August, but on the 16th of August.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Regular

Meeting

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New Business:

Mayor Howland: Made a motion to adopt the appointment of Jennifer Hemminger to the Personnel Commission .Seconded by Mr. Brady. All voted yes

16-599 A Resolution approving The Tax Budget For The City of Milford, Ohio For The Year 2017.Vice Mayor Brewer made a motion to adopt the Ordinance; seconded by Mr. Bonnell. All voted yes

16-1224 An Ordinance Authorizing Application To The Ohio Public Works Commission For The High Street Sanitary Sewer Main Improvements. Vice Mayor Brewer mad a motion to Suspend the Rules and Read by Title Only Seconded by Mr. Bonnell All voted yes. Vice Mayor Brewer made a motion to adopt Seconded by Mr. Brady All voted yes

16-1225 An Ordinance Authorizing Application To The Ohio Public Works Commission For The Sanitary Sewer Siphon Line Replacement Project Vice Mayor Brewer made a motion to Suspend the Rules and Read by Title Only Seconded by Mr. Brady All voted yes Vice Mayor Brewer made a motion to adopt Seconded by Mr. Bonnell All voted yes

16-1226 An Ordinance Authorizing The Purchase Of Meter Equipment From NECO Vice Mayor Brewer Motion to Suspend the Rules and Read by Title Only Seconded by Mr. Brady All voted yes Vice Mayor Brewer made a motion to adopt Seconded by Mr. Brady All voted yes

16-1227 An Ordinance Authorizing Payment To Terracon Consultants Inc. For Services Rendered Regarding The Clarifier Project. Vice Mayor Brewer mad a motion to Suspend the Rules and Read by Title Only Seconded by Mr. Brady All voted yes Vice Mayor Brewer made a motion to adopt Seconded by Mr. Brady. All voted yes

Old Business: There was no old business to be discussed.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the City Council; the meeting was adjourned at 8:10p.m. with a motion from Mr. Bonnell; seconded by Mr. Brady. All voted yes.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Mayor Howland

Second: Mr. Brady

All voted yes

There being no further business to come before the City Council; Mayor Howland adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm

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