

**Milton Town Board**

# Budget transfer approved to cover legal costs

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The Milton Town Board went through formalities Monday night to bring the 2014 budget in line with actual expenses, shifting \$8,200 to account for unexpected legal costs.

Milton Town Chairman Bryan Meyer said the township incurred increased legal expenses to review zoning ordinances at the request of Bill Watson – developer of the proposed Evermor industrial park – and related to proceedings to suspend Countryside Inn’s liquor license for 60 days earlier this year.

Meyer said \$5,000 of the transferred funds were provided by Watson. In January, the town reached an agreement with Watson to accept

funds up front to use as the town looked at zoning and land-use issues related to the Evermor concept. The Town of Fulton also reached a similar agreement with Watson.

To date, the Town of Milton has spent slightly more than \$4,200 of the \$5,000 related to Watson’s concept development, Meyer said.

“Not only were the expenses for that not budgeted for 2014, but we also didn’t anticipate or budget the revenue he would offer to offset those costs,” Meyer said. “It was a formality of adding that revenue to our 2014 budget and the expenses.”

“... Otherwise, we were technically over budget and shouldn’t be writing checks to our attorney,” he added.

The Town of Milton incurred ad-

ditional legal expenses related to a quasi-judicial hearing to suspend Countryside Inn’s liquor license in late February and to defend against a lawsuit filed March 12 requesting an injunction and reversal of the suspension.

In April, Judge Michael R. Fitzpatrick found none of the tests for judicial review had been met in the challenge of the liquor license suspension and the request was denied.

“In the large picture of it all, even without this Evermor project, we were still slightly over our anticipated budget for legal expenses,” Meyer said.

**Other Action**

The Milton Town Board heard from a couple of residents in the

Maple Beach and Mallwood neighborhoods who were concerned about dangerous golf cart use on public and private roads.

Maple Beach resident Matt Lowry estimated 200 golf carts went racing by his home during the Fourth of July weekend, many driven recklessly and by youngsters.

“Something needs to be done,” he said. “Somebody’s going to be hurt one of these days.”

Frank Boucek shared similar concerns, adding he was worried about how often he saw alcohol being consumed while drivers were operating golf carts.

“I’ve seen people getting hurt,” Boucek said. “I’ve seen carts flipping over. I say enough is enough.”

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# Tobacco Heritage Days

long carnival in Racetrack Park, wristbands will also be sold.

In addition, raffle tickets are available at Bank of Edgerton, Grams Insurance, Morrison’s Auto Salvage, Piggly Wiggly, and the Filling Station.

A small committee is in charge of organizing the festival, headed by the festival’s president, Erin Johnson.

Downtown weekend events held on Friday, July 18, will include:

- Citywide rummage sales.
- A book sale at the Tri-County Community Center, North Swift Street, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- A fish fry from 4-7 p.m. at the downtown Masonic Temple on Fulton Street.

At Racetrack Park on Friday, July 18:

- The Albion Tigers will be playing Marshall at 7 p.m.
- Edgerton Little League tournament from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. as well as a Girl’s Softball and Men’s Slow Pitch tournaments will be held at 6 p.m.
- From 7-11 p.m., Cary & Crud will perform.

Tobacco Days events on Saturday, July 19, will include these downtown activities:

- A Classic Car and Motorcycle Show, on Fulton and Henry streets, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- A book sale again at the Tri-County Community Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Tobacco plant judging in the parking lot of the Edgerton Reporter building, 21 North Henry St., at 11 a.m.
- Gravity Racers Classic soapbox derby on Albion Street starting at 5 p.m. with registration being held starting at 4 p.m. (sponsored by the new Edgerton Teen Center, 204 W. Fulton St.).

Also on Saturday, there will be a Big Wheel race for children three to six years old. This will be held at the Edgerton Community Elementary School, Elm High Drive, at 9:30 a.m. (9 a.m. registration).

At Edgerton’s Central Park on Saturday, there will be a 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Arts in the Park event, as well as a pie and ice cream social beginning at 9 a.m.

Among the events being held Saturday, July 19, at Edgerton’s Racetrack Park are the Rascal Run/Walk at 8 a.m. (with sign up beginning at 6:30 a.m.), slow pitch tournament at

9 a.m., trap shoot from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Edgerton Little League Tournament from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., FFA Petting Zoo from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., lip sync contest starting at 10 a.m., childrens pedal tractor pull at 1 p.m., the Major League Softball Championship game at 3 p.m., and more.

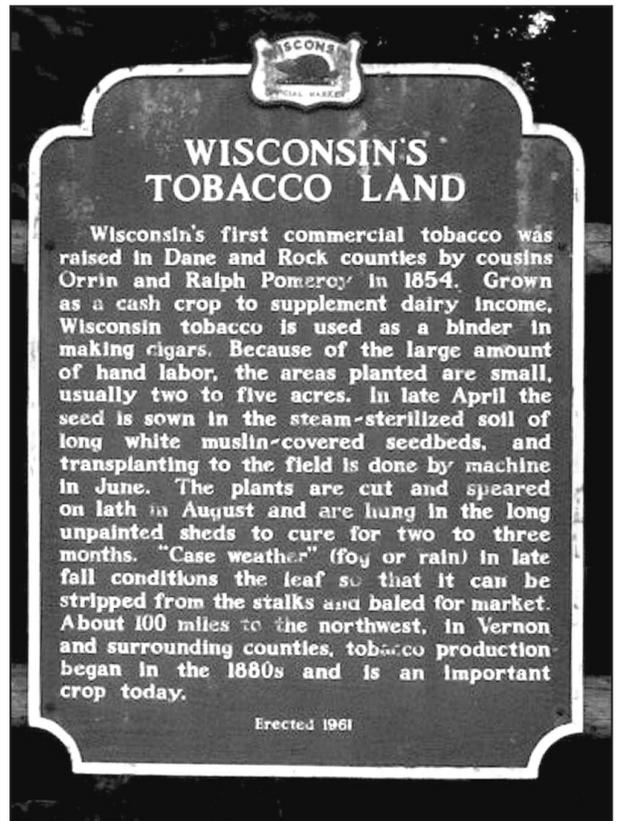
Main stage entertainment in Racetrack Park Saturday will include Liam Ford from 2:30-6:30 p.m., and Killer Cars from 8 p.m. to midnight.

On Sunday, July 21, units of the downtown Tobacco Days parade will assemble at 11 a.m. near the Edgerton Retirement Apartments. The parade, which generally begins around noon, will end an hour or so later.

Also Sunday at Racetrack Park, there will be spectator tractor pulls starting at noon, a blueberry pie-eating contest inspired by Edgerton author Sterling North’s 1963 memoir “Rascal” at 3 p.m., a tobacco axe-

throwing contest at 3:30 p.m., a 1-4 p.m. musical performance by the Mad Tadders musical group, and, yes, the traditional 4-8 p.m. musical performance by local favorite Dan Reilly followed by the drawing for raffle prizes.

The complete listing of events, as listed on the festival’s website ([www.edgertonontobaccodays.com](http://www.edgertonontobaccodays.com)), appears in the first section of this week’s Reporter.



## Monument to local history

This historical marker is found in a wayside on the east side of Highway 51 just north of the Rock River and just south of the city of Edgerton. The marker was erected in 1961.