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REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2015

President Alan Ilgen called the regular meeting of the Millheim Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Ed Bowman, Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Leslie Warriner, Sharon Heckman, John R. Miller, III, Roy Rupert, Michele Aukerman, Marty Ilgen, Camry Confer, Lydia Smith and Jordan Walizer.

ABSENT: Kay Brown

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Marty Ilgen requested an update on the status of the situation with the sewer facility. Michele Aukerman of Uni-Tec Engineering reported on her conversations with DEP on ending the connection ban that was originally imposed as a result of the bypass situation. She explained that DEP is concerned because of high organic loading projected over the next five years even though 2014 was good and below the permit level. DEP plans to discuss this and will provide a letter to the Borough when they have reached a decision. Currently the Consent Order of 2013 states that the Borough must make a written request to DEP for any new connection to the system but DEP may or may not grant that request. DEP doesn't seem to care that the quality of the effluent is much better than the permit requires. Ms. Aukerman explained that DEP wants to see more effort put into locating the source of the high organic load. The only way to possibly locate the source would be to expand testing to five days because the problem doesn't happen on a consistent basis. She also explained that Millheim Borough is not the only system with this type of situation and some have been able to get DEP to rerate the plant but at this point DEP is not willing to do this for Millheim.

Lauralee Snyder entered the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Both Roy Rupert and Michele Aukerman explained that the plant functions fine and is putting out good effluent. Ms. Aukerman explained that DEP plans to review the information in one week and they will probably request a Corrective Action Plan because they want to know where the source of the problem is and how the Borough will reduce the problem. Mr. Ilgen asked if the Borough could give him an exemption from connecting to the sewer. After further discussion and upon recommendation of the Solicitor, the Secretary was instructed to send a letter to DEP requesting addition of two single family residences to the system and stating that if DEP doesn't respond within thirty (30) days of receipt of the certified letter Millheim Borough will assume the Borough has permission to connect the two properties. Mr. Rupert explained that five I&I problems were fixed last month. Jens Sontag and the president of the company in Germany that built the sewer plant will be in Millheim for a meeting in May to discuss the possible piping changes to improve the processing procedures. Mr. Rupert reported on the follow-up meeting required by DEP because of the last plant inspection. There is no permit required to install the new pump. DEP would like a letter explaining the intention of the proposed piping change in thirty (30) days. Ms. Aukerman explained that they would send the letter and if necessary submit a Permit Part 2 which requires plans/hydraulic changes with a sealed Engineers report. The approximate cost for Uni-Tec Engineering to do this would be \$5,900 and there would be a \$500 application fee to submit this to DEP. Ms. Aukerman thinks there could be a combination of problems and she wants to speak with Mr. Sontag about this. She will be drafting her letter to DEP.

Mayor Snyder requested approval for the Annual Millheim Sprint Triathlon to benefit the Pool. This event is planned for Saturday, June 27, 2015 and everything will be the same as last year. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve this event for June 27, 2015. Motion carried.

Mayor Snyder left the meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HARB:

The written report submitted by Mike Lesniak was reviewed with no questions.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

The written report submitted by Justin Kerstetter was reviewed with no questions.

The Secretary reported that the new truck should be here by the end of April.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

The written report submitted was reviewed. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve a public hearing on the Zoning Amendment request submitted by Tim Bowser as recommended by the Centre County Planning Office and the Millheim Borough Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Details for the public hearing and required posting of the property were discussed. The public hearing will be to decide if the 7.5 acre property on North Street should be rezoned from Agriculture to Central Business District. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and

seconded by Ed Bowman to hold the public hearing on the Zoning Amendment request on May 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Millheim Borough Council Room. Motion carried.

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The recommendation to form a committee to look into the downtown parking situation was discussed. Leslie Warriner and Ed Bowman volunteered to represent the Borough on this committee. The consensus of the group was that business owners, landlords and tenants in the downtown area should also be asked to serve on this committee. Ms. Warriner will set a meeting date.

OLD ACTION:

To date there is no further information on the STAG Grant.

President Ilgen reported that there will be items included in the newsletter on the Energy Independence Project and a display has been placed in the Millheim Post Office.

The Solicitor spoke with Mr. Wayne Engle about the Borough's concerns about an estimate to do the survey of the Sheep Hill property. Mr. Engle will talk to Nittany Engineering about this proposal.

The Secretary explained that the necessary information has been sent to PennDot for the proposed Agility Plan. The Secretary was instructed to contact Chris Maney in the Bellefonte PennDot office to see about a meeting to repair the curbing on West Main Street.

The revised Land Use agreement with the recommended changes requested by Brian Niewinski was reviewed. A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve the Land Use Agreement and to forward this Agreement to the Little League for their signatures. Motion carried.

The request received from Carolyn Steffen to install a convex mirror across from Plum Street was discussed. The Solicitor explained the information received from PennDot for this type of request. Council members voiced concerns about this being a distraction and the liability issues. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to have the Solicitor do a letter to Ms. Steffen explaining this is an individual request and Council feels she should apply directly to PennDot and she would be required to cover all costs involved. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to approve the date change for the May Fly Festival to May 29 and May 30, 2015. Motion carried.

The Secretary reported that during the spring roof inspection by Marcon Roofing, it was reported that the chimney is in very bad condition. President Ilgen will contact Ron Rishel for a price to repair and he will talk to Susan Haney.

NEW ACTION:

President Ilgen explained that the Tax Collector, Kathy Highbaugh, is requesting reimbursement for continuing education credits she is required to take. The original price of the classes has been reduced to \$10/continuing education credit but the cost of the Basic Ed Class hasn't yet been decided. The Solicitor wondered if Ms. Highbaugh is required to take the Basic Ed Class since she is already in office and Council wondered how often the continuing education credits were required. The consensus of the group was to do nothing on this request until there is more information available.

President Ilgen explained that in the past not all business owners have been contacted about downtown issues so he recommends that in the future a letter be sent from the Borough to all business owners explaining issues that involve the downtown businesses. The consensus of the group was that this was a good idea.

Ed Bowman reported that sidewalks on North Street are chipping like the ones on West Main Street from a lot of gravel laying on the walk and that Susan Haney's sidewalk is still chipping.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Leslie Warriner reported that the Downtown Beautification Committee will meet Monday and the Boy Scouts will help clean up the park.

A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve the March 10, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve the March budget report as presented. Motion carried.

The written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed. The Secretary reported that the Borough is no longer required to have the Highway Permit that was put in place for the water line replacement project.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried.



Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer