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SPECIAL MEETING

August 30, 2013

Immediately following an Executive Session to discuss matters of employment, President Alan Ilgen called a Special Meeting of the Millheim Borough Council to order at 9:12 a.m. to discuss the 2014 budget and any other items of business with the following persons in attendance: Ed Bowman, Kay Brown, Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Lauralee Snyder and Sharon Heckman

ABSENT: Leslie Warriner

OLD ACTION:

President Ilgen reported that Mr. Lowenstein is talking to a company, WHM Consulting that specializes in protecting and preserving water resources. He is seeking permission to subcontract with WHM Consulting for the timber sale project. Consensus of Council was to allow Mr. Lowenstein to subcontract with WHM Consulting as long as WHM Consulting is properly insured and Mr. Lowenstein remains responsible for this project.

The Fire Company request to close streets for an Octoberfest event was discussed. The Solicitor explained that the Borough needs a certificate of liability insurance listing the Millheim Borough as an additional insured. There were some complaints discussed from the Bike Fresh event. Council believes these complaints should be forwarded to PASA so they are aware for future events. Based on requested information being provided (i.e., additional insurance, Liquor Control permits, etc.) a motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Kay Brown to approve temporary closing of the following streets: Poplar Street from North Street to Maple Street; Second Street from North Street to Park Street; and Sugar Alley from Main Street to Poplar Street as requested by the Millheim Fire Company contingent on proper permitting through the Liquor Control Board for the Octoberfest event. This permission is being granted with the understanding that adjacent properties will not be adversely affected. Motion carried.

President Ilgen reported on the complaints from Mark Benfer and Ann Stapleton about a water problem at their property on West Main Street. According to the property owners, since PennDot repaved Rt. 45 the water flows down their driveway worse than it did before PennDot paved over a grass strip that extended from their property to the Long Lane. The suggestion was made to raise the curb across the driveway to redirect the water but the property owners don't want a curb across their driveway. Also in response to a question raised as to why they are billed 1-1/2 EDU's for sewer, the Secretary explained that they are currently billed at 1 EDU for the house and 1 EDU for her chiropractor practice on Penn Street as these are separate units. A copy of the EDU billing sheet used to determine rates was distributed to each council member.

NEW ACTION:

The Secretary explained that the purpose of the budget summary sheets distributed is to show the unusual one-time expenditures this year caused by the grant projects. Many of these over expended categories are a result of grant funding/expenditures crossing budget years causing a distorted annual view of revenue versus expenditures and shouldn't be considered in the 2014 budget process.

A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Kay Brown to approve payment of the 2013 budgeted donations to Centre Home Care, Home Nursing, the pool and the library. Motion carried.

The Secretary explained that because of the changes to the health care law due to take effect January 1, 2014, many insurance companies are offering existing plan holders to lock in their insurance rates now. Geisinger is offering Millheim Borough the opportunity to lock in rates for our existing health care plans at \$317.93/plan which is \$16.08 more/plan than our current rate of \$301.85/plan. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Kay Brown to lock in the insurance rates with Geisinger at \$317.93/plan. Motion carried.

It was properly moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer