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REGULAR MEETING

July 12, 2011

President Linn Auman called the regular meeting of the Millheim Borough Council to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Linn Auman, Kay Brown, Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Tom Strebel, Lauralee Snyder, Sharon Heckman, Mary Breon, Brian Niewinski Carl Rote, Todd Smith and Leslie Warriner.

Absent: John R. Miller, III and Glenn Ripka

Everyone present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CITIZENS INPUT:

President Auman opened the only bid received for the DCNR Playground/Ball Field Upgrade Project as follows:

Ameron Construction	Base Bid 1 - \$85,300
	Base Bid 2 - \$214,000
	Alternate Bid 1 - Add \$10,700
	Alternate Bid 2 - Add \$16,530 (includes \$3,500 West Penn Power Allowance)

This bid is significantly higher than anticipated. Todd Smith of the ELA Group explained that an analysis needs to be done to determine how to proceed. In response to a question raised by Leslie Warriner, Mr. Smith explained that there weren't a lot of unit prices requested. Some ideas were discussed that could possibly lower the bid price such as: not moving the press box/concession stand, possibility of volunteers constructing the dugouts, etc. The consensus was for Todd Smith and Linn Auman to meet with Steve Balkey of Ameron Construction to discuss these issues prior to awarding at the Special Council meeting on July 26, 2011. Brian Niewinski will see if any of the Little League parents can help with any of the work, such as moving the concession stand and build the dugouts.

DCNR is requiring that the Lease Agreement with the Little League must be terminated and a Memo of Understanding or similar agreement be drafted instead. The Solicitor prepared a Termination of Lease Agreement to be signed to keep the DCNR project moving forward and a different type of agreement can be prepared at a future date. A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Tom Strebel to accept and sign the Termination of Lease Agreement. Motion carried. Brian Niewinski explained that he has been appointed as the Millheim Representative to the Little League Board and he is authorized to sign the Termination of Lease Agreement for the Little League.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

A written report submitted by Glenn Ripka was reviewed. The Secretary reported that Mr. Ripka is unable to attend the meeting because of a doctor appointment. Mr. Ripka hasn't heard anything from Bellefonte Borough or Spring Township about joining the Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency.

HARB REPORT: None

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

The written report submitted by Roy Rupert was reviewed. The consensus was to look at budgeting for a flow meter at 2012 budget discussions.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

The written report submitted was discussed. The recommendation of the Planning Commission to Council was that a variance not be granted at this time, with further review from Solicitor on the State Borough Code issue. This item was tabled until the Solicitor is available to offer a legal opinion on this request.

OLD ACTION:

To date no further information has been received on the water line project.

The five items important to the Borough for discussion at the September Regional Planning Commission must be selected at the August Council meeting to be forwarded to Linda Marshall for distribution to the Regional Planning Commission members.

An Agreement regarding the sale of plots/Borough's responsibilities regarding Union Cemetery was tabled for Solicitor's action.

NEW ACTION:

As a result of the interviews conducted prior to the Council meeting tonight, the following motions were made:

1. A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to employ Marion (Mimi) Owen as a self-contracted employee to read water meters at minimum wage for approximately two and one/half days each month. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Tom Strebel to employ Beckie Lease as the part-time secretary-treasurer for approximately ten hours/week at \$9.00/hour with no benefits. Motion carried.

A Geothermal Heat Pump Maintenance Agreement proposal submitted by Enfinity, Inc. was discussed. Unanimous consensus of the group was that this type of Agreement isn't necessary at this time because the equipment has a warranty and the routine maintenance items could be handled by Borough employees.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to register Roy Rupert, Glenn Ripka, Lester Kerstetter, Jr. and Kent Yearick for a PennDot Mandated Flagger Training Course to be held at the Penns Valley EMS building in Spring Mills on August 18, 2011 at a cost of \$75/registration. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/MAYOR REPORTS:

Tom Strebel received a complaint about difficulty seeing the color of the traffic light when walking across the street at the intersection. The parking lot and cross walks need to be restriped this year. The Secretary was instructed to contact the same person that did this work in the past.

Kay Brown raised a concern about a transit in the concrete by the Post Office and Mr. Ripka will look into it.

The Secretary reported that PennDot fixed the traffic light so it now operates on demand on North and Penn Street.

A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to approve the June budget report as presented. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed. The Secretary explained that all vehicles owned by Penn Township now operate on diesel fuel so they have a gasoline tank with 100-150 gallon of gasoline that they would sell to the Borough. After some discussion, Council decided they appreciated the offer but weren't interested.

Mary Breon raised concerns about the maple tree on the Borough property being cut down. President Auman explained that the tree was old and no longer healthy. Ms. Breon also stated that a beautiful job has been done at Fountain Park but the outside of the Borough building has no curb appeal.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman

Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer