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REGULAR MEETING

July 9, 2013

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, Lauralee Snyder, Leslie Warriner, John R. Miller, III, Sharon Heckman, Glenn Ripka, Mike Lesniak, Casey Gunsallus, Roy Rupert, Michele Aukerman and Carl Rote.

ABSENT: Kay Brown

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Michele Aukerman presented and reviewed the Engineer's report on the Water Replacement Project.

- Final payment request #11 was approved by PennVest, completed and submitted on June 28. PennVest will reimburse the Borough \$43,303.27 but will hold the last 5% of the total job until they have all final internal PennVest sign-offs and formally close the project. It appears the current monthly payment to PennVest of \$1,103.87 will remain the same after final adjustment for the "final amortization" at closing.
- The grass replacement on West Main Street was done yesterday.
- The retaining wall at the Dana Boob property was discussed. D.C. Ventre doesn't believe this is their responsibility as Mr. Boob dug the line at the wall. The suggestion was made to withhold payment of the \$2,900 from Ventre until the retaining wall is repaired. The Secretary reported that Mr. Guss told her this would be a maintenance project under the 1-year warranty period for the project. Ms. Aukerman will discuss the retaining wall issue and the payment of the \$2,900 with D.C. Ventre.
- Leslie Warriner distributed a memo from Pat Wolfe regarding the "Inadequate return of property condition and a water leak". Ms. Wolfe is not happy with rocks in her yard and her driveway. Ms. Wolfe offered to buy stones from D.C. Ventre for her driveway but D.C. Ventre did her driveway at no cost. Ms. Wolfe stated that she has a problem with the water line in the basement and that she didn't have a problem until they started digging. Council instructed Casey Gunsallus to follow up on this concern about a possible water leak. Mr. Rupert will call Ms. Warriner or Ms. Wolfe tomorrow to let them know if there is a leak.

The DEP Consent Order and Agreement for the Sewer Plant was discussed. Pat Ward of Uni-Tec spoke with DEP and because of vacations the deadline isn't as soon as expected. The Solicitor has reviewed the information to put together a response to DEP and hopes to have that for the August meeting. Roy Rupert reported that he is getting some I&I now but the plant is doing okay. Michelle Aukerman of Uni-Tec explained that they assisted Mr. Rupert in evaluating a possible change in the phosphate material used at the water plant for corrosion. This would require a permit amendment.

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

A written report submitted by Mike Lesniak was reviewed. The chronic parking problem on Poplar Street has been resolved.

HARB REPORT: None

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

Casey Gunsallus reviewed his written report with Council. He reported that 160 meters have been installed. Posters will be put in doors to reach residents he isn't able to contact by phone.

The condition around the parking lot/playground area at the Borough Building was discussed. The weeds must be cut and sprayed. The wall ledge inside the fence has high weeds. Ms. Warriner suggested as a fall project that the retaining wall needs glued so it won't move. A telephone quote was received after last month's meeting from Dave Fetterolf to blend the dirt pile to existing grade so it could be seeded and then easily mowed by the Borough employees at a cost not to exceed \$2,500 with most of this cost for topsoil. A Borough resident is interested in taking this excess fill to level a portion of his property. This arrangement would be between the contractor and the resident. The consensus of Council was that this project needs done and several dead trees need removed. When this work is done the drainage problem needs corrected with Borough employees doing that work. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to accept the telephone quote from Dave Fetterolf at a not to exceed cost of \$2,500. Motion carried.

To date, Mr. Gunsallus hasn't gotten an estimate to repair the welder.

The need for an air compressor was discussed. The Secretary was instructed to look at CoStars for an air compressor. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve the purchase of the Dewalt air compressor from Millheim Small Engine Shop or from CoStars for \$350 or less. Motion carried.

President Ilgen reminded Mr. Gunsallus to make sure someone knows when he is taking a vacation day. In case of an emergency someone needs to know how to reach him.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: None

OLD ACTION:

The Secretary reported that a letter invoicing St. John's United Church of Christ on North Street has been prepared for the water/sewer connections the Borough Council had done. This payment is due by July 23, 2013 or a lien will be filed against the property. The Penns Valley Code Enforcement Officer should also send a letter notifying the owners of the property regarding any violations that exist because of changes in use to this property. The Solicitor explained that any non-conforming use was lost when new people moved in.

The Secretary reported that painting the new parking stalls has been completed at a cost of \$1,090. There have been some complaints about the size of the stalls but they have been done to code.

President Ilgen reported that he will get everyone a copy of the contract information Mr. Lowenstein will be sending. Nothing will be done until next year because all the property owners don't want anything done in the fall because of hunting season.

No new information was available regarding the STAG Grant.

The Solicitor reported that he received a signed copy of the License Agreement for Klunk/McGee after the sale of the Shaffer property was completed. A lien has been filed against the Stroup property because of a pending Sheriff Sale and the Sale against the Cindy Brown property has been continued to September 12, 2013.

NEW ACTION:

The Secretary reported that a new Certificate of Deposit has been established at Mifflinburg Bank for the second round of 2012 Act 13 Marcellus Shale funds received in the amount of \$954.97.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve the minutes from the June 11, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A written report submitted was reviewed. The Secretary reported that a Non-Sufficient Fund check was returned for Amy Schleiden's water/sewer payment. She also reminded Council that the office will be closed on August 1 & 2, 2013 for her attendance at the Borough's Association Trustee meeting in Bedford Springs, PA.

The Secretary was instructed to see if paving projects can be added to the CCMPO list.

A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer