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**SPECIAL MEETING
June 29, 2012**

President Alan Ilgen called an Executive Session to discuss matters of employment at 8:00 a.m. The Executive Session ended at 8:17 a.m. at which time President Ilgen called a special meeting of the Millheim Borough Council to order with the following persons in attendance: Ed Bowman, Kay Brown, Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Leslie Warriner, Sharon Heckman and Glenn Ripka.

Absent: Lauralee Snyder and John R. Miller, III

The Borough entering into an Agility Plan with PennDot was discussed. The purpose of doing this would be to formulate a work plan to get the storm drains repaired on Rt. 45 before PennDot paves in September 2012. PennDot has agreed that a work plan could be prepared so PennDot would provide the man power to repair the brickwork that supports the storm grates and Millheim Borough would provide the bricks and mortar and Borough employees would remove snow from the sidewalks over PennDot bridges in town. The exact details of this plan still have to be agreed to but the first part of this process is to adopt a Resolution authorizing an agility plan. This plan would be in effect for five years with the ability to renew. Glenn Ripka will contact Wade Renninger to see if arrangements can be made for a Rockview work crew to assist with cleaning the accumulation of dirt and debris from the storm drains. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to adopt a resolution and authorize the Council President to sign an Agility Plan with PennDot. Motion carried.

President Ilgen reported on the situation with additional costs incurred because the owner of the property at 108 East Main Street, Mr. Owens, requested a four-inch fire suppression service line instead of the 3/4-inch service line specified in the water line replacement project. The contractor put in the four-inch valve and tee for this property and after this work was completed the property owner changed his mind and no longer wants the four-inch line. The consensus of Council was for the Secretary to send Mr. Owens an email to clarify his questions but the \$1,759 bill incurred for work already done at his request is due by July 17, 2012.

A verbal request has been made by Lori Moncreif for a Make-A-Wish Benefit event for Carly Shoemaker. Mrs. Moncreif requested that Second Street be closed from the old ball field to Park Street. The plan is to use the Fire Company grandstand for announcements and then the bands would begin at the Millheim Hotel at 4:00 p.m. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Kay Brown to conditionally approve this request to close a portion of Second Street and to approve Fire Police for traffic control pending receipt of a formal written request from Mrs. Moncreif. Motion carried.

OLD ACTION:

President Ilgen raised concerns about a lack of coordination for the ball field project. He explained that Linn Auman has volunteered to survey or set points for the project but Leslie Warriner agreed that Todd Smith included this work as part of the project so the responsibility is John Claar's. President Ilgen will try to set up a meeting for Sunday afternoon with Brian Niewinski and John Claar to make sure everything is being coordinated. He will also request a construction schedule from John Claar. During this project, volunteers must carefully document their hours and if they are doing work as a volunteer that is the same type of work they do professionally their hourly rate must be submitted on company letterhead so DCNR reimbursement will be approved at the end of this project. The consensus of the group was that, based on the issues with DCNR on reimbursement for the playground project, it would be better for John Claar to survey/set points or for him to hire a sub do this work rather than use a volunteer.

President Ilgen reported that he, Roy Rupert, Lauralee Snyder, Mr. Lowenstein the forester, a representative from DEP and Linn Auman will be walking the water company land on Saturday, June 30, 2012. This is being done because Mr. Rupert received an email from DEP that explained that if this land were owned by someone other than the Borough DEP would not allow this timbering project to be done because they are concerned about damage being done to a pristine watershed.

Leslie Warriner requested permission to get a quote and to use money from the Downtown Beautification Fund to have Amish builders build a PVC or wooden structure around the pump at Fountain Park. The possibility of installing frost free hydrants on Main

Street to water flowers was discussed. The Secretary explained that in the past this type of non-metered spigots were removed because they leaked or were misused and it was very difficult to control the unaccounted for water that is required to be reported in the annual report to DEP. President Ilgen suggested investigating and identifying businesses that have outside faucets and asking if they would be willing to donate water for the flowers.

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 a.m. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman

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