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**REGULAR MEETING
May 10, 2016**

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: Patty Beckenbaugh, Ed Bowman, Alan Ilgen, David Sprowls, Leslie Warriner, Lauralee Snyder, John R. Miller, III, Sharon Heckman, Roy Rupert, Michele Aukerman, Rick Henry, and Tim Bowser.

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Rick Henry of the Penns Valley Conservation Association explained he had been speaking with Ed Bowman and Leslie Warriner about a possible project on the Sheep Hill property as this has nice potential for an urban trail with a walking path. The PVCA would like to sponsor, see funding on the Borough's behalf and administer the project that could start at the swimming pool and go to Penn Street where it could cross Elk Creek. He is looking for a general go ahead. Since this is unverified property they would get the property surveyed. The Solicitor explained that when we requested a proposal to have this land surveyed the engineering firm never responded with costs. He asked Mr. Henry who would do the survey but Mr. Henry wasn't sure but said he would try to get assessment funding to determine the property ownership. There would be limited liability for the Borough as this would be a "walk at your own risk" project. Mr. Sprowls explained that some of this would be on private property and the owners might not be interested. Ms. Beckenbaugh ask who would maintain this. Mr. Henry explained that students in a study group could help or the PVCA could be interested. He also explained this would be a two-year project until on the ground. The Secretary asked who would provide the matching funds. Mr. Henry explained the PVCA could ask the Borough for some support. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to allow the PVCA to proceed with preliminary work on an Elk Creek River Walk. Motion carried.

Michele Aukerman reviewed her written report with Council. She explained that there would be significant costs to change the piping to before the screen. Mr. Rupert explained that you can't control the plant if the testing is before the fine screen. He stated that Centre Hall Borough and Gregg Township take samples after. Ms. Aukerman explained that it makes a difference in sizing the aerator and Mr. Sontag needs to run the numbers. Mr. Rupert is changing the sample process to get good data and she will work with Mr. Sontag to determine the organic capacity of the plant with new aeration. She explained that rough construction costs for an equalization tank would be \$1.6 to \$1.7 million. This would include blowers, accessory equipment, automated control and a concrete foundation. President Ilgen instructed Mr. Rupert to talk to Ann Hughes of DEP about what is going on. Mr. Bowser asked if a phased approach to correct the problem is used what is DEP's response to new connections. Ms. Aukerman explained that as soon as the organic work is done the CAP goes away.

The Proposed Ordinance #258 regarding Grease and Oil Interceptors was discussed. President Ilgen explained that Barry Kuppel questioned why he would need an oil interceptor because his drains aren't connected to the sewer. Mr. Rupert explained that no one is allowed to have dry wells. Mr. Sprowls explained it should have an interceptor either way. The consensus was that Mr. Kuppel needs to do something about his floor drains. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the proposed Ordinance #258 as presented. Motion carried.

The Elk Creek Planning Module submitted by Hill Engineering was not accepted by DEP. All the issues have been addressed and the documents are here regarding signatures and a new resolution is required for resubmission. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to rescind Resolution 2016-2. Motion carried. A motion was then made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to approve Resolution 2016-3.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HARB:

The written report submitted by Mike Lesniak was reviewed.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

Mr. Rupert reported that a small 3-1/2" touchscreen for set point controls is needed at the Water Plant in case the plant shuts down because the computer has a glitch. He could acknowledge an alarm and move on otherwise he would need to be at the

plant. Mr. Rupert explained that if the computer is working it is fine but if the computer is down he can't acknowledge alarms. The consensus was to wait until next month and Mr. Rupert is to raise the question about the location and if there would be deterioration depending on the placement. Mr. Rupert explained that if a new computer can be purchased quickly there isn't a problem and Nick Platt can take control of the system.

Mr. Rupert reported that Mr. Platt can't make sewer process controls so a Remote Access VPN would allow him to log in remotely. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve the purchase of VPN and installation by Nittany Controls for \$1,585 and purchase of a Digital Gateway and Digital Extension Cable for \$314 from the Sewer Repair Maintenance Supply Other line item in the sewer budget. Motion carried.

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

OLD ACTION:

President Ilgen reported on the telephone conference about the STAG Grant. According to Mr. Fogg and Mr. Suto, the Borough will not be permitted to demolish the old chlorine building and build a new screen building as part of this grant. The project must be completed by July 2017. HAMA will get estimates to put in their portion of the line and they know they have the same deadline. The consensus of Council was to send a letter to US Representative Glenn Thompson and the Centre County Commissioners explaining that Millheim Borough doesn't have \$40,000 to put into a project from which there will be no benefit and to request a response before the June meeting.

The Energy Independence Project was discussed. There is nothing further to report at this time.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Patty Beckenbaugh to approve the Source Water Management Report as revised. Motion carried.

Ms. Beckenbaugh found a person that may want to purchase the town clock. He would try to wench the clock down rather than using a crane to take it out through the steeple. To sell the clock will require sealed bids. Mr. Gyekis should be put into the loop.

Placement of the Book Bench was discussed. A concrete pad would need to be put in place for the bench to sit on. Suggestions of placement were the Borough Building playground and adjacent to Elk Creek on Mensch Street near the bridge. First choice was adjacent to Elk Creek with the second choice being the playground at the Borough building. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to recommend placing the bench along Elk Creek if it doesn't interfere with snow removal. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to submit the County Aid Application to request reimbursement of \$16,720 for work completed at the traffic signal. Motion carried.

President Ilgen reported on the Fire Tax meeting with Haines and Penn Townships. All the representatives agreed the municipalities control payment of the Fire Tax and approve by Resolution. The proposed agreement was discussed with concerns about the Fire Company representative having a vote to approve expenditures since they are the ones making the request. Concerns were also raised about making annual meetings a requirement since Millheim Fire Company can't control the other Fire Companies. The Solicitor commented about what happens when the Committee representatives go to the governing bodies? Is this final agreement also unanimous? He suggested combining paragraph 3 and 4 so the municipality votes must be unanimous. A suggestion was raised that language be added to paragraph 2 stating the representative from the Fire Company can't be an elected official from any of the municipalities. The suggestion was made to change paragraph 8 to state that the Committee recommends that one annual meeting be held between the other Fire Companies. Paragraph 6 was put in for municipal budget purposes. President Ilgen will contact Mr. Shafer about the Borough's concerns. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve Resolution 2016-4 authorizing the expenditure of \$29,974.25 from funds collected by the Borough from the Fire Tax for the years 2012 through and including 2015 to the Millheim Fire Company No. 1 contingent on receipt of paid invoice. Motion carried.

President Iigen and Ed Bowman met with landowners and the timber representative about the road issues. The forester explained that Kuhns would give money to repair the road but it wasn't what the landowners wanted. Some things that need to be determined:

- Where pictures taken before the project began?
- What are the requirements of the agreements signed by the landowners?
- Where is the performance bond or certified check for \$10,000?

All work is to be completed by July 30, 2016.

NEW ACTION:

For Liquid Fuel purposes a resolution must be adopted when the name of a Liquid Fuel Street is changed. A motion was made to adopt Resolution 2016-5 changing the name of Park Street to Church Street. Motion carried.

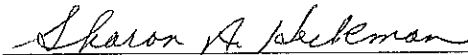
COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to approve the April 12, 2016 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to approve the April 2016 financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

The Secretary's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 p.m. Motion carried.



Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer