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**SPECIAL MEETING
October 12, 2012**

President Alan Ilgen called the special meeting of the Millheim Borough Council to order at 8:19 a.m. with the following persons in attendance: Ed Bowman, Kay Brown, Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Leslie Warriner, Sharon Heckman, Glenn Ripka, Casey Gunsallus, and Roy Rupert.

President Ilgen reported on an email from Todd Smith explaining that the infield mix for the ball field can be purchased from a supplier out of Slippery Rock. The Borough would need 22 ton @ \$56/ton for a total of \$1,232. The Secretary then reported that she spoke with John Claar and he is willing to donate the infield mix that is needed at \$22/ton picked up.

Lauralee Snyder entered the meeting at 8:21 a.m.

The request tabled at the regular meeting on October 9, 2012, from Beth and Buddy Cowher to put vinyl siding on the top of the Millheim Hotel was discussed. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve the HARB recommendation to allow Mr. and Mrs. Cowher to put vinyl siding above the balcony of the Millheim Hotel only because it is above the second story and not easily visible; with the understanding that the brackets/panels and wood trim along the roof line and windows will be kept in tact. This decision was made because there is no accurate historical record to use as a guideline. Motion carried.

Glenn Ripka discussed with Council his decision to retire in February 2013. He explained that replacing him with a person working part-time for Code Enforcement would result in a large saving. Mr. Ripka explained that he would be willing to work with Becky Lease and Ray Hankinson on building permits because one person can't do the office work and the inspections. He also explained that the Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency is meeting on October 23, 2012 to discuss the 2013 budget and Millheim should send a representative because Marlene Corl is unable to attend this meeting.

President Ilgen reported that Carl Rote talked to Mike Carper about the right-of-way for the proposed timbering of the Water Company land and he would be willing to work with Millheim Borough but no one from Council has contacted him. Mr. Ripka explained that the Borough should require a Bond from the logger at \$6,000/mile for dirt roads. President Ilgen will talk to Mr. Lowenstein and he will contact all the property owners on the list.

The Secretary explained that currently there are approximately 17 reservations for the Clearfield/Centre County Borough's Association dinner/meeting.

Leslie Warriner reported on the Downtown Beautification meeting that was held. The Committee would like to minimize the annual flowers and plant shrub roses along the sides of the grass strip where the Christmas tree is placed. Ms. Warriner has donations coming in and if Mifflinburg Bank makes a donation this year, she would like to have it put into the Downtown Beautification fund. She would also like the Borough employees to jack up the gazebo and use some of the stockpiled concrete blocks for stabilization and have them build two steps. President Ilgen will contact Bob Fox about the Scouts helping with projects. Casey Gunsallus explained that he would like to trim the trees in the parking lot behind Fountain Park because they are hanging down and scraping cars. Ms. Warriner explained that all the daffodil bulbs were dug up and the committee plans to put some back in at Fountain Park, plant some at the Borough building, donate some to St. John's Lutheran Church and would like to sell the rest. The Secretary will check with the Solicitor about selling the daffodil bulbs. The Russian Sage is getting taken out and will be planted in the garden at the Beckenbaugh property for the winter. The consensus of Council was that there needs to be some clarification about the Downtown Beautification Committee. It was unanimously decided that the Committee is responsible for Fountain Park, the Parking Lot Trees, the bushes between the John Myers' property and Fountain Park, the hanging baskets and the Christmas wreaths. President Ilgen explained that the Borough employees just trim the trees and mow at Fountain Park. The consensus of the group was that Council would prepare a budget for Fountain Park and the details of planting, etc. at the park would be left to the Beautification Committee.

The Fire Tax was discussed. President Ilgen explained that the Fire Company does have a five-year plan. The consensus of the group was to pass an ordinance to change the Fire Tax to a General Fund Tax for 2013.

Council set the following three alley's as priorities for paving: State Street beside the Millheim Hotel from Rt. 45 around the Hotel to Rt. 445; Race Alley from Penn Street around beside the Schafft property to Rt. 45; and Walter Street to Rt. 45. The Secretary will have PennDot estimate the costs for the application to be submitted as a Centre County Liquid Fuel project.

Council discussed using the one mill tax of \$13,902 for equipment. Mr. Gunsallus will provide a list of items necessary for a replacement truck. He wasn't able to get prices for a trailer. The Secretary is to contact Stockers, McIntyres, Bradco and Blaise Alexander for truck prices.

The water fund budget was discussed. Roy Rupert explained that the cost he received from Roberts Filters is \$7,500. He must get a flow meter which costs approximately \$2,000. He also needs one Keystone Valve now and one for a backup and to do ¼ of the filter bed. These items would cost \$8,833. He would also like consideration for a new computer for both the water and sewer plants at approximately \$1,000. The water meters are currently 17 years old and perhaps they can be purchased with money from the certificates of deposit in the water account. If 80 meters were replaced each year it would take approximately four years to replace all of them. This would cost approximately \$8,000 for 80 meters. The fire hydrants that are in good condition will be rebuilt and the others will be recycled for scrap. There is a possibility that two requests for new water/sewer hook ups could be received in 2013 – one in Claren Court and the other for the church on North Street that was recently sold. The secretary will check with PA Rural Water about electronically sending water/sewer bills.

The next Council meeting will be the Budget Meeting on October 22, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

At 10:50 a.m., President Ilgen ended the budget meeting and called an Executive Session to discuss matters of employment.

Sharon A. Heckman

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