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SPECIAL MEETING  
 October 17, 2016

President Alan Ilgen called the special budget meeting of the Millheim Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Patty Beckenbaugh, Ed Bowman, Alan Ilgen, David Sprowls, Lauralee Snyder, Leslie Warriner and Sharon Heckman.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT:** None

**OLD ACTION:**

The downtown parking situation was discussed. In all three options discussed in various meetings the removal of nine parking spaces is a constant. A suggestion was made to close three alleys using some type of temporary curb to gain additional parking spaces. This could be determined as part of the engineering study. A motion was made by David Sprowls and seconded by Ed Bowman to eliminate the nine spaces required by PennDot as follows and to notify residents that this will become effective the week of November 7, 2016:

7 spaces between Plum and State Streets on the south side of Rt. 45 because the road width is too narrow to accommodate parking.

1 space in front of the First National Bank on the south side of Rt. 45 because of the turning radius at the traffic signal.

1 space in front of the Elk Creek Café on the north side of Rt. 45 because of the turning radius at the traffic signal.

Motion carried.

**NEW ACTION:**

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve the quote received from Ronald Rishel in the amount of \$975 to replace the garage door at the borough garage. Motion carried.

The Secretary reported that a request has been received from Joe Shuey for permission to archery hunt on the Borough Water land. Consensus of Council is that they don't give permission to hunt on water land.

A motion was mad by David Sprowls and seconded by Ed Bowman to adopt Resolution 2016-7 to apply for a PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant of \$194,225 to be used for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Membrane Replacement Project and to authorize J. Alan Ilgen, Council President and Sharon Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer to sign necessary documents. Motion carried.

The proposed Sewer Budget was reviewed. The Secretary explained that in an attempt to keep the sewer EDU rate increase lower the sewer portion of Justin Kerstetter's salary was included in the water budget. After discussion Council decided that the sewer rates should cover the true cost of sewer operations so Mr. Kerstetter's salary was divided 1/3 general, 1/3 sewer and 1/3 water funds. Council also decided to cut the following line items for a total deduction of \$5,500:

Sludge hauling – deduct \$3,000

Maintenance Supplies – deduct \$500


Electricity – deduct \$1,000

Chemicals – deduct \$1,000

While discussing the sewer budget Council members had several questions about the membranes and sludge removal. It was decided that Justin Kerstetter and Roy Rupert are to come to the Budget meeting on October 24, 2016 for a discussion on these issues.

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to DEP requesting one EDU for a property at Claren Court.

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Motion carried.

  
 Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer