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SPECIAL MEETING
October 24, 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, Leslie Warriner, Sharon Heckman, Justin Kerstetter and Roy Rupert.

SEWER FUND BUDGET DISCUSSION:

President Ilgen explained to Mr. Kerstetter and Mr. Rupert that Council has to raise the EDU rate for the sewer budget. Discussion followed on possible ways to reduce costs. Since the largest expense is sludge removal, questions were raised about why the amounts were so much lower in August. Mr. Kerstetter explained that, while Mr. Rupert was out because of his bicycle accident, he wasted sludge 20 minutes each day. He explained that he paid attention and kept the mixed liquor at 8,000. Council wants sludge wasted for at least 30 minutes every day in November to see if this makes a difference. Mr. Rupert explained that to haul sludge to UAJA in State College the Borough would need to do metal tests on the sludge and he will look into the requirements.

Mayor Snyder entered the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

The possibility of putting a used membrane in the digester and then retreating the sludge was discussed as a possible way to lower sludge hauling costs. The proposed membrane replacement grant was discussed. Mr. Rupert explained that Mr. Sonntag would like to see how long the existing membranes would last but the Borough would then have to pay the installation costs each time a membrane needed replaced. Mr. Rupert explained that an additional \$2,500 needs to be included in the proposed grant for new diffusers which will be needed when the new membranes are installed. After further discussion, the consensus was to request the total grant amount as decided at the October 17, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Rupert was asked if an automatic sampler is being used at the sewer plant. He explained that the process didn't work at night when the flow in the pipe was low because it pulled foam.

WATER FUND BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Recommendations from the Energy Analysis of the water plant were discussed. Mr. Rupert has requested an estimate from 10K Electric to replace the Dusk to Dawn light with an LED Dusk to Dawn light. He explained that the computer is connected to a battery backup so power strips recommended can't be used. Mr. Rupert and Mr. Kerstetter explained that the existing garage door at the water plant is an insulated door.

President Ilgen explained to Mr. Rupert that based on the job test regulations he is considered a professional employee and based on his salary he is not eligible for comp time or overtime.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET DISCUSSION:

The Secretary explained that Jesse Styers is not interested in continuing the mowing/snow removal agreement for Union Cemetery. An estimate to continue this agreement at a lump sum fee of \$2,100 has been received from Bob Styers or if Council is interested he would do the work for \$100/mowing and \$25/cleaning the snow from the side walk. A motion was made by David Sprowls and seconded by Leslie Warriner to accept the estimate from Bob's Lawn Care for a lump sum fee of \$2,100 to mow and trim Union Cemetery and remove snow from the sidewalk from November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017. Motion carried.

Mr. Sprowls reported that the bridge over the Race behind Good Scents Candle Shop needs repaired on the south east corner.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by David Sprowls to renew a three-year lease agreement with Omar King for rent of four acres at the sewer plant at the current rate of \$65/acre or a total annual rent of \$260. Motion carried.

The following quotes were received to repair damage to the Smithtown Gap Road caused by the timbering:

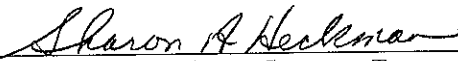
Chris Layman	\$1,500 to fix the road and to dig a ditch with no culvert pipe.
	\$1,750 to fix the road and to replace a culvert pipe.
Dave Fetterolf	\$1,736.04 to fix the road with or without replacement of the culvert pipe.
Merrill Korman	\$1,705 to fix the road and to dig a ditch with no culvert pipe.
	\$1,905 to fix the road and to replace a culvert pipe.

After discussion, the consensus of Council was to contact the three contractors to determine how it will be compacted and the length of time to complete the work. Council will act on this at the November 8, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Sprowls reported that Mr. Gyekis plans to put a new roof on the old church building. At that time, the condition of the clock tower will be investigated.

Council approved all the budgets for adoption at the November 8, 2016 meeting.

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried.



Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer