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**SPECIAL MEETING
September 27, 2013**

The regular monthly Council meeting scheduled for September 10, 2013 was cancelled due to a lack of quorum of Council members.

President Alan Ilgen called a Special Meeting of the Millheim Borough Council to order at 8:38 a.m. to discuss the 2014 General Fund budget and other items of business with the following persons in attendance: Ed Bowman, Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Lauralee Snyder, Leslie Warriner, Sharon Heckman, Mike Lesniak and Glenn Ripka.

ABSENT: Kay Brown

OLD ACTION:

Mike Lesniak and Glenn Ripka were present to discuss their written response, distributed to Council, to the letter received from Maria Shroyer. Mr. Lesniak explained that prior to writing the certified letter concerning the Shoyer's business at 112 East Main Street he did an investigation. He also explained that after Mr. Shroyer received this letter he had a personal conversation with Mr. Shroyer and he thought the issue was resolved because Mr. Hankinson was going to do some inspections, etc. Mr. Lesniak provided documentation that indicates the Shroyer's are not compliant with the original intent for the property. Discussion followed on types of signs, fire code inspections, and display vs. advertisement. After much discussion, President Ilgen explained that common sense needs to apply and if there is a sign advertising a business a permit is needed and they need to go through proper channels and follow the rules. He then instructed Mr. Lesniak to speak with Mr. Shroyer and explain about the signs that need permitted and inspections that need done. President Ilgen then instructed the Planning Commission to review the sign ordinance.

The HARB position filled by Mr. Shroyer was then discussed. Per the Ordinance, since Mr. Shroyer no longer lives in Millheim Borough he is unable to continue to serve on the HARB Board.

The request for a variance to put an on-lot septic system on his High Street property received from Marty Ilgen was discussed. President Ilgen abstained from discussion because of a conflict of interest since they are brothers. A written opinion received from the Solicitor and a list of previous variance request actions was reviewed. After discussion, a motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to deny the request for a variance. Result of vote - 3 votes yes, 1 member absent, 1 member abstained. Motion carried.

NEW ACTION:

A request received from the Howard Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 for Millheim Borough Fire Police assistance with traffic control for the Punkin Chunkin event to be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. was discussed. It was also discussed that many of the requests for Fire Police assistance are for annual events. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve, from this date forward, all previously approved requests for Fire Police. Motion carried.

President Ilgen explained that the article in the Centre Daily Times today stating that Millheim Borough cancelled a meeting with the Centre County Library was incorrect because the Centre County Library people cancelled that meeting via email.

The General Fund Budget for 2014 was then discussed by line item. The Secretary explained that the Borough's Assessed Value is less this year so a mill is approximately \$89 less than in 2013. This is a result of taxable property being demolished and removed from the tax roles. The Secretary was instructed to look into speed cameras as a way to increase revenue and slow traffic speed.

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to revoke a motion made at the Special Meeting held August 30, 2013 approving payment of the 2013 budgeted donation to the Centre County Library. Motion carried.

President Ilgen will follow-up about the Fire Tax Committee meeting.

Some personnel issues were discussed.

Leslie Warriner suggested that we could possibly get better service for computers if all DSL service to the Borough building were combined.

At the October 14 Budget Meeting the General Fund Budget discussion will be completed and salaries/benefits will be discussed.

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer