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REGULAR MEETING
March 10, 2015

President Alan Ilgen called the regular meeting of the Millheim Borough Council to order at 7:07 p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Ed Bowman, Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Lauralee Snyder, Leslie Warriner, Sharon Heckman, John R. Miller, III, Roy Rupert, Michele Aukerman, Susan Haney, Andrea and Mark Stroup, Tyler Ilgen, Matthew Hosterman and Colton Treaster.

ABSENT: Kay Brown

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Susan Haney raised concerns about the gravel in the Borough alleys. She would like the Borough to look into other street sweeping equipment.

Andrea and Mark Stroup were present to discuss the ATV Ordinance. The following discussion took place:

- Mrs. Stroup stated she read the minutes and everyone shot down Leslie's work.
- Mrs. Stroup stated we need to try to work on some compromise. This needs addressed until a resolution is reached for both sides.
- President Ilgen explained that the Planning Commission recommended the Borough keep the Ordinance in place and the Council voted to keep the Ordinance as it is.
- Mrs. Stroup stated that this is not a give and take thing that works for both parties involved. There must be a happy medium. It is not fair for one side to get it all.
- Mrs. Stroup said she is not going away. The Borough hasn't compromised.
- President Ilgen stated that he respects Mrs. Stroup's opinion and point of view but the members of Council that voted no, think it is the right decision.
- Mrs. Stroup told President Ilgen that there is no compromise and Council is not looking out for everyone in the Borough. She stated that she will move up the government way because the Borough must negotiate an outcome. She will move up to the County Commissioner. Mrs. Stroup stated she "thinks you should be ashamed for not looking at both sides."
- Mr. Stroup stated that this is personal and you have an opinion and you should consider other opinions. He will go the legal route.
- President Ilgen explained that Mr. Stroup is welcome to run for Council.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HARB:

The written report submitted by Mike Lesniak was reviewed with no questions.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

Michele Aukerman of Uni-Tec discussed with Council the 2014 Chapter 94 Report for the sewer plant. She explained that 2014 looked fairly decent except for the rain event in May. She explained that the Hydraulic and Organic Loading are both below the permitted amounts. It looks like things are under control and the Borough can move forward with the plant as is. Mayor Snyder asked if it is normal for the organic graph to go up and down and what causes it. Ms. Aukerman explained that if you have a lot of rain water the BOD level is higher but Mr. Rupert must keep to his testing schedule. The possibility of rerating the plant was discussed. While the consensus was to formally request DEP to rerate the plant the decision was made to wait until the Consent Order is over. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve the 2014 Chapter 94 Report and for Ms. Aukerman to submit the report to DEP. Motion carried.

Mr. Rupert explained that there is a new DEP inspector for the sewer plant. The new inspector believes the Borough owes a fine because of the rain event in May but Mr. Rupert explained he talked to a supervisor and the Borough did what was necessary. Mr. Rupert believed at the time that it wasn't a problem because everyone had problems because of the significant amount of rain. The new inspector also thinks the Borough needs a permit for some of the work that has been done at the sewer plant but a permit has never been required for maintenance work. A meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2015 and Ms. Aukerman will attend this meeting with Mr. Rupert. Ms. Aukerman will look into an air relief valve for vacuum systems.

Rick Bair entered the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: None

OLD ACTION:

Robert Jacobs of Centre County Planning is working through the STAG Grant application process.

President Ilgen reported on his meeting with Stacy Richards. He explained that the Advisory Committee for the Energy Project will meet again. Things will start to happen again once the weather is better and an article will be in the newsletter.

Rick Bair presented the 2015 Audit. Mr. Bair explained that the first three pages of the Audit expresses an unqualified or clean opinion and this is the highest assurance he can give. He explained that there was a \$100,000 increase to the fund balance so this is a positive note for the Borough. Mr. Bair discussed page 21 that deals with long term bonds. He explained that as part of the audit he looked at internal controls and found no instances that need to be reported so this is a clean report. A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve the 2015 financial audit as presented. Motion carried.

To date there has been no further information on the Sheep Hill property. The Solicitor will speak with Mr. Wayne Engle of Nittany Engineering about this.

The Secretary explained that she has information to provide to PennDot about the proposed Agility Plan.

The estimate received from Ron Rishel to remove the chimney at the Borough building in the amount of \$1,485 was discussed. Susan Haney wondered if the chimney needs to be removed because the chimney swifts have very few chimneys to use during their migration and nesting. President Ilgen explained that the chimney is in bad shape and we don't want any damage to the roof. Ms. Haney said that there are 12-foot towers that could be built for the chimney swifts. President Ilgen explained that if she is looking to build a tower she would need to have private funds. He will check with Mr. Rishel about a cost to repair the chimney.

The Solicitor was asked to revise the Little League agreement to have the Borough mow. The Secretary will contact Brian Niewinski to determine who should review the "Draft" Agreement for the Little League.

Mayor Snyder was just given the Source Water document for review.

Topics for the newsletter were discussed. An update on the energy project will be included and Leslie Warriner will write an article on underground oil tanks. Dates for the spring brush and leaf pickups will also be included. Ed Bowman suggested including a reminder not to park in front of fire hydrants. President Ilgen would like to mail the newsletter the beginning of April.

The Solicitor explained that the Joint Municipal Agreement has been approved by Haines Township. He will write a letter to the Gregg Township Solicitor because the billing wasn't done properly according to the agreement.

NEW ACTION:

A zoning amendment request was received from Tim Bowser of the Elk Creek Café. Craig and Mary Ellen Storm, the property owners have given Mr. Bowser the authority to act on their behalf in this matter. The Solicitor explained that since this is the first request we've had both the Borough and the Centre County Planning Commission should review and comment on the request. He explained the Public Hearing can be incorporated into a regular meeting or it could be done on a separate date. The Solicitor will make arrangements for a court reporter. The request must be forwarded to the Planning Commissions tomorrow so they have 30 days to review the information. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to refer the zoning amendment request to the Centre County Planning Commission and the Millheim Borough Planning Commission for review and comment. Motion carried.

A request received from Carolyn Steffen to install a convex mirror across from Plum Street was discussed. There are currently no poles in place to install a mirror. The Solicitor explained that since this is in PennDot right-of-way this mirror would need to be approved by PennDot.

The Secretary reported that an email was received from Dave Mader of PennDot explaining that the survey of Penn Street for the drainage issue has been completed but they haven't started any design work as part of a future project.

President Ilgen explained that there have been complaints about the parking in town. Mr. Lesniak wrote nine tickets on a Saturday. Many of these tickets were for parking in front of fire hydrants. There have also been complaints about speeding through town. The Solicitor explained that Council can amend the ordinance about parking times and can restrict parking in certain areas. He explained that Centre Hall has designated areas. Mr. Lesniak will try to do more Friday and Saturday patrolling for parking violations. Ms. Warriner raised concerns that the parking lot behind Fountain Park has no time restrictions. It was explained that the purpose of the parking lot was so the downtown residents living in apartments could use the lot and get their vehicles off Main Street. Ms. Warriner suggested making some of the spaces in this parking lot two-hour parking spaces and leaving some of the spaces for long-term parking. She also questioned if the Borough could do a lease with the Fire Company for use of their parking lot or if the Borough could ask the landlords to correct the parking issues? A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to refer the downtown parking issue to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve the Millheim Fire Company request to close the following streets: Poplar Street from North Street to Maple Street; Second Street from North Street to Park Street; and Sugar Alley from Main Street to Poplar Street for the Firemen's Carnival on June 18, 19 and 20, 2015. Motion carried.

The Millheim Business Community presented a request, signed by half of the business owners, requesting the Borough to waive the two-hour parking rule on June 5 & 6, 2015 for the Mayfly Festival. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve waiving the two-hour parking rule for the Mayfly Festival. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

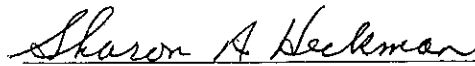
President Ilgen explained that the employees talked to him with their recommendation for the use of the gym area. They would like to clean the dirt off the floor and put epoxy paint on the existing concrete floor this year since the only expense would be the cost of the paint. This would give them more space for storage and the equipment would be more secure. They would like to put in a small office and a bathroom with a slop sink. The door and windows would need to be repaired but the bleachers are great for storage. The improvements could be added to next year's budget. The consensus of the group was that this makes perfect sense.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve the February 10, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve the February budget report as presented. Motion carried.

The written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed. The Secretary reported that a notice has been received from QuickBooks Pro that our software can't be used after May 2015 and that she will look into software. A list of eight delinquent water/sewer accounts was presented to Council and these properties have been posted with final notices to pay or service will be discontinued. Council isn't interested in participating in the Watershed Cleanup Day but Ms. Warriner will add this to her article on underground oil tanks for the newsletter. She will also add information about the Artifacts Room being open in her article.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Motion carried.



Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer