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REGULAR MEETING  
February 10, 2015

President Alan Ilgen called the regular meeting of the Millheim Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Ed Bowman, Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Lauralee Snyder, Leslie Warriner, Sharon Heckman, John R. Miller, III, Glenn Ripka and Carl Rote.

**ABSENT:** Kay Brown

**CITIZEN'S INPUT:**

Carl Rote raised concerns about sidewalks that have not been cleaned of snow and ice. President Ilgen instructed Mr. Ripka to have Mr. Lesniak look into the sidewalk problem at 141 West Main Street and to be more diligent about getting the sidewalks cleaned.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT/HARB:**

The written report submitted by Mike Lesniak was reviewed with no questions. President Ilgen explained about parking concerns raised by Mr. Sasserma and his suggestion to change office hours so they could perhaps work Saturday once a month to police the parking situation. It was also suggested that perhaps Mr. Lesniak could also work an occasional Friday evening.

Mr. Ripka reported that the Code Enforcement Agency will be doing work for Unionville Borough and Huston Township. This won't take away from the local municipalities but will help bring in some additional revenue.

**EMPLOYEE REPORTS:**

The written reports submitted by the employees were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Kerstetter's report included information for a new salt spreader. The one currently on the truck we plan to keep needs some parts replaced but parts are no longer available for this spreader. A new salt spreader can be purchased from Maxwell Trucking for \$2,950. After discussion, a motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to purchase a new salt spreader from Maxwell Trucking at a cost of \$2,950. Motion carried.

President Ilgen reported that Nittany Controls has been very busy but time to do the work at the sewer plant is being coordinated.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** None

**OLD ACTION:**

Leslie Warriner reviewed with Council a proposed amended ATV Ordinance that she had prepared. This amended ordinance would allow riding for one hour from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. She thinks this is a good compromise and if there are problems it could be changed. Ms. Warriner explained that this is after school and before people get home from work. She also explained that the handwritten paragraph in Section 4 includes the use of ATV's for transportation. Concerns were raised about enforcement. Glenn Ripka raised a question about who determines what loud and unnecessary noise is because this is subjective. Ms. Warriner explained she is also working on a possible Noise Ordinance. Ed Bowman explained that he feels like this is piling things on top of things to address something that has already been addressed. He reported that he has been asked by people in the Borough to not change the existing ordinance. Mr. Bowman also explained that the Planning Commission has recommended that Council keep the ordinance as it is. Ms. Warriner explained that she has heard from other people complaining about the ordinance. Mr. Bowman raised a question about who determines what is responsible riding. Mayor Snyder reported that she has seen people that want changes. She agrees with Mr. Bowman that some of the language doesn't work but she believes you should be able to do what you want on your own property. Mr. Bowman explained that it is the noise while riding and destruction because some people aren't conscientious enough. He also explained that all ordinances have people that are in favor and some that are not. President Ilgen explained that a Noise Ordinance would be difficult to enforce. He also explained that there is a cost to the Borough to change the ordinance so perhaps the Borough needs to require permits to offset the costs but then what about the elderly people that would be required to get a permit to plow snow so he sees this as a problem. Marlene Corl explained that she agrees with Mr. Bowman and is in favor of leaving the existing ordinance as it is. Mayor Snyder and Ms. Warriner think the proposed amended ordinance should be made public. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to have Council accept the Planning Commission recommendation and keep the existing ATV Ordinance as it is. Roll call vote as follows: Ed Bowman, yes; Marlene Corl, yes; Alan Ilgen, yes; Leslie Warriner, no. Result of vote 3 votes yes, 1 vote no, 1 member was absent. Motion carried.

President Ilgen reviewed with Council the Guidelines for Special Events held within Millheim Borough. The question was raised about what would happen if a new event was planned and the Borough was given short notice. President Ilgen explained that if PennDot roads were involved they may not get approval. Mayor Snyder stated that these are guidelines and the Borough could give

approval for the event and PennDot would not approve. Mayor Snyder and Leslie Warriner thought the Guidelines are okay and they could be distributed.

To date there is no further information on the STAG Grant. We are waiting for Bob Jacobs to finish the application process.

The Solicitor reported that all municipalities will sign the Joint Municipal Agreement with the Penns Valley Emergency Medical Association, Inc. but one agreement will not be passed around for original signatures. Instead there will be multiple signature pages that will then be compiled into the final agreement. After all municipalities have signed the Agreement, the Solicitor will get a copy of the document to everyone. A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve the Joint Municipal Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

President Ilgen reported that he and Ed Bowman met with the surveyors for the Energy Independence Project and got a list of ideas to keep things moving. A letter will be sent to people interested in having an Energy Audit done naming the three companies and their telephone numbers so the interested people can make arrangements with one of the companies to do the audit. Mr. Bowman explained that the people who have already had an audit done were very impressed. Ms. Richards needs to work with the people about some fine-tuning to the software. Many of the people in the Borough met the income level for the low income audit assistance. Mr. Bowman explained that the Energy Auditor brought bulbs and other things to make the house more efficient so you get much of the \$50 cost back.

To date there is no further information on the Sheep Hill property issue. Consensus of the group was that it may be a benefit to keep the property but if the survey isn't too expensive it would be good to have this done so the Borough has an accurate idea of what property is owned.

The Secretary reported that she has not yet heard from anyone with an estimate to remove the chimney on the Borough building but she now has a call in to Ron Rishel for an estimate.

The Source Water Report has been given to Ms. Corl for her review and Ms. Warriner has been given the background information on this study. Ms. Warriner explained that there is overlap between municipalities and the Steering Committee should review this. She also feels the Conservation Group should be involved. She raised a concern about underground storage tanks as a potential contaminant. An article on underground oil tanks will be included in the next newsletter.

#### NEW ACTION:

Tracy Lubinsky has agreed to do the cleaning in the Borough building. During the discussion, it was pointed out that the budget amount was for three hours per month not three hours per week. The Secretary will speak with Ms. Lubinsky to explain the error and see if she will agree to clean once per month. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve Tracy Lubinsky cleaning the Borough building one time per month at \$15.00 per hour. Motion carried.

President Ilgen explained that Jeff Collins has been contacted about an Agility Plan with PennDot. Mr. Collins explained that the Borough can't stockpile hours from cleaning the bridges to be used toward a future unnamed project. Mr. Collins suggested an agility plan that would provide for the Borough to buy the F-7 mix for paving and use hours from cleaning the bridge with PennDot paving the alley by the Hotel and a portion of Park Road. He is working with Ms. Hoover to put an agreement together for the Borough to review. PennDot has this type of arrangement with Bellefonte Borough.

The need for a Maintenance Agreement with the Little League was discussed. This should be done so all parties know what their responsibilities are. The Solicitor will work on this.

President Ilgen asked everyone to think about articles for the newsletter and get comments to him. This should go out the end of March or the beginning of April. There will be a leaf and brush pickup in the spring.

The possibility of amending the ordinance about putting snow on Borough streets was discussed because of a problem with a resident that blows snow from his sidewalk into the middle of a borough street after it has been plowed. The Solicitor did a similar ordinance for a township that he will send for review. An article will be done for the newsletter about this type of situation.

A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to exonerate Kathy Highbaugh, tax collector, from collection of the per capita tax from the delinquent accounts as presented and to submit this list of delinquent accounts to J.P. Harris for collection. Motion carried.

Mr. Bowman raised a question about the article in the Centre Daily Times about a new pizza shop to be located in the building at 100 East Main Street currently owned by Henry Beiler. To date, Mr. Beiler has not submitted any plans to the Penns Valley Code Enforcement Office or the HARB for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to approve the January 13, 2015 minutes as presented. Motion carried. 239

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

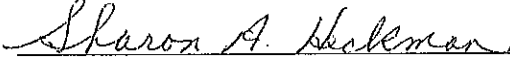
The written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed. The invoice from The Bierly Group for \$115.52 to replace the transformer in the garage heater was paid by the Borough. This information was forwarded to the Centre County Recycling office and they will send a check to reimburse Millheim Borough as the damage was done when their driver caught the electric line that services the garage.

The Secretary reported that the conversion of the downtown street lights and Fountain Park lights to LED lighting is scheduled for April or May.

A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve the registration/room cost of \$776.14 for the Secretary to attend the Pa State Association of Borough's conference in Lancaster from April 26-29, 2015 and for the Secretary to act as the Borough's Voting Delegate at this conference. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to approve the Secretary's report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried.

  
Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer