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REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 2014

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, Sharon Heckman, John Miller, III, Mike Lesniak, Glenn Ripka, Michele Aukerman, Roy Rupert, Dustin Moore and Carl Rote. Lauralee Snyder entered the meeting as noted below.

ABSENT: Kay Brown and Leslie Warriner

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Michele Aukerman reported that the revised Engineering Evaluation Report was submitted to DEP on May 16, 2014 and that to date no comments have come back from DEP. She has been working with the Borough to get three samplers installed for a week to collect data.

Ms. Aukerman was given a copy of the NPDES permit renewal application to review for accuracy. The Borough Secretary will submit the permit application after her review is complete.

The pitting sidewalks were again discussed. Ms. Aukerman explained that there are products available that could be applied to the problem sidewalks to keep them from getting worse but it will not correct the current pitting. New sidewalks could be poured but the same problem could occur. The suggestion was made to have the contractor that poured the sidewalks in Centre Hall come in and look at the sidewalks on West Main Street for his recommendation.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

Roy Rupert reported that Dave Gutelius finished all three projects except for the restoration work. This work will be completed when the weather improves.

He had to pull the pump at the sewer plant because it was plugged with a wash cloth someone put into the system.

Lauralee Snyder entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Rupert explained that the marking and mapping of all the shut off valves hasn't been started but all the supplies are in place for this project.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HARB:

Mike Lesniak reviewed with Council his written report. A list of 2014 complaints and the status of these complaints was included with this report. Mr. Lesniak reported that he will get the last signature on the amendment to the organizational agreement for the Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency tomorrow.

The Secretary reported that water service has been terminated to a property for non-payment of the bill and that the property owner told her he has brought jugs of water in. The concern is how long people should be allowed to live in a house with no water or sewer. The Solicitor's advice was to send a letter regular mail, certified mail and put a posting on the door giving the property owner thirty (30) days to reconnect or the case will be sent to the District Magistrate.

No HARB meeting was held.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The consensus of Council was to postpone action on the sign ordinance until the July 8 meeting to be sure it was distributed to all the business owners.

OLD ACTION:

Dustin Moore, the forester for the water land timbering project, gave a power point presentation showing the area to be timbered. He explained that he is focusing on the lower quality of timber such as aspen and red maple. An herbicide application may be necessary next year so he recommends saving some of the money received from this timbering to be used toward that application if necessary. Mr. Moore explained that he took this contract from Mr. Lowenstein to be paid the 12% of gross as agreed to with Mr. Lowenstein. He would set the contract for the Borough to be paid 50% at contract signing and the other 50% before the cutting begins. Mr. Moore explained that he does the E&S plan. He will check with Mr. Lowenstein about DEP involvement since this is a watershed. A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the timbering bid. Motion carried.

No further information has been received with regard to the STAG Grant.

The Solicitor explained that most tax collectors have implemented a schedule of fees. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to enact Ordinance #254, establishing a fee for tax certification issued or provided by the Millheim Borough Tax Collector, establishing a fee for payments returned because of insufficient funds, establishing a fee for issuance of mobile home removal permits, establishing a fee for issuing duplicate bills and providing for collection of said fees. Motion carried.

The Secretary reported that the Borough employees inspected the Borough ceilings as requested and determined that all the plaster ceilings appear to be safe.

President Ilgen reported on the letter he emailed to Stacy Richards and her response.

NEW ACTION:

The Secretary and Mayor explained the discussion at the last Regional Planning Commission regarding formation of a subcommittee to start a conversation with the fire companies to help one another to reduce costs associated with fire services. There is interest in inviting Bill Jenaway to a joint meeting to be held this fall. The consensus of Council was that they agree with this and are willing to cooperate.

The Solicitor explained that Miles and Penn Township have asked him to do a letter requesting Gregg Township to prepare an agreement about the workers' compensation for volunteers in the Penns Valley EMS. The question was raised whether the EMS is actually still a volunteer organization that the Borough would be eligible to assist now that it is incorporated with paid employees. The Solicitor will look into this for the next meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

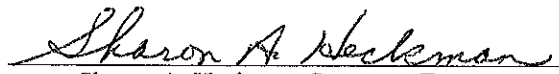
A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve the May 13, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Secretary was given permission to keep the \$1,790 for the repair of the Artifacts Room ceiling in the General Fund Certificate of Deposit as long as the General Fund doesn't require reimbursement. A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve the May budget as presented. Motion carried.

The written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed and discussed. The Secretary reported that a public meeting will be held June 25, 2014 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the College Township Municipal Building on the Draft 2015-2018 Centre County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

President Ilgen explained that Jack Smith would like to donate on loan to the Artifacts Room a doll house made by Orin and Josephine Stover. After discussion, Council decided to respectfully decline as there isn't room for the doll house and the Borough isn't accepting items on loan.

A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Motion carried.


Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer