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REGULAR MEETING

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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, John R. Miller, III, Sharon Heckman, Mike Lesniak, Roy Rupert, Michele Aukerman, Sargent Clark, Charles Rockey, Sandra Snook and Andrea Stroup.

ABSENT: Kay Brown and Leslie Warriner

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

Sargent Clark of the Rockview State Police reported that there were twenty-six (26) calls in the last three months which is pretty low. He explained that most of the calls have been for criminal mischief on Penn Street and there is currently a juvenile petition being filed against the two children. He explained that four of the six boys were 12-14 years old. The Sargent explained that there is a joint roll call for anything in Penns Valley. He explained that there are three to four guys working each day from Clearfield to Penns Valley. Sargent Clark explained that if there is a problem the resident needs to call the State Police because they need a victim. The Council can't make this call for an individual. The Sargent explained he would be happy to speak with any resident that has questions. He is available 7:00-3:00 daily at 355-7545.

Andrea Stroup presented some additional recommendations to the ATV Ordinance and stated that they are still willing to work with the Planning Commission. President Ilgen explained that there is a recommendation from the Planning Commission, to be considered tonight, that the Ordinance be left as it is.

Michele Aukerman of Uni-Tec reported that they have finished the corrective action plan for DEP. She explained that Roy Rupert spoke with the property owner with the high BOD and there is nothing unusual going on. Ms. Aukerman explained that the final report was sent to DEP and the sewer plant hasn't been organically overloaded this year. She also explained that things have been put in place to stop a by-pass. All activities have been completed per the Consent Order so the Borough has six months from September 30, 2014 until the end of the Consent Order. Ms. Aukerman explained that it doesn't hurt to ask DEP for a rerate of the plant if the BOD reports remain good. She thinks Mr. Rupert is already collecting the necessary data to back up this request but she will check with her operations people. She explained that the Borough has done what they can do and made a good faith effort to find the problem.

Roy Rupert explained that there are two influent pumps at the sewer plant but one isn't working well. He and Ms. Aukerman are recommending the purchase of a new pump, which isn't a grinder pump because the Borough doesn't need that type of pump now. A replacement grinder pump would cost \$9,400 but the new pump suggested would cost between \$7,400 and \$5,500. Mr. Rockey asked if a rebuilt pump would have a warranty. Mr. Rupert explained that there would be a warranty but it takes a long time to have it rebuilt and the cost is almost as much as a new pump. Ms. Aukerman explained that she would recommend a Flyte pump because they are reliable and easy to work on. Wylands would need to pull the problem pump to be sure Flyte can match the brackets currently in place. There is currently money in the Sewer Fund Capital Reserve to cover this purchase. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to purchase a Flyte pump at approximately \$7,000. Motion carried. Ms. Aukerman and Mr. Rupert will coordinate this purchase with the sales person.

Mr. Rupert explained that the air problem can be corrected by Matt Allen and Nittany Controls. He explained that it would take an estimated \$750 for Mr. Allen and Nittany Controls to correct the problem. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve the repairs at the sewer plant at a not to accede cost of \$1,800 for parts from L/B Water and work from Matt Allen and Nittany Controls. Motion carried.

Mr. Rupert then reported that there are two fine screen gear boxes at the sewer plant and that it takes eight to ten weeks to come from Germany. Since the Borough doesn't have a backup he is requesting approval to purchase a backup gear box at a cost of \$1,850. A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve placing the order but holding the invoice to be paid from the 2015 budget. Motion carried.

Mr. Rupert reported that the control panel for the pump station is water-proofed and everything is lockable except the main breaker. He is requesting permission to put a small 10'x6' fence around this control panel. Mr. Rupert was instructed to get a price for the October 27, 2014 budget meeting.

Mr. Rupert explained that there is a tree beside the control panel that should be removed and he presented a proposal from Ben Haupt in the amount of \$150 to remove this tree. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to accept the proposal from Ben Haupt for \$150 to remove the tree. Motion carried.

The Secretary reported that permission has been given by seven of the eight property owners from 143-159 West Main Street with pitted sidewalks to have the Enviroseal sealant applied. President Ilgen explained that at this point the Borough would treat the sidewalks to limit further damages this winter. He also explained that in comparing the before and after pictures of the sidewalks there seems to be an improvement. He then explained about the MG-Krete product demonstration done on the front step of the Borough building. A test sample wasn't done on a section of West Main Street sidewalk because there would be a difference in the height and color of that section.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HARB:

Mike Lesniak reported that Chris King met with the HARB, about some proposed changes/improvements to the Nieman's building at 100 East Main Street, on behalf of the owners, Derek Hart and Henry Beiler. They are requesting permission to change the configuration of the upstairs front windows to 4 double window units, without mullions and to install 7-inch vinyl lap board siding on the top portion of the building. The second proposal was to paint the bottom exterior and plywood a color matching the siding proposed above. The painting would be a temporary solution until the owner would finish the downstairs in two to three years. The consensus of the group was any improvement to the building is good. A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve the HARB recommendation to allow the request as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Lesniak then discussed a request for a Penns Valley Conservation Association Sign to be added below the existing Green Drake Sign on West Main Street. This request meets all the requirements. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve the sign request as presented. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

The part-time employees are watching their hours.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The recommendation to Council is to keep the ATV ordinance as currently written. Mr. Rockey stated that on the motion to keep the ordinance as is there was one exception and President Ilgen explained they were aware of that. President Ilgen explained there will be no action taken on the Planning Commission recommendation tonight because of the additional recommendations presented to Council. The issue was referred back to the Planning Commission for consideration of the recommendations presented tonight.

OLD ACTION:

President Ilgen reported that he and Ms. Warriner met with HAMA representatives to discuss the proposed interconnect and STAG Grant. He explained that Robert Jacobs had prepared a "Draft" agreement. The Solicitor reported that the last HAMA meeting was not held due to a lack of a quorum so the "Draft" wasn't discussed among their group. The Secretary was instructed to get a copy of the "Draft" agreement to the Council members. HAMA's concern is the cost for the 125 feet of pipe to connect to HAMA's system from the interconnect site and to make improvements out to Pine Street. The Solicitor has reviewed the agreement and it looked good to him. The next HAMA meeting was rescheduled, because of Election Day, to November 11, 2014. The Solicitor wants to attend the HAMA meeting because of the discussion on the "Draft" agreement so he will be late coming to the November 11 Borough Council meeting.

The Solicitor reported that the letter was mailed today to the Penns Valley Emergency Management Services because he had to wait for the Centre Hall Borough meeting. The Solicitor for Haines Township will also send a letter to the Penns Valley EMS that agrees with the other municipality's concerns.

President Ilgen reported on the status of the Millheim Energy Project. Stacy Richards of SEDA-Cog has worked with First Energy, Envinity, Inc. and SEDA-Cog's Weatherization technicians to get the cost of a comprehensive residential energy audit worth about \$450 available to all Millheim households for \$50. The current plan is to have an in-service in the Council room for the volunteers for the door-to-door surveys on October 23 at 7:00 p.m.; do a "Kick-off" for the project on November 6; and have the surveys done in November.

NEW ACTION:

Due to a change in the health-care law, a motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to change the wording for the waiting period for Borough employee health insurance from 3 months to 90 days. Motion carried.

President Ilgen reported that Matt Allen asked if the Borough was interested in selling the Sheep Hill Property. This property would have to be sold through sealed bids or a public auction. The Solicitor, in his research, found no deed reference for this property. The discussion on owning this property was that the disadvantage to the Borough is being responsible for the trees but the advantage is the easement for Elk Creek. The Solicitor will try to find the deed to see if there are any restrictions for this property.

A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve the License Agreement for Use of Road to Carson Boob who recently purchased mountain property from Mr. Porter. Motion carried.

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The Secretary explained that she has received three prices for a new truck with the lowest price being from MacIntyre Chevrolet, which is not a CoStars Dealership. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to advertise for bid the purchase of a truck. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

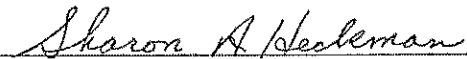
A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve the September 9 and October 3, 2014 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve the September 2014 Budget report as presented. Motion carried.

The written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed. Ms. Heckman reminded Council the office will be closed while she attends PSAB Conference in Gettysburg from October 16-19, 2014. A list of delinquent water accounts was presented to Council. These property owners received postings warning of water shut-offs if these delinquent accounts are not paid by November 3, 2014.

President Ilgen reminded everyone of the Budget Meeting on October 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Ed Bowman to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer