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SPECIAL MEETING
October 3, 2014

President Alan Ilgen called the special meeting of the Millheim Borough Council to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following persons in attendance: Ed Bowman, Alan Ilgen, Lauralee Snyder, Leslie Warriner, Sharon Heckman and Charles Rocky

Absent: Kay Brown and Marlene Corl

OLD ACTION:

President Ilgen explained that he, the Secretary, Lester Kerstetter, Jr., and Rory McCoy from Centre Concrete met and discussed the pitting problem with the sidewalks on West Main Street. Upon inspection, Mr. McCoy agreed that the problem was from the salt used by PennDot. He explained there is a sealant that would work as well as the linseed oil without discoloring the concrete. A sample piece of concrete was provided for Council's inspection. The drying time for this application is approximately one hour and the walks must be thoroughly cleaned. The consensus was that this is a better option than the linseed oil. According to Mr. McCoy, the application for the entire area will require three buckets at \$119/bucket but Centre Concrete will donate one bucket. Mr. McCoy also inspected the bottom front step at the Borough building that needs some work done. He has a contractor that has offered to use this step as part of a demonstration for a new product. Mr. McCoy is setting up a date for this demonstration to take place. Mayor Snyder suggested that perhaps Mr. McCoy would be willing to use this new product on one section of the sidewalk on West Main Street to see how it holds up over the winter so in the spring Council has a frame of reference. The Secretary was instructed to do a letter to the West Main Street residents with the problem sidewalks requesting permission to use the sealant rather than the linseed oil.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to set Trick-or-Treat for Friday, October 31, 2014 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

President Ilgen distributed a "Draft" of the newsletter. The following items were discussed:

- A letter will be included for the fall brush and leaf collections similar to the letter done for the spring collections. He explained that June DeSousa and Janie Shook have volunteered to open the Artifacts Room the third Saturday of each month from Noon-3:00 p.m. If there is enough interest, perhaps more people will volunteer and the room could be opened more often.
- The Energy Project Committee met Tuesday. Stacy Richards is waiting to hear from West Penn Power about some funding. At this point, there would be a \$100 cost to residents for an Energy Audit. Ms. Richards would like the Borough to do a formal request for funds to the Centre County Commissioners and Centre Community Foundation. It was again stated that the Borough will not provide money for this project. Ms. Richards plans a gathering the first week of November at the Fire Hall to kick off this project. She has a budget to pay for this event.
- There may be enough interest to reactivate the Neighborhood Crime Watch because of the recent vandalism on Penn Street.
- A paragraph should be included about the grant application to update the Borough owned streetlights.
- A paragraph should be included reminding residents not to flush certain items into the sewer.
- Mr. Rocky stated that Council will be asked to give the ATV group time again because they want to use four-wheelers to get to hunting sites. Ms. Warriner again explained that use for transportation to hunt isn't the problem.
- Mayor Snyder will work on a paragraph about the library.
- All items are to be given to President Ilgen by the beginning of next week.

The General Fund Budget discussion began with an Executive Session at 9:15 a.m. to discuss matters of employment. President Ilgen recalled the meeting from Executive Session at 9:43 a.m. with the following persons in attendance: Ed Bowman, Alan Ilgen, Lauralee Snyder, Leslie Warriner, Sharon Heckman and Charles Rocky.

To see how things balance, the following salaries are to be used:

- Rich Musser's rate will remain the same. Lester Kerstetter, Jr., Kent Yearick, Sharon Heckman and Roy Rupert will each receive a 3% increase. Since Justin Kerstetter is learning the operation of the Water Plant, he will become full-time at 40-hours a week at an hourly rate of \$10 with the Borough contributing 7% of his salary to the Borough's Pension Plan with the idea that he will work weekends instead of Mr. Musser as soon as he is able. He will not receive reimbursement for a health care plan since he isn't interested in the medical coverage. He will also have increased responsibilities such as setting the schedule and work hours for the employees. The salaries for all the employees except Roy Rupert and Rich Musser will be divided 1/3 from the general fund, 1/3 from the water fund and 1/3 from the sewer fund. The salaries for Mr. Rupert and Mr. Musser will be divided 1/2 from the water fund and 1/2 from the sewer fund.

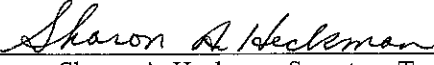
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- Mr. Rocky asked about the storage building that is eaten away by the salt stored in the bin. This repair was included in the 2014 budget but the work hasn't been completed yet.
- President Ilgen reported on the meeting between the Pool and municipal representatives. He explained that there were many good ideas provided to possibly increase revenue for the Pool. The Solicitor looked into the Borough selling chlorine to the Pool to help lower that cost but the Borough Code doesn't allow that because they aren't a municipal organization.

Mayor Snyder left the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

- A proposed tentative balanced General Fund Budget of \$126,313 with no tax increase was completed.
- Plowing certain areas of the Borough with the Steiner would be discussed.
- The Secretary explained that she is waiting for a truck quote from MacIntyre Chevrolet. At this point, there is a quote for a new truck that could be handled in this budget. The recommendation is to divide the cost of a new truck 1/3 from the general fund and 2/3 from the water fund since most of the use is for water related issues.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Motion carried.



Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer