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REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 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: Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Lauralee Snyder, Leslie Warriner, Sharon Heckman, John Miller, III, Mike Lesniak, Glenn Ripka, Roy Rupert, Michele Aukerman, Stacy Richards, Emily Collins, Becky Neubauber, Mary Breon, Tisana Breon, Debra Grubb, Charles Rocky, David Sprowls, and Andrea Stroup.

ABSENT: Ed Bowman and Kay Brown

CITIZEN'S INPUT:

President Ilgen explained to Mary and Tisana Breon that the State Police Sargent will be at the October Council meeting.

David Sprowls explained that there may be interest in the Neighborhood Crime Watch because of the problems on Penn Street. He and President Ilgen will get together to discuss the possibility of reactivating this group.

Stacy Richards of SEDA-Cog introduced Emily Collins and Becky Neubauber. She explained that the girls are interns helping with the Millheim Energy Independence Project. Ms. Richards submitted the application for funding to pay for the technical assistance SEDA-Cog will be providing for this project. She is expecting the \$25,000 funding by December which will pay SEDA-Cog and some printing and mailing costs. Emily Collins created a data base for the buildings within the Borough and the information will be populated and validated by the door-to-door surveys. Ms. Richards explained that the Penns Valley and Centre Hall Elementary Schools will be having West Penn Power assemblies on energy conservation. She explained that the energy audit has been improved and she is working to reduce the cost. The new audit is a good investment but there is an upfront cost of \$350 with a refund of \$250 that takes a few weeks to receive. Ms. Richards explained that she is trying to find money to pay the additional \$100. She suggested that she and the Borough go together to the County Commissioners to get Act 13 money so the \$100 could be waived for participating residents. She will speak to the Advisory Committee about this during the meeting at the end of September. Ms. Richards then discussed information she distributed for the free weatherization program for income eligible people; the proposed survey to be used and a discussion draft. She proposes a program launch once the school assemblies are completed.

Michele Aukerman of Uni-Tec reported that the SOP's for the sewer plant were submitted in August but that DEP hasn't gotten through them yet. The Corrective Action Plan activities will be completed by September 30, 2014 and then the plant must function for six months with no bypasses. She explained that no connection bans are lifted because they are based on the organic overloading situation that is recorded in the Chapter 94 report. Ms. Aukerman thinks they have an idea where the high readings are generated but Roy Rupert will be doing another sample tomorrow. She explained that at the end of September a report will be prepared summarizing all that has been done and the results.

Mr. Rupert reported that it has been determined that there is an air issue at the plant because of the four-inch lines. He will test the underground piping tomorrow to be sure there isn't an air problem in these lines. Mr. Rupert believes the original problem with the plant was caused by air in the lines. He will have Matt Allen give a price to correct this problem. Ms. Aukerman explained that if Mr. Rupert has success correcting the air issue DEP may consider a rerate for the plant after a year.

Mr. Rupert explained the situation with a water meter at the property located on Penn Street. Currently the meter needs to be relocated so all the water usage is metered. Correcting the problem with this meter location is the property owner's responsibility. David Sprowls volunteered to help locate the shut off. Mr. Rupert will work with Mr. Sprowls and the property owner to resolve this issue.

Ms. Aukerman explained that the boiled linseed application for the pitted sidewalks on West Main Street will slow the degradation but it won't stop it. The letters received from the residents with these sidewalks was discussed. A concern was expressed that the Borough signed off on this project before these problems were corrected but a response was that with the inspectors that were in place what else could the Borough have done. The fact that some PennDot districts have now determined that the current PennDot specifications for concrete do not provide adequate protection for the strength of the road salt now being used was discussed. Many of the issues raised in the letters are PennDot issues. Mr. Sprowls will get the Borough information on a product available that is used to repair bridge decks. This product uses epoxy to hold to the existing concrete.

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve payment of the invoice submitted by Uni-Tec in the amount of \$2,884.99. Motion carried.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/HARB:

Mike Lesniak reviewed the written report he submitted. He explained that the building permit at court is for excavation on the Hillcrest property. Several more loads of fill had been dumped on this site. The property owner is currently preparing an E&S plan and they have until September 19 to start the process for a building permit with the Borough. 219

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

The written employee reports were reviewed with no questions or comments.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

A written report on the discussion from the August 26 meeting was reviewed. Mrs. Stroup stated that options for revision to the ATV Ordinance were given but they weren't well received because they weren't in writing. She distributed copies of a written list of bullet points and recommendations for revisions to the ordinance with enough copies for the Planning Commission members for their meeting on September 27. President Ilgen explained that the Planning Commission members will get this information so they can review it prior to the meeting on September 27 and they will then give a recommendation to the Council. Debra Grubb stated that she doesn't think it is right for kids to be riding in town and anyone doing something wrong should be fined. She thinks there should be a time set to allow riding. President Ilgen explained if the Planning Commission recommends that Council will consider it. He explained that they have rights for use of their property but other people also have rights. Ms. Grubb explained that someone should have told her if there was a problem.

OLD ACTION:

Bob Jacobs of Centre County Planning Office is trying to set up a meeting between HAMA representatives and Millheim Borough representatives for September 30, 2014. The Solicitor explained some of the concerns to be discussed at this meeting (i.e., maintenance agreement, rate of water, etc.). Mr. Sprowls suggested that a statement should be included in any agreement done that if there is a severe drought that Millheim Borough may not be able to provide water.

The PVEMS workers' compensation issue was discussed. The Solicitor reported that in addition to the suggestions from Millheim Borough, Penn Township wants to see a copy of the invoice for the insurance. After the Centre Hall Borough Council meeting, the Solicitor will do a letter to Gregg Township incorporating the discussions from all the municipalities.

The comments received from the residents about "No Parking" on all of Penn Street were discussed. Mayor Snyder and Leslie Warriner walked the street and didn't see two cars passing each other because of the low traffic volume on the street. Their recommendation was to leave things as they are until there is a major issue and, if there is a problem with PennDot plowing, the situation could be reinvestigated. Mr. Sprowls stated that he has a serious problem with parking in this area because the vehicles are parked in the cart way. He suggested this situation be looked at on a Friday night when traffic is heavier because this isn't a safe situation because of the speed at which the vehicles travel Penn Street. Suggestions were discussed to slow the speed vehicles travel but since this is a PennDot road the Borough can't put in speed bumps or stop signs. After discussion, the consensus of the group was to leave things as they are now but move the "No Parking" sign in front of the Zimmerman property to the north side of the parking area.

NEW ACTION:

A dam inspection report was discussed. Mr. Rupert will be asked for recommendations on how to remove the debris at the dam.

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to accept the 2015 Financial Requirement and Minimum Monthly Obligation for the Borough's Pension Plan as presented. Motion carried.

The Fall Brush/Leaf collection and the fall newsletter were discussed. Council is to get suggestions for the newsletter to President Ilgen so he can provide a draft for final approval at the October 3, 2014 budget meeting. The suggestion for leaf collection was for one week in October and one week in November.

A date for Trick-or-Treat was discussed. The Secretary will contact the other municipalities to see if the date should be set for Friday, October 31, 2014 which is actually Halloween.

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve payment of the \$185 registration fee for the Secretary to attend the PSAB Conference on October 17-19, 2014 because of the valuable information provided. Motion carried.

The request to close Second Street received from The Elk Creek Café & Aleworks for the Oktoberfest event to raise funds for the Millheim Fire Company was discussed. A motion to approve this request to close Second Street was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl with the understanding that Elk Creek Café must be responsible for the Fire Police Workers' Compensation and a Certificate of Insurance naming Millheim Borough as an additional insured must be provided to the Borough. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Leslie Warriner to approve the August 12, 2014 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Secretary explained that the last two certificates of deposit for Union Cemetery mature in September and they will be cashed in and the money will be deposited into the savings account at First National Bank. Information will be available at the October 3 budget meeting so a decision can be made for investing this money. A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Leslie Warriner to approve the August budget report as presented. Motion carried.

The written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed.

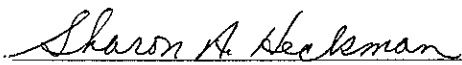
President Ilgen called an Executive Session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss matters of employment.

At 10:20 p.m. Council reconvened with the following members present: Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Leslie Warriner, Lauralee Snyder and Sharon Heckman.

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to give Justin Kerstetter a bonus of \$875 to be paid in equal installments of \$125 per paycheck for the remaining seven pay periods in 2014 based on his willingness to come in after hours and weekends to complete various water related tasks that were unresolved prior to his employment. Motion carried.

Borough Council wants the minutes to reflect that they are pleased with all the Borough employees.

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Marlene Corl to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. Motion carried.


Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer