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REGULAR MEETING  
 April 11, 2017

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: Patty Beckenbaugh, Ed Bowman, Alan Ilgen, David Sprowls, Lauralee Snyder, Leslie Warriner, John R. Miller, III, Sharon Heckman, Michele Aukerman, Tim Bowser, Jonathan Lower, Emily Lower, John Luse, Isabella Planchart, Carl Rote and Vince Smith.

**CITIZEN'S INPUT:**

Vince Smith of Cavalry Bible Church explained they are purchasing the old Methodist Church on Penn Street. Mr. Smith explained they are getting estimates for the church roof and he wondered what Council's plans were for the town clock. President Ilgen explained that Council is concerned about the tower structure but the consensus of Council was that they would be willing to leave the clock in place if the building becomes structurally sound. Mr. Smith will talk to Richard Winebold about what would be required to repair the clock.

Emily Lower explained that their on-lot septic system at 254 East Main Street has failed and it must be pumped every six weeks. She explained that Dave Gutelius has provided an estimate for a six-inch line. Michele Aukerman explained that this property can be gravity flow but PennDot will require the highway occupancy permit to be in the Borough's name. She explained that any properties beyond the Lower property would need to be pumped to reach the public sewer system. John Luse explained that his on-lot system is currently functioning but it is an old system so he may be interested in connecting his two properties at some future date. Depending on the cost difference between a six-inch and eight-inch line Mr. Luse may pay the difference and they may have Dave Gutelius put in an eight-inch lateral to the Lower property. After further discussion, a motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by David Sprowls to approve the sewer lateral along Rt. 45 as required by Borough specifications in a public right-of-way and to complete the PennDot permit with all costs to be paid by the property owner. Motion carried.

Ms. Aukerman explained that Mr. Rupert inspected the five properties that received a letter requiring installation of a grease trap. Three of the five have the grease traps installed; the garage has no floor drains connected to the public sewer so is not required to have a trap; and a sample was taken at the small food processing facility and if the results are below the ordinance limit the business will not be required to install a trap with the understanding that further testing can be done at any time.

The draft letter prepared by Ms. Aukerman was discussed along with the possibility of reserving any EDU's DEP may grant the Borough as a result of this letter. Concerns were raised that reserving EDU's could set a precedent. After discussion, a motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to send the letter to DEP with the change adding the grease trap inspection information. Motion carried.

The letters received from the PA Small Water/Sewer program denying both application requests were discussed. Ms. Aukerman explained that this may be done on an annual basis in the future.

**HARB/CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

The Code Enforcement's written report was reviewed with no questions.

**EMPLOYEE REPORTS:**

The written report submitted by Justin Kerstetter was reviewed with no questions.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** None

**OLD ACTION:**

Ms. Warriner reported that commercial grade picnic tables cost between \$300-\$1,000. She will look into the cost from a local company that makes tables from recycled materials.

**NEW ACTION:**

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve the invoice submitted by John Claar in the amount of \$2,037.50. Motion carried.

The Solicitor explained that the Enabling Tax Act was amended to allow municipalities to grant a per capita tax exemption if earnings are less than \$12,000. The Borough's Ordinance for an exemption is currently for earnings less than \$3,200. A motion

was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to amend the Per Capita Tax Ordinance to eliminate the exemption. Motion carried. 223

Ordinance #261 amending certain sections of the current Chapter 15 on motor vehicles and traffic was discussed. The Solicitor explained that certain sections of the PA Motor Vehicle Code have specified fine amounts which can't be changed and it is important for Code Enforcement to be familiar with the Vehicle Code so the fines are correct. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by David Sprowls to authorize the Solicitor to advertise Ordinance #261 with the change on page 6 to eliminate the following "(except for the first two parking spaces east of Sugar Alley)". Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

Tim Bowser explained that last year there were three Beer Garden Events held on three Sundays as a low-key fund raiser for the Millheim Fire Company. These events provided music, a beer truck and food trucks. He is requesting permission to hold three similar events this year on May 28, July 2 and August 13, 2017. President Ilgen explained that in the past Council has instructed the Secretary to act on annual events without bringing the request to Council. A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to approve the three Beer Garden Events as requested with no street closings or fire police coverage required. Motion carried.

President Ilgen called an Executive Session to discuss matters of employment at 9:15 p.m.

At 9:45 p.m. President Ilgen recalled the regular meeting to order with the following persons in attendance: Patricia Beckenbaugh, Ed Bowman, Alan Ilgen, David Sprowls, Lauralee Snyder, Leslie Warriner, John R. Miller, III and Sharon Heckman.

A motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to give \$100 each to Justin and Lester Kerstetter to thank them for the extra efforts they provided to keep the streets safe during the March 2017 blizzard. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by David Sprowls to accept the March 14, 2017 council meeting minutes with the following correction to the final paragraph on page 1: add "and seconded by Ed Bowman" so the sentence reads "A motion was made by David Sprowls "and seconded by Ed Bowman" to accept the Engineering Traffic Study..... Motion carried.

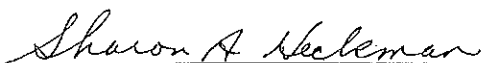
A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to approve the March 2017 financial reports as presented. Motion carried.

The Secretary's written report was reviewed. The Secretary reported that Mrs. McCracken received the letter from the Solicitor explaining they were responsible for the lien on the property at 117 North Street. She requested a copy of all letters sent to her regarding the water/sewer connection to the old church on North Street because she said they were given a waiver for payment of the \$1,620 for which the Borough filed a lien. An email was sent to Mrs. McCracken informing her that she could pick up the requested information but to date she hasn't been in to collect the information.

Council took no action on the requested resolutions from McSherrystown Borough in Adams County.

An employee meeting was scheduled for Friday, May 12, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Room.

A motion was made by David Sprowls and seconded by Ed Bowman to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m. Motion carried.

  
Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer