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REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 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, Lauralee Snyder, David Sprowls, Leslie Warriner, Sharon Heckman, John R. Miller, III, Roy Rupert, Tim Bowser and Carl Rote.

ABSENT: Patty Beckenbaugh and Lauralee Snyder

CITIZEN'S INPUT: None

HARB/CODE ENFORCEMENT:

No HARB meeting was held.

The Code Enforcement's written report was reviewed.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: None

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

The written reports submitted by Justin Kerstetter and Roy Rupert were reviewed. The Secretary reported that the Borough has received the new truck. Mr. Rupert explained that while Dave Gutelius, Inc. workmen were looking into a possible installation of a 2" blow-off at the water plant they discovered a rusted ductile iron pipe that should be replaced. He presented a quote from Dave Gutelius, Inc. to do this work at a cost of \$5,500-\$6,500 but Mr. Rupert suggested that as part of the CDBG grant work this blow-off and pipe replacement could be done at that time. Mr. Sprowls wants to look at this situation.

Mr. Rupert discussed with Council that there are 23 houses not on the public sewer system. Currently one of those properties is having problems with the one-lot system. He suggested the ordinance should be changed to grandfather the properties that currently have on-lot systems. The Solicitor explained that it is the PA Borough Code not the Millheim Ordinance that regulates connection to public facilities and state law usually preempts local ordinances. The Borough Code doesn't have a distance requirement like the township code. He explained the Borough can't require an existing property to connect if they must get an easement over another property. Mr. Bowser raised a question about EDU implications and he was told at this point there are no EDU's available.

Two quotes were reviewed to replace the existing dusk-to-dawn lights at the water plant because they aren't working. Quotes received were as follows:

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| 10K Electric, Spring Mills, PA | \$1,029.00 |
| Stanley C. Bierly, Millheim, PA | \$1,185.00 |

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to accept the proposal from 10K Electric contingent on the light bulbs being equivalent or better. Motion carried.

Mr. Rupert explained that the permeate pump ordered from A-3 is to be delivered soon and must be paid from 2017 funds. Questions were raised about the warranty (i.e., does it start upon delivery or when the pump is installed). The Secretary suggested that in lieu of additional funds being invested into Certificates of Deposit, excess cash in the checking account be used to pay for this pump. After discussion, a motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by Ed Bowman to approve payment of the pump from the current cash balance in the sewer fund. Motion carried.

OLD ACTION:

President Ilgen distributed a list of Main Street Parking Considerations raised from other meetings about the downtown parking situation. Council also reviewed emails sent by Cindy Wilson of Aaronsburg to Mike Bloom and Senator Corman complaining about the parking situation. Since the District Magistrate has told the Code Enforcement Officer he won't accept parking violations unless the area has "No Parking" signs. The Secretary was instructed to order the necessary signs. The following ideas to improve the parking situation were discussed:

1. PennDot suggested increasing the fines for parking violations. The Solicitor explained that the maximum fine allowed under the Vehicle Code is \$50.
2. Authorizing additional people to enforce the parking.

3. Shortening the two-hour parking limits.
4. Look at adding a 15-minute loading zone for downtown.

Mr. Bowser stated that removal of the parking space in front of the Elk Creek Café and the space in front of the First National Bank was total over kill. He thinks PennDot should reevaluate the situation. The Secretary was instructed to again request that PennDot provide the turning radius template they used and to request the distance required from entrances of alleys for parking spaces. The consensus of the group was to see if the "No Parking" signs correct the illegal parking situation. If not an additional person may be authorized to help with enforcement.

Mr. Sprowls hasn't heard anything further from Mr. Gyekis on the town clock. Mr. Sprowls reported that his brother may know someone interested in the town clock.

President Ilgen reported that he attended the last Centre County Tax Agency meeting and that everything ~~with the new~~ agreement looked good and everyone was pleased.

NEW ACTION:

President Ilgen explained that Ben Engle requested the Borough give him the original drawings of the Millheim Theatre building. The Solicitor explained that if we think a record/drawing is historical the Borough must consult ~~with the PA~~ Historical Commission to determine how it is to be retained or disposed. Since the Borough has two copies of ~~the Theatre~~ drawings, a motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to give one copy to Mr. Engle. Motion carried.

The Borough also has old PennDot drawings from the time work was done on Rt. 45 when it was still Rt. 27. PennDot ~~would~~ like to have these drawings for their archives.

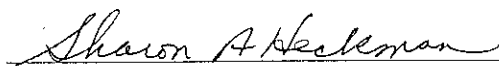
COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A motion was made by David Sprowls and seconded by Ed Bowman to accept the December 13, 2016 council meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to approve the December 2016 financial reports and the Union Cemetery end-of-year report as presented. Motion carried.

The Secretary's written report was reviewed. The consensus of the group was that Mr. Rupert's new time sheet is fine. Purchase of a 7' Sweeper Collector Broom for the Skid Steer was discussed. This broom would allow collected anti-skid to be used to fill potholes and repair the berm of roads. It would also prevent stones from being brushed into resident's lawns. Funds could be transfer from the General Fund Certificate of Deposit to purchase this Broom at a cost of \$4,158 plus freight. After discussion, a motion was made by Leslie Warriner and seconded by David Sprowls to approve the purchase of the 7' Sweeper Collector Broom.

A motion was made by Ed Bowman and seconded by Leslie Warriner to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.


 Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer