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**REGULAR MEETING**

**August 10, 2010**

President Linn Auman called the regular meeting of the Millheim Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Linn Auman, Kay Brown, Alan Ilgen, John R. Miller, III, Sharon Heckman, Glenn Ripka, Robert Jacobs, Scott Long, Adam Wintermute, Scott Myers, and Carl Rote

Absent: Marlene Corl, Tom Strebel and Lauralee Snyder

Everyone present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**CITIZENS INPUT:**

Adam Wintermute presented a Pre-Approved Application for an Eagle Scout Project. Scott Long will be his project advisor. Mr. Wintermute would like to landscape around the Welcome to Millheim Borough signs at the eastern and western boundaries of the Borough. The estimated cost for this project would be approximately \$500-\$600. The Secretary will provide Mr. Wintermute with a copy of the Borough's easements for these signs. The Borough can provide the mulch and some landscape blocks for this project. Mr. Wintermute will work on fund raising projects over the winter and do the landscaping in the spring. A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Alan Ilgen to approve the Eagle Scout application as presented. Motion carried.

Bob Jacobs of the Centre County Planning Office reported on some issues with the proposed Dollar General Store that conflict with the Borough Zoning Ordinance. He explained that Council may want to consider some zoning amendments. Some of the changes to consider would be:

1. Allow some parking in the front for some areas to make new development consistent with existing uses.
2. Modify current set back requirements because they were configured for the downtown area.
3. Modify the definition of a Neighborhood Retail Business to eliminate a conflicting definition.
4. Modify the green space requirements in the Detail Design Standards.
5. Determine what to do about the proposed Walter Street Extension on the Official Map for future development in this area.

Mr. Jacobs will prepare a "Draft Amendment" and forward a copy to the Solicitor. He will also attend the August 24, 2010 Planning Commission meeting. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Kay Brown to send this item to the Planning Commission for their review for proposed amendments. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Alan Ilgen to authorize President Auman to sign the DEP Planning Module Post Card for the Dollar General Store. Motion carried.

Scott Myers discussed concerns about his barn if he signs the Sewer Easement Agreement for Race Alley with the Solicitor. Mr. Myers then signed the agreement.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:**

A written report submitted by Glenn Ripka was reviewed and discussed. A letter from Mr. & Mrs. Reilly requesting permission to keep the paved driveway section of their new sidewalk was discussed. Mr. Ripka explained that each driveway in this area including the Borough Building is macadam. The consensus of the group was that there is no need to tear out the macadam.

**HARB REPORT:** None

**EMPLOYEE REPORTS:**

Written reports from Roy Rupert were reviewed. The grease trap installation at the Millheim Hotel was discussed. Because this is the only one that hasn't been installed, Mr. Ripka was instructed to notify Mr. Cowher that he has two weeks to complete this project. The Secretary reported that the PennDot Bridge Crew was notified about the tree under the bridge on Rt. 45.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** None

**OLD ACTION:**

1. The consensus of Council was that since the property owners are not willing to sign the Sewer Easement Agreement on Race Alley the Solicitor should send a letter to each property owner explaining that the next step is to file action for condemnation and see what happens until the September Council meeting. The problems plowing Plum Street because of cars/trucks parked on both sides were discussed.

2. Alan Ilgen reported that the Library put an article in the Centre Daily Times about renting the upstairs rooms. He explained that he and the Secretary met with John Sengle and Lisa Erickson of the Centre County Library to discuss the proposed Lease Agreement that the Solicitor prepared for tonight's meeting. The flat rate of \$100 for utilities was discussed. This amount is approximately \$10 more than the daycare paid for 1/3 the monthly cost of water/sewer, electricity and trash hauling. Establishing the flat fee is less time consuming than invoicing these costs each month. Until the geothermal is installed the Library will be responsible for heating the two rooms and the lease can be renegotiated after the geothermal system is in and actual costs are available. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Kay Brown to approve the Lease Agreement as written. Motion carried.

Signs for the Borough building were discussed. The Secretary will try to get quotes for the September meeting for an outside sign and to have the various office hours put on the front door. The proposal from Vinyl Concepts for \$35 is for an interior sign for the library that would be consistent with the Code Enforcement Sign. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Kay Brown to accept the proposal from Vinyl Concepts for an interior sign for the library in the amount of \$35. Motion carried.

3. A written update submitted by the Secretary on the DCNR grant was reviewed with no comments or questions.
4. A written update submitted by the Secretary on the Energy Grant was reviewed. Mrs. Heckman explained that there is a delay because PE stamped drawings needs to be submitted. Envinity has arranged to have these drawings prepared at a cost not to exceed \$4000 and a two-week time table, which would keep the project on schedule. Mr. Grotinni is requesting that Council share the \$4,000 cost because he feels this should have been addressed in the agreement. The consensus of Council was that the total cost of these drawings is the responsibility of Envinity. The Secretary explained she is holding a check for Envinity for the completion of Phase II until completed drawings are submitted for review.
5. The waterline project was discussed. Centre County Planning Office was not aware that Haines Township Municipal Authority had voted not to go ahead with the project because it wouldn't work for them financially. The grant was specific for the interconnect to provide an emergency source of water in case of drought. The Solicitor suggested that someone speak to Haines Township Municipal Authority to clear up any misunderstanding about these funds.
6. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Kay Brown to send a letter to Omar King continuing the Lease Agreement at \$55 per acre for 2010 but letting him know the rent will be increased to \$65 per acre next year. Motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Kay Brown to pay the invoice received from A3-USA, Inc. in the amount of \$5,500 for completion of the work at the sewer plant. Motion carried.
8. The Fiber Optic line is completed. Michelle Mayes of PennDot reviewed the footage of the two properties where the owners had concerns about sidewalks and curbs and InfraSource has restored the areas to satisfy PennDot.

#### **NEW ACTION:**

1. The Cap on top of the Race Wall was discussed. Stones are being pushed into the Race and trucks are driving onto the top of the Race Wall. One proposal was received from John Claar in the amount of \$14,600 plus the cost of 35 yards of concrete. This project needs to be included with 2011 budget talks. Perhaps this could be done in two phases - Phase 1 could be from the pole to the bridge and the next year Phase 2 could be from the pole to Myers garage.
2. A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Alan Ilgen to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Borough's pension plan for 2011. Motion carried. The Secretary explained that the Borough's Pension Plan is not one of the underfunded plans that are overextended. Millheim Borough has a zero rating which means our Pension Plan is fully funded.
3. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Kay Brown to adopt Resolution #2010-02 Opposing Forced Local Government Mergers and Consolidations and to send it as soon as possible. Motion carried.
4. The Secretary requested Council set a date to flush the fire hydrants because people are complaining of dirty water. No Council action is required as this is routine maintenance and should be scheduled by Mr. Ripka.

#### **COMMITTEE/MAYOR REPORTS:** None

A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Alan Ilgen to approve the minutes of the July 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Alan Ilgen to accept the July budget report as presented. Motion carried.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

A written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed. The deed for the Old Mill property has been received. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Kay Brown to authorize the Solicitor to advertise a request for sealed bids for the purchase of this property to be received by the September meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Alan Ilgen to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion carried.