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**REGULAR MEETING  
February 9, 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, Tom Strebel, Lauralee Snyder, Sharon Heckman, Glenn Ripka, Roy Rupert, Mike Culver, Brian Decker, Jim Peters, Todd Smith and Carl Rote.

Absent: Marlene Corl and John R. Miller, III

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

**CITIZENS INPUT:**

Jim Peters of InfraSource reviewed the changes made to the map that reroutes the proposed fiber optic line around the downtown business district utilizing an existing power line easement. These changes were made as a recommendation by the Planning Commission at the January 26, 2010 meeting. Mr. Peters explained that the right-of-way on North Street should put the fiber optic line eight feet but no less than six feet from the main water line. He explained that the water line would be exposed at both ends so they are sure the fiber optic line would be constructed beside it. The hand holds originally placed in the sidewalk from Park Road to Hillcrest Avenue along Rt. 45 have been removed as requested. After discussion, a motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Kay Brown to approve the revised plans as submitted as of February 9, 2010. Motion carried.

Brian Decker of Exeter Supply Co. presented information on the 332 Flexiprobe Camera System for I&I detection of the sewer lines that he had previously demonstrated for Todd Wasson and Glenn Ripka. The quotation submitted was as follows:

\$9,200 – for a new 332 Flexiprobe Camera System W/200' Cable

\$8,900 – for a slightly used (six months) demo model of the same Camera System

\$1,650 – Drain Locator W/Bag

Pricing includes Training and a One-Year Warranty (from delivery of camera)

Mr. Decker explained that this unit comes with a built-in element that allows it to be located with a line locator while in use in the sewer line. He explained this is a very durable piece of equipment but care must be taken so the cable doesn't get kinked. This equipment is on the Co-Stars Program so no bidding is required. Mr. Decker was asked for references and he explained that Spring Benner Walker Sewer Authority has had a Pearpoint camera they purchased from Exeter many years ago. Mr. Decker will hold the quoted prices until the March 9, 2010 meeting and President Auman will check the Spring Benner Walker Sewer Authority reference.

Todd Smith of the ELA Group, Inc. presented and reviewed detailed documents for the Playground upgrade. He explained that Playworld is listed on Co-Stars and recommends purchasing the following from Co-Stars: Explorer Structure, swings, 2 signs describing ages appropriate for equipment use, bench, trash receptacle and the playground mulch. Mr. Smith explained that the layout of the parking lot has been modified to save the two big maple trees along the sidewalk. DCNR will review the documents submitted and then they will authorize the Borough to bid the project. Mr. Smith will revise the documents based on the purchases to be made through Co-Stars, finish the technical specifications and redo the estimates for submission to DCNR next week. Bids could be received and a Notice to Proceed given for the project at the May 11, 2010 meeting. Mr. Smith explained that our other DCNR grant application for the ball field upgrade was not awarded but the application will be resubmitted for the next round of funding.

Mike Culver discussed a Sprint Triathlon to be held Saturday, June 26, 2010 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and the proceeds will be used for the swim team. Mr. Culver requested the following to be courteous to drivers and insure safety of the participants:

1. Switch the traffic signal to blinking red on Rt. 45 because the participants need to cross the intersection and
2. Mark the parking stalls at the intersection "No Parking" to provide better visibility crossing the intersection.

The consensus of Council was that they had no problem with either of these requests as long as emergency people were at the traffic signal to assist with traffic control.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:**

The Lynn McCool sidewalk issue was discussed. The consensus of Council was to issue a citation to Mr. McCool for the sidewalk obstruction and send a letter about the necessary repair to his front porch.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to issue a check for the budgeted amount of \$4,000 to the Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency. Motion carried.

Glenn Ripka reported that Bob Brownlee would like to sell the sign that is currently permitted by PennDot. However, this sign was permitted prior to the Borough sign ordinance and it is oversized and doesn't meet the ordinance requirements. The consensus of

Council was that since PennDot approved this sign and it predates the sign ordinance it should be allowed to stand as is. The Secretary was instructed to prepare a letter for Mr. Brownlee stating that the sign is approved as it stands and no action need be taken so the PennDot permit can be transferred.

#### **HARB REPORT:**

The drawing and sign request submitted by Richard Winebold for his property at 110 East Main Street was discussed. The new sign meets or exceeds the ordinance requirements. This request was unanimously approved by the HARB at the February 2, 2010 meeting. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to accept the HARB's recommendation and approve the sign application/drawing as presented by Mr. Winebold. Motion carried.

#### **EMPLOYEE REPORTS:**

Roy Rupert expressed concerns about possible I&I issues when the snow melts. The grease traps for business properties was discussed. Mr. Ilgen will check to see what the Candle Shop does with the wax. Mr. Rupert explained that it has been 7-8 months since the last cleaning of the membranes.

Mr. Rupert reported on the pump that needs repaired/replaced for the water plant. He explained that this shouldn't wait for the next meeting because it takes three to four weeks to repair but he doesn't have the price for a new pump at this time. Several issues were raised: warranty on a rebuilt pump, why impellers cracked and does this item need to be bid. Mr. Rupert thinks it may be better to get a new pump if the price difference isn't too great because both pumps are the same age with the same amount of run hours. The consensus of the group was to wait until the price of a new pump is received and if the difference isn't too much between repairing the damaged pump or a new one to order a new one.

Mr. Rupert reported that the lady bug problem has returned and he was told to have Ehrlich's come back in to spray.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to pay A3-USA \$3,000, which is 50% down requested for work being done on the sludge dewatering equipment. Motion carried.

Specifications/drawings on the Variable Speed Drives for the pumps at the water plant submitted by Advanced Controls, Inc. were reviewed. Allegheny Power will be providing a program for municipalities to help with 50% of these equipment costs. A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to accept the plans as submitted by Advanced Controls, Inc. Motion carried.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:**

The Planning Commission recommended that Council accept the drawings from InfraSource with the change on North Street to keep the fiber optic line in the field on Houser's property away from the main water line. They also had concerns about handholds in the sidewalks from Park Road to High Street. These concerns were addressed on the revised plans approved earlier in the meeting.

#### **OLD ACTION:**

President Auman forwarded to Planning Commission the task of reviewing the streets and alleys to determine if any need to be ordained or sewer easements need to be obtained. The Solicitor is waiting for the necessary information to prepare the easement for Race Alley.

Alan Ilgen reported that John Dubosky informed him that the Library has put out requests for proposals for professional fund raisers for their April meeting.

The "Draft" Contract submitted by Envinity/Matson Environmental was reviewed and discussed. The Solicitor recommended that if Council is satisfied with the overall contract it could be approved subject to the solicitor and Envinity agreeing on the liability language so the contract could be signed outside a meeting. There are also two different time periods allowed for termination of the agreement so the final contract needs those times to be the same. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to approve the contract with the correction of the time periods contingent on the solicitor's acceptance of the legal language. Motion carried.

The Secretary reported that the Solicitor contacted the Centre County Tax Office and he was told they are working on the petition for the judicial sale that involves the George Friend property on Center Street.

#### **NEW ACTION:**

The replacement of the water line on Rt. 45 was discussed. The Secretary reported that Eric Lundy of Nittany Engineering recommended an estimated cost of \$138/foot be used to figure projected costs for this project. At this cost and assuming a distance of one mile of line with no service line replacements this project would cost approximately \$728,640. This cost may not be this much as the line is only under the pavement as far as the old Agway building then it goes into the berm. The consensus of Council was to apply for an H20 grant.

The Secretary was instructed to contact the Centre County Planning Office about a parking map for downtown that would show where parking is allowed.

**COMMITTEE/MAYOR REPORTS:**

Alan Ilgen reported that he has samples and quotes for the stairs and the front entrance. He has quotes from Hide-A-Floor and Richards Carpet. Jack Miller of Hide-A-Floor is recommending vinyl on the stairs/landing and ceramic tile at the front door while Richards Carpet is recommending carpet on the stairs and flexitek at the front door. Mr. Ilgen will get another quote from Richards Carpet for vinyl and quarry tile for the March meeting.

Kay Brown reported that Betty Creeger would like paving on Walnut Street considered. She also reported that the culvert by Mrs. Creeger's property is sunken.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to accept the January 2010 budget reports as presented. Motion carried.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

A written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed. The Secretary requested approval to transfer \$100 from the HCC Checking Account to the HCC Certificate of Deposit to reactivate this account. A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Kay Brown authorizing the Secretary to make this \$100 transfer. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Alan Ilgen to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried.

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Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer