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**REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2011**

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 and Carl Rote.

ABSENT: Marlene Corl and John R. Miller, III

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

CITIZENS INPUT:

Susan Haney requested time on the agenda but didn't attend the meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

A written report submitted by Glenn Ripka was reviewed. Mr. Ripka presented pictures of the proposed sign for the Ingle Bean Coffee Shop at 106 East Main Street as requested by Martha Hoffman. He explained this sign meets all Borough criteria. A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Tom Strebel to approve the sign as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Ripka reported that Lester Kerstetter, Jr. has asked him about going back to full-time status. The unanimous consensus of Council is that because this request wasn't made during budget meetings so full-time benefits could be included he will continue on a part-time as needed basis for 2011.

Mr. Ripka reported that the employees worked on digging the trenches for the well field and took down the Christmas wreaths.

He also reported that the old Heartbreaker's building has been purchased. A letter has been received from a structural engineer stating that the building is okay. He has been inside with the new owners and they know the building must be brought up to code. The new owner asked about painting the outside bricks. This would be permitted because the bricks have been painted prior to the HARB ordinance.

Todd Wasson entered the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

A written report submitted by Roy Rupert was reviewed. He is requesting permission to get prices for garage door openers for the water plant. This item is not included in the 2011 budget.

President Auman asked Todd Wasson if he had any idea why the electric bill is so high at the sewer plant. Mr. Wasson explained that the milk house heater being used until the regular heater is repaired runs continuously.

Mr. Rupert's request to purchase insulated panels to help eliminate the freezing problem with the dewatering area of the final digester at the sewer plant was discussed. A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to authorize Roy Rupert or Todd Wasson to purchase insulated panels to cover the tank. Motion carried. This money is to be taken from the maintenance item of the sewer budget.

Todd Wasson reported that he read the water meters and will work on replacing the old meters. He has been digging the ditches in the well field. Spotts Brothers will be purchasing the screenings required to bed the lines. Mr. Wasson recommends tamping the ditches to be sure the fill is compacted because the parking lot will be on top of the well field area. He is to get a cost for clean fill for the well field trenches. Mr. Wasson reported that he has taken down all the Christmas wreaths.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: None

Lauralee Snyder entered the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

OLD ACTION:

1. The Secretary reported that Envinity inspected the well-field area and explained to Northeast Geothermal the best way to connect the well groupings that are less than 200 feet deep for maximum efficiency. Envinity is requiring more air sealing of the attic before the insulation is sprayed into this space. An invoice from Envinity for a second portion of Phase III of the

contract in the amount of \$3,875 was submitted for payment. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to approve the payment to Envivity for \$3,875. Motion carried.

2. The playground equipment ordered from PlayWorld has been delivered.
3. The Secretary was instructed to contact Mr. Jacobs at the Centre County Planning Office for an update on the status of the waterline project.

NEW ACTION:

1. The Secretary reported that David Grazier would like to be considered for the appointment to fill the Planning Commission vacancy. The Planning Commission will meet on January 25, 2011.
2. President Auman reported that he spoke with Austin Rogers, the Dollar Store representative. He is putting a proposal together to give to Dollar General because they want to build in Millheim.
3. The Lease Agreement prepared by the Solicitor for Omar King to continue renting the fields at the sewer plant was reviewed. This would be a three-year lease agreement beginning April 1, 2011 and expiring March 31, 2014 and increases the rent to \$65/acre or a total rent for the four acres of \$260/year. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried.
4. Discussion on a possible plan for the town clock housed in St. Luke's Methodist Church was discussed. The church may have possible buyers for the parsonage and the rental house. If these properties can't be sold the church will be closed and sold. The following questions/comments were made:
 1. Linn Auman asked "Do we want to remove the clock? How about moving to Borough building?" or "Do we want to sell the clock?"
 2. Lauralee Snyder asked "Does the clock have to be on top of a building?" Linn Auman explained the four faces are three to four feet across and the size from the clock to the mechanism is probably 12-15 feet.
 3. Alan Ilgen said he thinks we should hold on to it.
 4. Kay Brown and Lauralee Snyder both said they thought maybe it could be moved to Fountain Park.
 5. Carl Rote said to remove the gazebo because nobody uses it and put the clock there because it is historical.
 6. Alan Ilgen likes the idea of relocating the clock.
 7. Because it would be very costly to move the clock, Kay Brown said that if we are going to save the clock, people need to know about it and maybe someone would be willing to donate to help move it.
 8. Alan Ilgen said if the clock tower was at the park or playground we would have to worry about kids vandalizing it.
 9. Lauralee Snyder asked if there is any historical significance to the clock and it was explained that a Woman's Organization had donated the clock to the Borough a long time ago.The final consensus of the group was to see about collecting information on the clock before any further discussions.
5. A replacement is needed for the ambulance board. The suggestion was made that perhaps Mary Lou Young would be interested.
6. Alan Ilgen requested the Secretary advertise the Neighborhood Crime Watch meeting on Channel 2. This meeting will be held the last Thursday of January.

COMMITTEE/MAYOR REPORTS: None

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

A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Tom Strebel to accept the December budget report as presented. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed. The information provided by Tom Strebel on Community Emergency Preparedness Training was reviewed. There was no interest in attending this training from January 24 to March 4. Roy Rupert's letter to DEP in response to the Notice of Violation received in December was reviewed with no comment. President Auman and the Secretary plan to attend the Open House to see the new office of District Judge Tom Jordan on January 14.

A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Kay Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer