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**REGULAR MEETING
July 13, 2010**

Vice-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: Kay Brown, Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Lauralee Snyder, Sharon Heckman, Glenn Ripka, Jason Grottini, Chris Lehman, David Dreese, Scott Myers, Charles & Carolyn Steffan and Carl Rote.

Absent: Linn Auman, Tom Strelbel and John R. Miller, III

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

CITIZENS INPUT:

Alan Ilgen explained that the Borough needs the property owner's signatures on the Right-of-Way Easement for the sewer system received by the residents along Race Alley. The following issues were raised by David Dreese, Charles & Carolyn Steffan, and Scott Myers:

1. What is an easement? They were told that an easement only gives the Borough the right to come onto the property to maintain the sewer it does not relinquish ownership of the property.
2. Mr. Dreese stated that he has no intention of signing the agreement; he brought back proposals for a trade off if they turned the alley over to the Borough. Vice-President Ilgen and Mayor Snyder explained that this issue was discussed at several meetings and that Mr. Dreese came to a meeting and reported that he tried but there was no consensus among the property owners.
3. Mr. Myers raised concerns about what would happen to the corner of his barn if he signs the easement; the map shows Lynn McCool's sewer on his property; he doesn't want to maintain the alley.
4. Mrs. Steffan raised a concern that the easement doesn't state that the property will be put back to its original state if work is done; she reported that there was a problem with the portion of alley between their house and the David Sheats property not being maintained by the Borough in the winter since the bridge is closed. Mr. Ripka explained that he wasn't aware it wasn't being maintained and this issue will be corrected. Mrs. Brown explained that the alley must be kept accessible for plowing, which means vehicles can't be blocking it.

Vice-President Ilgen suggested that anyone with legal questions or wanting clarification about the document should contact Mr. John Miller, III after he returns to his office next week. This issue will be put on the agenda for the August meeting.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

1. A written report submitted by Glenn Ripka was reviewed.

HARB REPORT: None

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

Written reports from Roy Rupert and Todd Wasson were reviewed. Mr. Rupert is requesting that Musser's Septic Service come in to remove the grease from the sewer lines. The Secretary explained that this is part of the I&I issue and there is some money left in that budget. A place was found in the sewer line under the road to the plant that is sunken and Mr. Rupert wants the grease removed so they can use the camera to see if the line is cracked and allowing water to get into the system. The entire cost of this cleaning will probably be between \$3,800-\$5,000, which would include the \$200/day for Musser's and the cost of hauling and dumping the sludge. Mrs. Brown asked if all the grease traps have been installed. Mr. Rupert is to check on the installation of the grease trap at the Millheim Hotel and report to Mr. Ripka if it has been installed. A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Kay Brown to finance clean up of the sewer lines as soon as all grease traps are installed. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: None

OLD ACTION:

1. Alan Ilgen gave an update on the library. John Dubosky reported to him that the Friends Group interviewed fund raising agencies and a group has been selected. This will go to the Centre County Library Board for their approval to employ this group.
2. A conference call has been scheduled with DCNR to clarify some issues because it appears as though they want to change some things.
3. Jason Grottini and Chris Lehman were present to seek approval for the final design of the geothermal project. A packet was distributed (minus the 157 pages of legal documents that were sent to the Solicitor for his review). The well field has been sized to include the library. The overall projected cost is \$238,407.30 which is more than the grant amount. There are some

buffer areas (i.e., in the labor section some items that could be done by Borough employees). The proposed Mechanical Room in the library plans and Envinity's plan is the old coal storage. The Borough employees could clean this area. The concrete should be reinforced for stability and to give a clean level floor for placement of the equipment. Mr. Ripka explained that we don't have the equipment to finish this concrete work. Mr. Grottini explained that it may be better to do a new drop ceiling in the old Head Start Rooms and money has been budgeted for dropped ceiling replacement. He is also proposing that the six inches of bat insulation on top of the existing drop ceilings be removed and that above the original ceiling insulation should be blown in. The plan proposes placement of the well field under the proposed gravel parking lot in the Playground Project because DCNR doesn't want it under the new playground. This location is the closest and shortest run for the lines. Mrs. Brown asked about the trees along the sidewalk and was told they would work around them. The forced air system was chosen because it is the best investment; has little maintenance; offers a bigger bid pool; cheapest operational system and is very efficient. All the water and noise stays in the mechanical room. This plan is a zoned unit for four heat pumps – 1 for the Council Room; 1 for the stairway; 1 for the Borough Office and the Artifact Room and 1 for the Code Enforcement Office and the old Head Start Rooms. Mayor Snyder asked about the warranty and Mr. Lehman explained that the standard warranty would be 10 years on all parts with five years labor but for an extra cost a 10 year parts and labor warranty could be obtained. This better warranty will be put in as a line item so we can see the difference in cost. Vice-President Ilgen asked what kind of maintenance would be involved and he was told there should be an annual or semi-annual overall check of the equipment; with filter changes every three to six months. The existing individual heaters will be kept as emergency heat sources and the electric resistant heaters would also act as an emergency heat source. This system meets the environmentally friendly requirements and meets the Buy American provision. A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Kay Brown to approve the proposed design contingent on the Solicitor's review of the legal documents and any required changes he may have. Motion carried.

4. The Water Line Project was discussed. The Centre County Planning Office will pay for the required feasibility study. Each municipality needs to do an agreement with their engineers. We need a proposal from our engineer to work cooperatively with HRG so that the final cost is a reasonable cooperative amount and Centre County needs a copy of this. Mr. Ilgen thinks we need to move forward with this. A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Marlene Corl to authorize the Solicitor to prepare a proposal for Nittany Engineering & Associates to coordinate with HRG to prepare a joint feasibility study for the water project. Motion carried.
5. The Borough employees used the new Asphalt Buggy and patched the alley by the Millheim Hotel and some other alleys will be done. They had to rent a piece of equipment to grind the areas before patching. When the bills are all in we will compare costs to determine the savings. Stone road patching is done on an ongoing basis.
6. The Antique Parade/Fire Police Request was discussed. Some concerns of the other municipalities were if kids would be riding or driving tractors. None of the municipalities have received a copy of an insurance policy. Without having the Solicitor's opinion and not having seen a copy of the insurance no action was taken.
7. The Race Wing Wall was tabled until the August meeting for more information.

NEW ACTION:

1. A cap on top of the stone portion of the Race Wall was discussed. This wall has been vandalized by kids knocking the stones into the Race. Mr. Ripka explained that John Claar is proposing to dig out behind the stones and put a concrete cap over top of the stones. This concrete should be poured thick enough to withstand delivery trucks that get on top of the stones. No prices have been received to date. Weight restrictions on the road were discussed but weight restrictions don't apply to local deliveries. Further discussion was held until the estimates are received.
2. A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Kay Brown to adopt Ordinance #241 Amending Chapter 21 Part 3. Motion carried.
3. A thank you note was received from the Hope Fund. They served over 500 people and made over \$7,000. The Triathlon was very successful. They had 155 participants and they are planning to do this again next year.
4. Renewal of the Sewer Property Lease Agreement with Omar King was discussed. Mr. King wants to keep renting the ground but he would be willing to do a one to three year lease. He currently has the fields in pasture and has heifers and horses there. He has paid \$220, which is \$55/acre but he was told last year that the rate might be increased and that he was not allowed to plant tobacco on the land. Mr. Ilgen will check on current rates for farmland for discussion at the August meeting.
5. A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Marlene Corl to accept the resignation from Kathryn Weaver Myers as the Millheim Borough representative to the Penns Valley EMS Board because Mrs. Myers no longer lives in the Borough. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE/MAYOR REPORTS: None

A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve the minutes of the June 2010 meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Kay Brown to accept the June budget as presented. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed. Mrs. Heckman explained that she is still working with Allegheny Power to determine if the Borough is eligible for the rebate on the VFD's purchased for the water plant. The email received from Ernie Auman with a complaint about burning was discussed. The Secretary explained that complaints about burning are forwarded to Mr. Ripka and Council will follow up with him about these complaints. Bottles of water from the Leo Evans property were shown and there was no visible difference between the two samples. They both looked very clear. A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Kay Brown to accept the Secretary's report.

There will be no Neighborhood Crime Watch in July.

A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Kay Brown to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer