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**REGULAR MEETING
June 8, 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, John R. Miller, III, Sharon Heckman, Glenn Ripka, Tammy Myers, Bill Hilshey, Katie Ombalski and Carl Rote.

Absent: Marlene Corl

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

CITIZENS INPUT:

Katie Ombalski and Bill Hilshey of the Clearwater Conservancy presented information on some of their programs such as the Land Conservation Program; Natural Resource & Habitat Management and the Forest Stewardship Program. They explained that a government entity is a qualified entity for their programs. If there is a long term concern for protection of insuring and protecting the water company land, they may be able to help. Ms. Ombalski explained that it takes approximately a year to get a DCNR Contract in place that would utilize the DCNR cost share program. Then the Borough would select a forester from the DCNR list to write a plan and DCNR would review the plan to be certain it is written to the goals determined. The intent of this program is sustainability. Concerns were raised about this Council making a decision that couldn't be changed by future Councils. Ms. Ombalski explained that the starting place would be for each Council person to fill out a landowner's survey form from the packet Mr. Hilshey provided. The Secretary will provide copies of this form to Council members.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Glenn Ripka was present and discussed with Council the written report he submitted. Mr. Ripka ordered two valves for the fountain at \$78 each and they should be in this week.

Mr. Ripka presented the following sign application requests:

1. Revised sign plans received from Dollar General that are under the square footage size and is not backlit. A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Kay Brown to approve the revised sign as presented by Dollar General. Motion carried.
2. Information for a temporary sign for the Sprint Triathlon. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to waive the fee and approve the sign as presented. Motion carried.

HARB REPORT: None

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

The written reports submitted by Roy Rupert and Todd Wasson were reviewed.

The radios for the Water Plant were ruined during the electric surge when the tree fell and hit the electric lines in the Millheim Narrows and they need to be replaced. A proposal received from Vikram Rawal of Advanced Controls, Inc. was reviewed. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to accept the proposal to replace the radios at a cost of \$5,131.00 and to budget \$1,857.00 for the spare radio as part of the 2011 budget. Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

1. Gary Winkleman representing Dollar General attended the meeting requesting a preliminary review of proposed plans. He was told that plans must be submitted the Centre County Planning Office. Mr. Winkleman requested a letter from the Borough with regard to water/sewer capacity and approval to connect to the public systems. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to authorize the Secretary to write the letters as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motion carried.
2. David Rearick attended the Planning Commission meeting to discuss the possibility of building a shop on the farm property owned by Jay Houser. Mr. Ripka explained that Mr. Rearick is currently looking into the possibility of putting the shop in Penn Township.
3. David Sprowls distributed a hand-out explaining how the State College Borough handles requests to grind sections of sidewalks so they comply with the ADA height variance. They are allowed to grind 1-1/2 inches and must match smoothly

to be accepted. If the sidewalk is too thin it cracks by the next inspection and must be replaced at that time. The recommendation to Council is to take no action and leave the wording of the existing Ordinance Sidewalk Standards stand.

4. A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Kay Brown to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the following changes to amend the Codified Ordinances Section 21; Part 3 – Street Cuts and Driveway Construction as recommended by the Planning Commission:
 - a. Change the heading of Section 302 to read “Permit Required for Driveways, Streets and Roads.”
 - b. Change the heading of Section 303 to read “Driveway Standards.”
 - c. Remove all wording from Section 303 and change this section to read “All driveways, streets, and roads refer to current Centre County specifications.”

Motion carried.

OLD ACTION:

The Solicitor is waiting for the information on Walter and Pine Streets. Cherry Street has already been ordained. The Solicitor has prepared the Right-of-Way Agreement on Race Alley for the Sewer Easement. Mr. Ripka is to get the signatures of the property owners and the expiration dates of their driver’s licenses.

Alan Ilgen reported that the Aaronsburg Library has conducted interviews for a fund raising consultant and they will be making a decision who they will hire.

The Secretary explained that a woman may be interested in renting the two upstairs rooms for a day care. The consensus of Council was to use the same rent figure paid by Mrs. Ake for discussion purposes. The final details would be negotiated if she is interested. She would also be responsible for replacement of the dropped ceiling in those rooms.

Todd Smith has forwarded the information to DCNR and we are waiting for their response.

Alan Ilgen reported on the progress letter received from Envinity. This letter discusses the possible need for a Special Council Meeting to discuss the pros and cons of each system prior to July 15. The consensus of Council was that there will be no Special Meeting and the plans must be ready for the regular July 13 meeting.

Alan Ilgen reported on a Manufacturers and Business energy workshop that he attended in May. There is an opportunity through this group to purchase electricity but the Secretary is looking into the possibility of a similar program through the Borough’s Association. Mr. Ilgen will provide further information as it becomes available.

NEW ACTION:

Tammy Myers presented information about the Centre County Tax Collection Committee and the Memorandum of Understanding with the Borough of State College to collect the Earned Income Tax for Centre County. She explained that Donna Miller and Brenda Hile, both current Penns Valley Tax Collectors are part of the transition committee. The question was raised about how many employees there would be and who would be responsible for hiring them? Council would like to see more detail on the budget. Tom Strebel will attend the tax meeting in Bellefonte on June 17.

The letter from Curt Stover requesting permission to use the roads and for Fire Police assistance for a fund raiser for the American Legion was discussed. The Secretary explained that the Millheim Borough and all municipalities in which the antique tractors travel on Penn Dot roads would be required to apply for an Antique Parade Permit. The same form would be used that is submitted for the annual Firemen’s Parade. The only difference is that during that parade liability is limited because the road is closed and the Fire Police direct traffic. During this event the road can’t be closed because the parade route is extensive. The Solicitor reported that Penn Township did not approve the request. Mr. Miller raised concerns about the liability issue for the Borough and he questions if the tractors can run on the highways if they aren’t legally licensed. The consensus of Council was to table the issue until input from the other municipalities can be received and the group provides proof of insurance.

COMMITTEE/MAYOR REPORTS:

Alan Ilgen reported that he has the State Police Statistics from January through April 2010 and the Neighborhood Crime Watch is having a positive effect.

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

A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Kay Brown to approve the May 2010 budget report as presented. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed.

Carl Rote reported that he heard good comments about the Newsletter that was sent out to Borough residents.

A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Kay Brown to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer