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**REGULAR MEETING
May 11, 2010**

President Linn Auman called the regular meeting of the Millheim Borough Council to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Linn Auman, Kay Brown, Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Lauralee Snyder, John R. Miller, III, Sharon Heckman, Glenn Ripka, Roy Rupert, Susan Haney and Carl Rote.

Absent: Tom Strebel

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

CITIZENS INPUT:

Susan Haney raised concerns about smoldering burn barrels. Another concern was that there are businesses that burn even though there is a state law prohibiting this. She explained that there are three properties where this is a consistent problem and one of them is a business. Mr. Ripka explained that he needs a call if there is a problem. Carl Rote suggested that burning be eliminated. Mrs. Haney then raised a concern about the Borough website suggesting that it be changed to provide easier and more obvious access to the Borough Ordinances.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

A written report submitted by Glenn Ripka was reviewed. Mr. Ripka then discussed the following:

1. The majority of the property purchased from the Rearick Estate by Alan Ilgen has been cleaned up.
2. The final grading/seeding has been done at the waterline at Pat Wolfe's. The area along Park Road will be finished after the Fiber Optic work is completed.
3. The porch at the George Boggan property will be repaired by the end of June. He replaced the cracked sewer service line and corrected the problem with the sewer vent caps.
4. To date seventeen of the twenty-five property owners contacted about sewer service line problems have responded. The deadline to correct the problems is May 17, 2010.

HARB REPORT:

The following sign applications were presented by Mr. Ripka:

1. The request submitted by Felicia Shultz for a permanent store sign to be placed for her business in the Steve Neff building at 122 West Main Street.
2. The request submitted by Bradley Johnstonbaugh for a sign for his used car parts business in the property owned by Michael Race at 145 Penn Street. Mr. Johnstonbaugh sells the car parts over the internet but wants the sign so people can locate his business.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve both sign requests as recommended by the HARB. Motion carried.

A temporary sandwich board sign has been requested to advertise an event to be held for the Hope Fund at the Millheim Community Pool on May 29, 2010. This sign is to be placed on the corner at the Heggenstaller building. They would also like to put a banner across Rt. 45 but PennDot would need more time to process this request. A motion was made by Marlene Corl and seconded by Kay Brown to approve the sign request as presented for the temporary sandwich board sign. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

Glenn Ripka gave a report for Todd Wasson as follows:

1. The water leak on Main Street near Jim Bryant's office has been repaired.
2. Priority work has been completed.
3. The two good benches have been taken to Fountain Park. They are trying to find a twist valve to replace the broken valve on the water fountain.
4. The Old Mill Property on Center Street was mowed with the sickle bar and will be maintained.

Roy Rupert was present and gave his report as follows:

1. He got a price from Musser Sewer & Septic to pump the grease from the sewer lines. They estimate ten hours to do this work at \$190/hr. There will also be a charge for Robinson to haul this away. This should be scheduled for August.
2. He will look into having a few manholes vacuumed. Perhaps Robinson can do this.
3. The Master Control Unit installation at the water plant hasn't been scheduled because Mr. Rupert is waiting for the Fiber Optic project to move from Millheim.

4. Hr downloaded an I&I Plan from the internet. Another smoke test will be done when the repairs found during the last test are completed. The deadline for this is May 17, 2010. The bolts may need to be replaced in the manholes prior to this test. The Tom Snook house filled up with smoke during the last test so a closer inspection needs done on this property. The new camera may be used during this inspection.
5. On May 8, 2010 a tree fell in the Millheim Narrows that caused a power surge. The water plant sustained damage to the surge suppressor for the Roberts Filter controls; the modem for the internet and the Coagulant Control. These items have been ordered and once the new ones are installed other damaged items may be found.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

A written report was reviewed that explained that Dollar General requested a sign variance for a total sign space of 64 sq. feet and is back lit. The Planning Commission is recommending that Council require Dollar General to meet the 50 sq. ft. criteria but allow them to choose if the sign is placed on the building or at the road and that no back lit sign be permitted. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Marlene Corl to accept the Planning Commission recommendation for the sign criteria. Motion carried.

OLD ACTION:

1. The Solicitor reported that he can't find a document that ordains the easterly portion of Walter Alley/Walter Street from South High Street to the Borough property and he isn't sure Pine Street is ordained on the south side of Rt. 45. The Borough Code allows us to ordain this street because we have maintained it for at least twenty-one years. Someone needs to measure from South High Street to the Borough Property and get the measurements to him so he can prepare the Ordinance. At the same time Pine Street is to be measured from Walter Street to Rt. 45.
2. There is nothing to report on the Library at this time.
3. The written report on the update on the Playground/DCNR Grant for Ball Field Upgrades was discussed. In the Solicitor's opinion, "In-Kind Services" has a connotation of value while a "Donation" involves time rather than money. A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Marlene Corl to accept conditionally the proposed changes from Beth Hildebrand to the package submitted for DCNR approval contingent on clarifying the item about the survey work to be done by Linn Auman and Pat Hubert and her rational on concreting the stone trail to the playground. Motion carried.
4. The written report on the update on the Building Energy Grant was discussed. The Secretary reported that a check for 50% of the grant was received on May 10, 2010 in the amount of \$101,750. She also reported that an invoice has been received from Envinity in the amount of \$7,000 upon completion of Phase I. This is consistent with the Borough's Agreement with Envinity. A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Marlene Corl to approve payment of the invoice from Envinity in the amount of \$7,000 as Phase I is completed. Motion carried. Mr. Ilgen explained that there is a potential to save a lot of money if the recommendations outlined in the completed Energy Audit submitted by Envinity are completed. Phase 2 of this project is preparing the bid specifications for mailing and Envinity is currently working on this.
5. The written report on the Waterline Project Update was discussed. President Auman explained that the meeting was held and everything looks good. We are waiting to hear from Centre County on the funding for the feasibility study.
6. No priority project list for spring and summer was available. Patching the alley by the Hotel and the area on Center Street by the Ernie Auman property are to be added to the list. For the June meeting this written priority list is to be available.
7. The Solicitor reported on the Judicial Sale. The Borough purchased the Old Mill Property owned by George Friend on Center Street. He gave the Tax Claim Bureau a check from the Borough in the amount of \$4,535.34. The Borough is to maintain the property so it is not a safety hazard. Mr. Miller reported that the Heartbreaker's property was sold for \$1,500 but he doesn't know who purchased the property.

NEW ACTION:

1. A "Draft" Newsletter was discussed. The newsletter will include information on the water/sewer plants; the ordinances; the grants we were approved for and the Neighborhood Crime Watch. A good "Draft" will be done and everyone on Council will have a chance to review and initial it. The proposed mailing date for this newsletter is June 1, 2010. The consensus of Council is that a newsletter should be mailed twice a year in June and December.
2. The Secretary distributed an Energy Briefing Alert. This is a free workshop to be held in State College on Friday, May 28, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Alan Ilgen will attend.

COMMITTEE/MAYOR REPORTS:

Alan Ilgen reported that the upstairs landing will not be covered with vinyl floor covering because when the boards were exposed they were in excellent condition. They will be refinished to match the rest of the exposed hardwood flooring in the upstairs hallway. Mr. Miller has been notified of this change.

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

The Secretary explained that the following items:

1. Checks written to Melvin King, Jesse Peachey and Centre County Vinyl were to pay for the window installation at the Borough building.
2. The check written from the General Fund to Bradco Supply Co. for the Hot Asphalt Buggy in the amount of \$11,750 will be reimbursed as follows: \$1000 already received from Penn Township. The remaining \$10,750 will be reimbursed from the

Centre County Liquid Fuel Grant. Our cost for this piece of equipment is the \$1,000 check written from the Liquid Fuel Fund.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Marlene Corl to accept the April 2010 budget report as presented. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed. President Auman suggested the current census response information be included in the Newsletter with a reminder to residents to respond to the Census people now going door-to-door.

The Secretary explained that a letter was received from the Seven Mountains Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc. requesting that communities declare the week of May 16-22, 2010 be declared Emergency Medical Services Week and that local Emergency Service Personnel be invited to a Proclamation Signing. There was no interest in conducting this event.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Marlene Corl to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer