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**BUDGET MEETING
November 2, 2009**

The second budget meeting of the Millheim Borough Council began at 6:05 p.m. with the following persons in attendance: Linn Auman, Kay Brown, Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Tom Strebel, Sharon Heckman and Carl Rote

Lauralee Snyder entered the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Absent: John R. Miller, III.

The Secretary explained about her conversation with Michele Mains of PennDot regarding the plans submitted by InfraSource for the proposed fiber optic line project. She explained that the previous information received from Richard Hunter about this line being placed in the PennDot caraway rather than under the sidewalks in the downtown district appears to be incorrect. The Secretary was instructed to do a letter to Ms. Mains at PennDot explaining the Borough's concerns about boring under the sidewalks because of the water lines that may be involved and the recent repairs/replacements to many of the sidewalks.

The next Neighborhood Crime Watch is scheduled for November 19, 2009.

Sewer Fund Budget for 2010 discussion:

The Secretary explained that to date the \$167,000 Growing Greener New & Innovative Technology Grant has not been received from the State. The close-out documents were received by DEP on December 26, 2008. The consensus of Council was to include this money as revenue in the 2010 budget and the Secretary is to continue checking on the status of these funds.

A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Kay Brown to authorize the expenditure, not to exceed \$6,000, for A-3 to add our surplus membrane at the sewer plant as previously explained by Roy Rupert to help lessen the sludge hauling costs at the new sewer plant to begin as soon as possible. Motion carried.

The Secretary explained that Todd Wasson suggested the Borough purchase a camera that can be pushed through the sewer lines to determine where I&I problems exits. Before expending \$12,000-\$15,000 for a camera, he is to see if Centre Hall Borough or Gregg Township owns one. The Secretary is to check with Best Line and PA Rural Water about the possibility of renting a camera.

Letters requiring the businesses to install grease traps were discussed. The Secretary explained that she has not done these letters. The recommendation was that because this is an ordinance violation Glenn Ripka should do the letters.

The Secretary was instructed to check on whether the entire cost of the Sewerage Enforcement Officer charges for inspections/permits of on-site septic systems can be billed to the property owner because we are no longer getting our reimbursement for these costs.

A total balanced Sewer Fund Budget for 2010 was completed in the amount of \$468,347.

Water Fund Budget for 2010:

The Borough has received notification that funding for the replacement of the emergency interconnect between Aaronsburg and Millheim Borough has been included in the Department of the Interior, Environment & Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2010. The consensus of Council is that a clearly defined agreement between the two municipalities would need to be done governing this interconnect project.

The Secretary was instructed to contact Dana Boob requesting his attendance at the November 10, 2009 Council meeting to discuss his idea for metering the barn and houses on his West Main Street property.

President Auman explained that he has been contacted again about timbering the Water Company property. He will do the inventory. The consensus of Council was to move forward with this project.

Council agreed that the water rates should remain at the current rate of \$15.00 for the flat fee and \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons used. A total balanced Water Fund Budget for 2010 was completed in the amount of \$184,055 using a beginning cash balance from 2009 of \$9,055.

The Secretary explained her concerns about not paying the \$158.80 for the Election for Relief from Charges and Notice of Solvency Fee for the calendar year 2010. After some discussion on the additional information provided, a motion to rescind the decision made at the October 26, 2009 budget meeting and approve payment of the \$158.80 Solvency Fee was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel. Motion carried.

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

Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer