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**SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING  
November 3, 2010**

The second Special Meeting to discuss the 2011 budget was called to order by President Linn Auman at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Linn Auman, Kay Brown, Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Tom Strebel, Lauralee Snyder, Sharon Heckman and Carl Rote.

**Water Fund Budget for 2011:**

The Secretary recommended that the water rates be raised this year and several options were presented. Some of the other municipality's rates were presented and they are significantly higher than Millheim Borough. When the water line replacement is done next year all the money currently invested in Certificates of Deposit will be gone and there will be no buffer. Concerns about the age of the equipment at the water plant were discussed. The Secretary explained that the flat monthly rate of \$15 has not been increased since the plant was built in 1995. Mrs. Heckman recommends raising the flat monthly fee to \$20 per month, which will leave a \$3,105 surplus. She explained that by raising this rate every property in the borough is affected. Tom Strebel felt raising the flat fee was more equitable and Lauralee Snyder and Alan Ilgen also agreed. Kay Brown stated that she discussed at the last meeting that she didn't agree with raising rates and was concerned about pay raises. President Auman explained that the rates would need to be raised even without the raises. After discussion the unanimous consensus of Council was to raise the monthly flat rate to \$20.

**General Fund Budget for 2011**

The Secretary was instructed to have the Solicitor prepare a 3-year Lease Agreement at the increased rate of \$65/acre for Omar King to rent the fields at the Sewer Plant.

The Secretary explained that because she bills the Code Enforcement Agency for a portion of Glenn Ripka's salary she wondered if the Borough could give him a raise without the Agency agreeing. Several possible solutions were discussed but after discussion the consensus of Council was that Marlene Corl is to recommend that the Code Enforcement Agency increase Mr. Ripka's salary by \$0.60/hr. Mrs. Corl will bring this to the Agency meeting to be held on December 8, 2010.

Tom Strebel explained that the Tax Collector won't be collecting Earned Income Tax by no later than January 1, 2012 but things aren't finalized with the County group at this time so actual dates and costs are not available.

Installation of new energy efficient lights was discussed. The Secretary is to include the library rooms, the Agency Office and the upstairs hallway of the Borough building in the quote she has requested from Stanley C. Bierly.

The 12x24 Amish shed being requested for storage at the Borough building was discussed. It was suggested that it may be better to place a shed at the Sewer Plant because there is room by the sea crate and the area is fenced in. After discussion, the consensus of the Council was that the truck, Steiner and sickle bar could be put in the gymnasium for this year so the leaf vac can be put into the garage and Council will look at purchasing a shed another year. The gymnasium is not to be cluttered up with other items.

The parking lot will need restriped and some of the trees will need to be replaced. The backhoe hydraulics may need to be serviced by a professional. The Secretary is to find out when the hydraulics were last done.

The Millrace Wall Cap will need to wait for another year. There is really only one spot by the pole where the wall is being pushed out by heavy trucks. The suggestion was made that perhaps the employees could sink a pipe with concrete to help keep the trucks off this area.

A total balanced General Fund Budget for 2011 was completed in the amount of \$202,515.01 by using a beginning cash balance of \$9,581.01 with no tax increase.

A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Marlene Corl to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer