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**REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2008**

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, Alan Ilgen, Tom Strebel, Lauralee Snyder, Sharon Heckman, Ronald Fetzer, Richard Winebold, and Carl Rote.

Absent: Kay Brown, Marlene Corl, and John R. Miller, III

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

CITIZENS INPUT:

1. Due to the inclement weather, Chief Zerbe of the Hartleton Police Department was unavailable so Richard Winebold discussed the proposal being submitted for police coverage for Millheim Borough. Mr. Winebold gave a brief overview on what prompted the request for this proposal. Concerns were raised about losing State Police coverage for crimes if traffic control would be covered by a municipal policeman and losing money generated from State Police fines. Further discussion was postponed until the March 11, 2008 meeting to discuss the proposal with Chief Zerbe and then request attendance of the State Police for the April meeting to discuss a possible Crime Watch.
2. Ronald Fetzer, President of the Business Association, discussed with Council ways to improve Millheim and attract new business to the Borough. Some items discussed were a web page for Millheim Businesses and flyers to promote Millheim as a tourist area.
3. Mr. Winebold explained that the town clock is not working but it has been too cold to work on it. He isn't sure why it stopped but one of the cables may need to be replaced within the next year. The Secretary explained that currently neither the Borough nor St. Lukes's Methodist Church insure the clock. Mr. Winebold has agreed to appraise the clock so the insurance company can prepare a cost for the Borough to insure it. He is to get the camera from Mr. Ripka to take necessary pictures.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: None

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

A written report submitted by Glenn Ripka was reviewed. Mr. Ripka is to make another contact with Mrs. Martin about her sign.

HARB REPORT: None

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:

1. Tom Strebel expressed concerns about potholes in Fox Alley. This will be taken care of in the spring.
2. Mayor Snyder had a person contact her stating she is in favor of the Borough putting on a police officer.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

Written reports submitted by Lester Kerstetter and Roy Rupert were reviewed and discussed. The Secretary explained that Todd Wasson was planning to attend tonight's meeting but he is plowing snow instead. He did want Council to know that the Aaronsburg Water Company has agreed to pay his PA Rural Water Conference Dues.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

A recommendation was forwarded for Council to repeal the existing fee-in-lieu ordinance.

NEW ACTION:

1. The President explained that the Centre County Planning Office plans to propose to the County Commissioners that the County implement a Fee-In-Lieu Ordinance. The Mayor suggested that Council wait until the County has the Ordinance in place before repealing the Borough Ordinance. After discussion and based on the recommendation from Planning Commission, a motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to advertise repealing the Fee-In-Lieu Ordinance for new subdivisions in the Borough. Motion carried.
2. The Secretary's attendance to the PSAB Conference in Harrisburg was discussed. After discussion of the benefits to the Borough for her attendance to this conference, a motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to approve the Secretary attending this conference in Harrisburg and for the Borough to pay for the Delegate Package and a hotel room for two nights in the amount of \$368.68 and mileage for the trip. Motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to exonerate Tammy Myers from collection of delinquent 2007 Real Estate Taxes per the list submitted. Motion carried. These accounts have been submitted to the Centre County Tax Office for collection.
4. The Secretary explained about a letter received from Pam Winter, SEO Officer, requesting a Resolution supporting the Sewage Enforcement Officer conducting interim inspections prior to and during the actual construction of on-lot sewage disposal systems. She explained that the Solicitor believes this is a redundancy but there is no problem if the Council wants to adopt this resolution. A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to adopt Resolution 2008-1 as discussed. Motion carried.

OLD ACTION:

1. The Secretary presented pictures supplied by Nittany Engineering. President Auman explained change orders that are being negotiated. Concerns were discussed about the amount of time Nittany Engineering is spending on submittals. The Secretary was instructed to contact Nittany Engineering about the number of people and the amount of time spent reviewing the submittals.

A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to pay two invoices #06080-6-1 and #06080-6-2 for Inspection Fees in the amounts of \$1,800 and \$2,021.22. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to pay two invoices #06080-4-4 and #06080-4-5 in the amounts of \$9,728.92 and \$8,473.76, which included a payment to CMT Lab for \$390 and Chilton for \$595. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen seconded by Tom Strebel to pay Howard Organization for Contractor's Pay Application #1 for work to 12/31/07 in the amount of \$11,664.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to pay Howard Organization for Contractor's Pay Application #2 for work to 1/31/08 in the amount of \$3,060.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to pay HRI, Inc. for Contractor's Pay Application #3 for work to 2/01/08 in the amount of \$67,500.00. Motion carried.

2. The Secretary explained she is waiting for date and time for the installation of the replacement camera. Morefield Communication has agreed to remove the last charge for the labor when the camera wasn't repaired.
3. The railing at the Race will be replaced by PennDot as soon as the weather breaks. There has been no further notification from PennDot regarding the flooding problem on Penn Street.
4. Carl Rote raised concerns about the paint used for the parking stalls on Main Street. These lines should not be painted with yellow paint in the future.
5. President Auman explained about the problem with the freezing rain plugging the drain and allowing the water to back up under the door and soaking up the new carpet. The suggestion was discussed to eliminate the door and the outside stairway and perhaps put in an exit out through the gymnasium. The Secretary is to investigate the need for a second exit if the room is under a certain size.

COMMITTEE/MAYOR REPORTS: None

A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to accept the January 7, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to accept the January 2008 budget report as presented. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A written report submitted was reviewed. Mayor Snyder asked for a report on the Regional Park & Rec meeting. The Secretary explained that the Fee-In-Lieu Ordinances were discussed as well as the benefits to forming this group as a sub-committee under the Regional Planning Commission. The Mayor explained that at the Regional Planning Commission there was discussion about a group that was planning to build a field house at the High School and the man heading this group would like to try to unite these two groups but this wasn't discussed at the Regional Park & Rec. meeting. Mr. Griffin, School District Superintendent, explained about a facility in the Mifflinburg area that was built and is being operated by all volunteers.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Tom Strebel to reimburse Sharon Heckman \$225.22 for the costs she paid to Balfurd for having the draperies in the Artifacts Room dry cleaned. Motion carried.

The consensus of the group was not to participate in the April 19 Watershed Cleanup Day as planned by the ClearWater Conservancy but they would consider this if there were an alternate date.

President Auman explained that costs of alternate heating sources, such as electric baseboard heating, Geothermal, etc., are being investigated.

A motion was made by Tom Strelbel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer