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**REGULAR MEETING
January 13, 2009**

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, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Heggenstaller, Jr., Carl Rote and Frank Winter.

Absent: Marlene Corl

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

CITIZENS INPUT:

Frank Winter explained there is no water pressure up on Hillcrest Avenue. He explained the pressure hasn't been good since the new system was put in and the pumps on Hillcrest were removed. The Secretary explained that as soon as the water leak is repaired near Park Road monitoring equipment would be placed on service lines in the area to measure pressure into individual houses.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: No report was available.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

A written report submitted by Glenn Ripka was reviewed with no questions or comments.

HARB REPORT:

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Heggenstaller, Jr. requested permission to repoint the bricks and replace the windows in the old mill property they own and live in at 102 Mill Street. A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to accept the recommendation of the HARB and approve the request as presented. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

Written reports were reviewed.

NEW ACTION:

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Kay Brown to renew the services of Nittany Engineering & Associates, LLC as the Borough Engineer for 2009. Motion carried.

Information received from DEP for a permit for the Fire Company to install a dry fire along Elk Creek on Park Street was discussed. The Solicitor explained his concerns about the regulations outlined in the document being followed because he doesn't know who would be doing the work. He is particularly concerned with Paragraph 4 dealing with the Dam Safety & Encroachment Act. The Secretary was instructed to find out who would be doing the work for the Fire Company.

A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to approve the registration fee and motel costs for two nights in the amount of \$555.78 for the Secretary to attend the PA. State Association of Borough's Conference on March 22-25, 2009 in Hershey, PA. Motion carried.

Alan Ilgen will speak to several people about serving on a Zoning Hearing Board for the Borough. The Solicitor recommended that the Council appoint the three members to serve on the Board and then let the Board members recommend an attorney.

The recommendation was made to appoint Dennis Bressler as Millheim Borough's representative on the Ambulance Association. Alan Ilgen will speak to Mr. Bressler.

The Secretary received a fax on a PA Wayfinding Signage Program that states a packet was sent to the Borough in October 2008 with information to be evaluated and a letter of support for this program is requested. This packet was never received and the Secretary explained she is not familiar with this program. The Secretary was instructed to send a letter explaining that upon receipt of the packet of materials they would be evaluated.

The Secretary presented information from Nittany Engineering & Associates on a new PA H20 Grant. Nittany Engineering & Associates, LLC would prepare and submit this grant application for the Borough at a cost of \$1,650. If approved by DCED, this grant could be used to offset costs to build the new sewer plant. A motion was made by Tom Strebel and seconded by Alan Ilgen to accept the proposal submitted by Nittany Engineering & Associates to prepare and submit the application for the PA H20 Grant for Millheim Borough at a cost of \$1,650. Motion carried. The Solicitor will review or prepare the required Resolution for adoption at the Special Council Meeting to be held on January 27, 2009.

A motion was made by Alan Ilgen and seconded by Kay Brown to exonerate the Tax Collector, Tammy Myers, from collection of delinquent real estate taxes for 2008 as presented in the amount of \$1,957.73. Motion carried. These delinquent accounts have been turned over to the Centre County Tax Office for collection.

In Marlene Corl's absence, President Auman will attend the Penns Valley Code Enforcement Agency meeting on January 20, 2009.

OLD ACTION:

The Solicitor reported that a petition was filed for a judicial sale by Centre County. Mr. Miller will attend the hearing to be held on January 23, 2009.

The Secretary explained that Trooper Petuci is available to give a presentation on how to start a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program on February 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor suggested advertising this Special Meeting in the Valley Grapevine.

President Auman reported he has had complaints that people from Mifflinburg are hunting and using four-wheelers on the Water Company land. They drive around gates that are across roads to bar access. He would like to put up "No Motorized Vehicles Allowed" signs. A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Tom Strebel to sign the roadways for No Unauthorized Vehicles. Motion carried.

The Sidewalk Committee decided to wait until spring to inspect the downtown sidewalks.

COMMITTEE/MAYOR REPORTS:

Kay Brown requested that if people are parking along roads when plowing is done Todd Wasson is to notify the office and if there are issues she is to be contacted.

Tom Strebel explained that his name was misspelled in the next to last line of the HARB Report paragraph. A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Tom Strebel to approve the December 2008 minutes with the change to the spelling of Tom Strebel's name as noted. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Tom Strebel to approve the December 2008 budget report as presented. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed and the following was discussed:

1. The request for County Liquid Fuel Funds was denied. The Secretary explained that the new Administration in Washington may have money available for storm water/infrastructure projects that are basically shovel-ready. She will talk to Matt Knepp at PennDot about bidding the road project on Mill Street.
2. The Secretary was given permission to miss the January 27, 2009 Special Meeting.

A motion was made by Kay Brown and seconded by Alan Ilgen to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer