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**REGULAR MEETING
September 8, 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, Marlene Corl, Alan Ilgen, Tom Strebel, Lauralee Snyder, John R. Miller, III, Sharon Heckman, Glenn Ripka, and Carl Rote.

Absent: Kay Brown

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

CITIZENS INPUT: None

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT:

Glenn Ripka was present and discussed with Council the written report he submitted. The Solicitor was provided with information needed to prepare his letter to Jim Bryant regarding the status of the Jim Frees complaint. Mr. Ripka explained that Mr. Frees was satisfied with the work completed by the Borough. Mr. Frees needs to decide if he wants to remove the two dead trees located on his property that he wanted the Borough to remove and he needs to replace the two trees he cut down. The consensus of the group was that an iron pin should be placed marking the corner boundary of the Borough/Tritsch property.

HARB REPORT: None

FIRE COMPANY REPORT: None

EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

The written reports submitted by Lester Kerstetter and Roy Rupert were reviewed. The water leak at the Tess Rider property on Water Street was discussed. The Secretary was instructed to do a letter to Ms. Rider as a follow-up to the many conversations between Ms. Rider, the Secretary and Todd Wasson citing the Customer Responsibilities from the Water Ordinance.

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

The Planning Commission recommended the following:

1. To correct Chapter 15; Section #306; Paragraph 1 from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
2. To change Chapter 15; Section #306; Paragraph 2 to read "...to a schedule which will be published in a local newspaper **or** posted at prominent locations in the Borough."
3. Place a "No Parking Here to Intersection" sign on the North side of Poplar Street twenty feet (20') from the edge of the cart way on Rt. 445.
4. Chapter 15; Section #307 stays as written.
5. Amend Chapter 2-Animals; Part 1; Section #103; Paragraph 2 to add the following "**No more than six (6)** small animals shall be kept confined.....".

Based on these recommendations, discussion followed about possible discrimination issues if parking in alleys is only enforced if complaints are received. It would be difficult to select the alleys where no parking is needed because in some places there is enough room for two-way traffic if vehicles are parked along the streets. The consensus was to send this issue back to the Planning Commission to discuss at the October meeting for action at the November Council meeting. The Secretary was instructed to include a copy of the minutes from 1984 for Planning Commission and Council to review.

Alan Ilgen made a motion, seconded by Tom Strebel to put a "No Parking Here to Intersection" sign on Poplar Street behind the Elk Creek Cafe. Motion carried.

The Secretary reported that she was informed during a telephone conversation with Mr. Bagaglio of PennDot that the Borough regulates parking, even along PennDot highways. She explained that the Postmistress would like to change the hours on the loading sign to cover the hours for the mail carrier more effectively but Council needs to approve this. The Solicitor said the signs can be installed but tickets should not be issued until the Ordinance is amended. Tom Strebel made a motion, seconded by Marlene Corl to place "15 Minute Postal Parking Only" signs at the first two parking places on Penn Street as previously voted on and to approve the time change for the Post Office Loading Zone restricting parking from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

The Solicitor needs to look at the PennDot regulations to see if the second sign for the Post Office Loading Zone can be hung from the building.

OLD ACTION:

To date Mr. Dreese has not contacted the Borough about the portion of Race Alley from Plum Street to State Street.

The Secretary reported that Glenn Vernon and Claudia Albertin brought a Structural Engineer, Bob Davis, in to inspect the Borough building for the Library.

The Secretary was informed by DCNR that there will probably be no notification on the Grant Application until the State budget is passed.

The Building Energy Grant Application was submitted well before the deadline.

The request from Roger Guisewite for a private individual right-of-way over public water company land to access his cabin was discussed. The Solicitor doesn't recommend giving an easement that runs with the property because this locks in future Councils. He also explained about setting a precedent and opening up possible future requests from other landowners. After much discussion, the consensus of the group was to send Mr. Guisewite a letter stating that the Borough would not grant an easement and if he wants to discuss the issue further he should come to a Council meeting.

NEW ACTION:

The Tax Collector report submitted by Tammy Myers was reviewed and there were no questions.

The Secretary explained that the County Liquid Fuel Grant application has been received and there is a November 6, 2009 deadline for submission. Some possible projects mentioned were: Correcting a drainage problem on Walnut Alley; Purchase of a Hot Patch Buggy; paving Center Street to Water Street because of the cracking by the Ernie Auman property; or taking care of the pot holes in the alley by the Jewelry Store.

COMMITTEE/MAYOR REPORTS:

Alan Ilgen reported that the Neighborhood Crime Watch committee will be distributing another letter to all the Borough residents because the last letter wasn't received by every household.

Alan Ilgen made a motion, seconded by Tom Strebel to approve the August 11, 2009 minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Tom Strebel made a motion, seconded by Alan Ilgen to approve the August 2009 budget report as presented. Motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

A written report submitted by the Secretary was reviewed with no questions.

Mayor Snyder will attend the September 21, 2009 Regional Planning Commission meeting.

Tom Strebel made a motion seconded by Alan Ilgen to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Sharon A. Heckman, Secretary-Treasurer