

## COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

This agreement is made this 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008, by and among Haines Township, hereinafter "*Township*", Millheim Borough, hereinafter "*Borough*" and the Millheim Fire Company No. 1, hereinafter "*Fire Company*".

### BACKGROUND

Millheim Fire Company services the municipalities of Millheim Borough and Haines Township.

Haines Township and Millheim Borough have decided to adopt a one mil tax for fire services.

The parties desire to set up a committee by which purchases of equipment and accessories from the taxes collected for the Fire Company will be mutually agreed upon.

NOW, THEREFORE, intending to be legally bound, the parties agree as follows:

1. The parties will establish a committee to review purchases to be made by the Fire Company with tax monies which committee shall consist of the following: one (1) supervisor from the Township, one (1) council member from the Borough, and one (1) member of the Fire Company. Each committee member shall return to their respective municipality to make the recommendations for the purchases.
2. The committee shall meet as needed when any purchases of equipment and/or accessories using tax monies are contemplated by the Fire Company.
3. The tax monies paid to the Fire Company shall be used only for the following: the purchase, maintenance and repair of fire equipment and fire apparatus, for the purchase, erection, maintenance and repair of a firehouse or structures to house fire apparatus, and for training of fire company personnel.
4. The Fire Company will provide an annual budget to each municipality no later than September 1 of each year.
5. All expenditures by the individual municipality shall be approved by Resolution of that municipality. Each municipality shall pay for any approved expenditure proportionate to its tax base.
6. Proposed purchases reviewed by the committee shall be approved by majority vote of the committee.

7. No purchase shall be made using tax monies without the approval of the committee. In the event of an emergency, tax monies may be spent but shall be approved within ten (10) days after expenditure. If such emergency spending is not approved by the committee, the Fire Company shall repay the tax monies expended.

8. All meetings of the committee shall be open to the public.

Executed the date first above written.

ATTEST:

Sharon A. Heckman

MILLHEIM BOROUGH

BY: Peni E. Auma

ATTEST:

Susan E. Wenick

HAINES TOWNSHIP

BY: Paul Boy 7/17/08

ATTEST:

Ben D. Bihl

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