COUNCIL MEETING

April 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held in the Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, Pa. on April 13, 2016. President of Council Bill Hale called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Other Councilmembers present were: Councilpersons Dave Firn, Bob Giorgianni, Al Meyer, Penny Sass and Bob Siwicki; Mayor Tim Plummer, Treasurer Jen Rimerman, Controller John Neilson; Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy.

Councilperson Stephanie Middleton was absent.

Residents attending the meeting were: Tom Pilson, 152 W. Rose Valley Road and Derek Quinn, soon to reside at 201 W. Brookhaven Road.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the March 9, 2016 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Hale recognized Mr. Pilson. Mr. Pilson explained that he lives in the former parsonage next to the Old Union United Methodist Church property that is currently under an agreement of sale. He is concerned about the cell phone tower on that property. He asked that landscape screening be installed on his side of the cellular facility wooden fencing and said he would like to see the annual inspection report that the cell phone tower company is supposed to be sending to the Borough Engineer. Mr. Smith volunteered to look into the inspection report matter and Mr. Hale will look into obtaining screening.

Mr. Hale recognized Mr. Quinn. Mr. Quinn said he will be a new resident when he moves into the property at 201 W. Brookhaven Road, and that he was attending tonight’s meeting out of personal interest.

PLANNING

To date, settlement has not yet occurred on the Old Union United Methodist Church property. However, 17 Mile Real Estate LLC is interested in purchasing the property, retaining the cell tower facility with its income stream, and re-selling the property to a church.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firn reported that the invasive workshop is scheduled for May 14, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon, with the raindate being May 21.

HIGHWAYS

Mr. Meyer, Mr. Siwicki and Mrs. Healy did the annual road inspection with Borough Engineer Matt Houtmann on March 30. Mr. Houtmann prepared a report. He recommends that for the 2016 season, the Borough perform the following road work: re-paving two lengths of road on
Rabbit Run; re-paving Orchard Lane North; centerline seam repair and 3 patches on Possum Hollow; 1 patch on Prices Lane and 1 patch on Todmorden Drive. After some discussion, Council approved Mr. Houtmann’s recommendations on a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved. Mr. Houtmann will be notified to proceed with preparing the bid packet. The request for advertising the bid packet will be made at the May Council Meeting.

There was also discussion about coordinating future Longpoint Lane road work with Delcora. Delcora is planning to run a pipeline up South Longpoint Lane from the sewer plant driveway as part of their sewer plant decommissioning work. Their approximate time schedule is to do the engineering in 2016 and install the pipeline in 2017.

Mr. Meyer assured Council that, based on the Borough insurance agent Chip Seltzer’s representations, the Borough is getting the most competitive rates for the Borough’s insurance coverage.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Sass reported that The Great Getaway winner was Sylva Baker. Mrs. Sass thanked everyone who participated in this event.

The Chadwick Auditorium Renovation Ceremony on April 1 was a great success. The May Fair is on May 7. Nether Providence increased their annual contribution. There is going to be a "Well Red" Fundraiser on June 3.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police report cited the following incidents: 1 false alarm and two property checks. Mr. Giorgianni informed Council that there have been 5 false alarms so far this year.

The Fire report showed a response to an oil leak in the basement of 15 Long Point Lane on 3/23/16.

Town Watch is proceeding as usual. Mr. Siwicki asked if there were any Town Watchers that patrol on bike. Mr. Giorgianni responded that we do not have any bike patrollers, but we do have patrollers who walk around their area.

The Speed Device is up and running.

FINANCES

The Borough office’s computer crashed following a storm and considerable work had to be done to restore the system files and QuickBooks data, which included system recovery by Computer Paramedics, some recent data re-entry and much help from former Councilperson Lynn Kelley. Mr. Siwicki reviewed the Status of Funds, but noted that he and Ms. Rimerman were still
working on the exact balances of some of the accounts due to the computer crash. Mr. Siwicki also noted the Borough has improved the way the office computer is backed up.

The income reports for March were reviewed.

Ms. Rimerman reviewed the Bills for Approval and answered questions. The Bills for Approval in the amount of $29,397.29 were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Mrs. Healy informed Council that the Large Trash Pickup was going to be on May 2 and 3. The Spring Newsletter informing the residents is going out by April 18.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Plummer reminded Council that this year will be Rose Valley’s Nineteenth Fourth of July Parade and Celebration.

Mayor Plummer visited the exclosure in the Long Point Wildlife Sanctuary and reports that it is in good shape.

The April 10th lecture on Alice Barber Stephens, sponsored by the Rose Valley Museum and Historical Society at Thunderbird Lodge, was a great success.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith brought Council up to date on some of the legal issues involving the Borough.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Paula W. Healy, Secretary