COUNCIL MEETING

June 8, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on June 8, 2016 in the Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, Pa. President of Council Bill Hale called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Others Council members present were: Councilpersons Dave Firn, Bob Giorgianni, Stephanie Middleton and Bob Siwicki; Mayor Tim Plummer, Controller John Neilson, Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy.

Councilpersons Penny Sass and Al Meyer, and Treasurer Jen Rimerman were absent.

Guests attending the meeting were Reverend Elaine C. Saunders, Pastor and Founder of Molding Disciples Ministries, and her husband Mr. Tracy Saunders.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Minutes of the May 11, 2016 Council Meeting were approved.

GUESTS

Mr. Hale welcomed Pastor Saunders and "Brother" Tracy. Their church, Molding Disciples Ministries, recently purchased the Old Union United Methodist Church property, which includes the cemetery. They attended tonight’s meeting to introduce themselves and extend an invitation to all to visit the Church, which holds Sunday School at 10:15 am, Sunday Worship at 11:15 am, and Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00 pm.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firn reported that the Invasive Workshop and Plant Sale was a great success.

The Growing Greener Grant supplemental papers were submitted on time. Mr. Firn explained that the money would be used for stream bank restoration and the control of invasive plants, and that the matching funds requirement would be covered by in-kind contributions from other organizations including labor and oversight services by the EAC and community volunteers. A separate bank account will have to be set up for these monies.

The Borough is required to update our Solid Waste Ordinance. Mr. Smith prepared the new Ordinance and distributed it to all Council members. He asked that Council approve the advertising of proposed Ordinance 345 for adoption at the July 13, 2016 Council Meeting. This request was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

HIGHWAYS, INSURANCE & CABLEVISION

The 2016 Borough Road Work bid packet is being prepared and will be distributed by Borough Engineer Matt Houtmann. The bids will be opened at a special Council meeting on June 22,
2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Borough Office. Advertisement of this special meeting was approved by Council on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Plummer requested that a “hidden drive” sign be purchased and installed on Rose Valley Road below Prices Lane to alert drivers coming up from the Hedgerow Theatre curve. There have been two car accidents at this intersection recently and numerous accidents over the years.

LIBRARY

Mr. Siwicki reported that the June 3rd "Well Red" Fundraiser was a success. The Library is applying for a Keystone grant that if received would be used to repair and improve the infrastructure of the building.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Fire Report. It cited the following incidents: on 5/20/16 there was a response to a CO alarm; on 5/24/16, there were wires down on Longpoint Lane; and on 5/29/16, there was a response to smoke in a basement caused by a light bulb at 9 Briarcrest Rd. There was no Police Report.

Mr. Giorgianni passed out a guide sheet on the Code Red System.

The Town Watch program is progressing as usual. Dick Jacob will represent the Town Watch program at the upcoming Ice Cream Social on June 12 at Thunderbird Lodge.

FINANCES

Mr. Siwicki reviewed the Status of Funds and Income Reports for the month of May. Mr. Neilson went over the Bills for Approval and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills for Approval in the amount of $19,818.80 were approved.

Mr. Siwicki and Mrs. Healy met with two IT companies in regard to the Borough Office’s computer system and the updating, backup and maintenance thereof. Jim Cassidy of SqrCom Technologies seemed to be a better fit than Computer Paramedics of Springfield. He will assess the Borough’s current IT system and backup, and provide maintenance. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Council approved the retention of Jim Cassidy for IT services.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Plummer is busily working on the Nineteenth Annual Fourth of July Celebration. He is looking for helpers. Any interested party can contact him or the Borough Office.

The Rose Valley Centennial Foundation’s "Ice Cream Social" at Thunderbird Lodge will be on June 12. All Rose Valley organizations will be there to meet with new residents and other attendees to tell them what they do and encourage participation.
SOLICITOR’S REPORT

The Solicitor presented proposed settlements for two pending property tax appeals, the Rose Valley Folk and Lee Roberts. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the settlement of the Rose Valley Folk tax appeal pursuant to the following terms: Effective January 1, 2016 for the Borough/County tax year and effective July 1, 2016 for the School District tax year, the assessment on the Property shall be decreased from $223,280 to $100,890.

After further discussion, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the settlement of the Lee Roberts tax appeal pursuant to the following terms: Effective January 1, 2016 for the Borough/County tax year and effective July 1, 2016 for the School District tax year, the assessment on the Property shall be increased from $830,550 to $881,400.

The Borough Solicitor will sign the settlement stipulations in both tax appeals.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

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Paula W. Healy, Secretary