The monthly meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held July 13, 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. Other Council members present were Councilpersons Dave Firn, Bob Giorgianni, Stephanie Middleton, Al Meyer and Bob Siwicki; Controller John Neilson, Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy.

Councilperson Penny Sass, Treasurer Jennifer Rimerman and Mayor Tim Plummer were absent.

Guests attending the meeting were residents Linda Doyle, Ron Ploeg and Joe Hare.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the June 8, 2016 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

PERSONNEL

Long time Treasurer Jennifer Rimerman submitted her letter of resignation because she is planning to move to Cape May, New Jersey. Council accepted her letter of resignation with regret on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed. A nomination was made to appoint Joe Hare of 107 Traymore Lane, Rose Valley, Pa., as Treasurer. The nomination was seconded and Resolution 2-2016 was passed appointing Mr. Hare as Treasurer on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firn reported that there are some residents of Traymore who would like to donate money to the Borough to be used for plantings in the Saul Wildlife Preserve. It was noted that in order to qualify as a charitable donation under the Internal Revenue Code, gifts to the Borough must be unrestricted. The Borough is then free to utilize the funds as it sees fit. Ron Ploeg, a resident of Traymore who serves on the Traymore Landscape Committee, also noted that invasives were taking over the Preserve along the border with the Traymore development. Dave Firn said the EAC would work with the Traymore Landscape Committee to address this problem.

Linda Doyle, Co-Chairperson of the Rose Valley Gardeners, expressed concern about the condition of some of the trees at Pew Park.

HIGHWAYS

Mr. Meyer reviewed the decision made at the June 22nd Special Council Meeting to postpone the proposed Borough 2016 road work until 2017 because the two bids received where too high. It was felt that by combining the 2016 and 2017 road work into a bigger job, the Borough would get more competitive pricing.
LIBRARY

In Mrs. Sass’s absence, Library Representative Mike Rinaldi submitted the following report: The Library is planning a 5K running race as a joint fundraiser with the Swarthmore Public Library. The tentative date is April 1, 2017 and the tentative route is from the Kelen Kate Furness Free Library to the Swarthmore Public Library.

The Board appointed a nominating committee to seek new Board members to replace those members whose terms will expire in January. If you are aware of any individuals who are interested in serving, please forward their names to Library Director Jennifer Stock.

Work continues on the library’s 2017 budget. It is expected that a draft will be circulated among Board members before the Board’s September meeting.

The Library has applied for a Keystone Grant for approximately $50,000 in funding to upgrade the library’s entrance and the library’s climate control systems.

Borough Council agreed to write a letter in support of the Library’s effort to secure the Keystone Grant, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police Report cited the following incidents: 8 false alarms; and 1 car accident on 6/10/17 at Prices Lane. The one incident listed on the Fire Report was a response to the car accident on 6/10/17.

Mr. Giorgianni reported that the South Media Fire Company has not been successful in finding a buyer for their used fire truck.

Town Watch is progressing as usual.

FINANCES

Mr. Siwicki reviewed the Income Reports for the month of June. Mr. Neilson went over the Bills for Approval and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills in the amount of $12,939.24 were approved.

Mr. Siwicki has instructed Mrs. Healy to pay back the $70,000 beginning-of-the-year loan from Capital Reserve to the General Fund.

Mr. Siwicki, Mrs. Healy and Office Assistant, Mrs. Fink met with Jim Cassidy, the computer consultant. Mr. Cassidy will assess the computer equipment already being used by the Borough Office and report back. Mr. Cassidy is going to be retained by the Borough to service our technological needs for approximately $900 a year. This amount was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.
MAYOR’S REPORT

The following letter from Mayor Plummer was read into the Minutes:

Thank you for making our 2016 July 4th Celebration one of the Best Ever!
Special thanks to Bill Hale, President of Borough Council; Mike Dixon, Chair of the Rose Valley Swimming Pool Board; Paula Healy, Borough Manager; and to State Representative Leanne Krueger-Braneky who joined our parade. Thanks to Vince Deery and his staff who provided guards and had the pool in excellent shape. The pool was beautifully decorated before the parade by a loyal crew who turned the scene into a Red-White-and Blue panorama. At the train station parade assembly site, Boy Scouts entertained bicyclers with an obstacle course. Balloons were delivered by Margee Hanford and Marie Russell. The parade kicked off promptly at 2:00 pm led by Boy Scouts from Troop 272 and Scoutmaster Derek Woodward, followed by a band organized by Andrew Spangler (the band rode in a Hedgerow truck donated by Penny Reed and Zoran Kovcic). There were wailing fire engines from South Media; a singing mob from Hedgerow Theatre; antique cars driven by Marty Goldstein, Will Carr, and Joe Kanter; a forest of decorated bicycles, wagons, scooters and walkers. Rick Beeman zipped through the parade in his power chair with Mary Cahill in pursuit, and Jim Castellan wore his impressive Olympic uniform. Over 250 stood for the Boy Scout flag raising, National Anthem (beautifully sung by Amanda Jacobsen), and the Pledge of Allegiance. Uncle Sam provided a brief summary of the events leading up to the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. Our DJ, Bob Fowler, kept everyone in a holiday mood. Games in the pool, ably led by Lacey Nolan, were followed by a gorgeous picnic. Our faithful crew had cooked and wrapped 17 dozen hamburgers and as many hotdogs. Our guests formed two lines around tables overflowing with burgers and dogs, and donated salads and desserts. Perhaps the best part of the day was the neighborhood picnic that followed. Our sense of community was felt by everyone. Our list of loyal workers, some of who have served faithfully year after year, included Mike and Mary Vartanian, Tom, Sharon, and Sierra Plummer, Jim Castellan and Lynn Kelley, Dave Firn, Jane Miluski, Jim Thomas, Janet Goldstein, Bill and Gail Hale, Ann Reeves, Rick Cassel, Bob and Paula Healy, and a legion of others.

Please plan to attend our July 4, 2017 celebration. All Rose Valley residents, Rose Valley Pool members and their guests are invited.

Uncle Sam

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Smith had previously prepared Ordinance 345, extending the Delaware County Solid Waste Management Ordinance of August 12, 1987 for Twenty Five Additional Years. This
Ordinance was advertised as required. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, Ordinance 345 was adopted.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Paula W. Healy, Secretary