The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on September 14, 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 Councilmembers present were: Councilpersons Dave Firn, Bob Giorgianni, Al Meyer, Stephanie Middleton, Penny Sass and Bob Siwicki; Mayor Tim Plummer; Treasurer Joe Hare; Controller John Neilson; Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy.

Guests attending the meeting were Daniel and Bill Shiktase from Boy Scout Troop #272.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the minutes from the August 10, 2016 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

PLANNING

Mr. Hale explained that Delcora is updating the Borough’s Act 537 Plan. They plan to close the Borough’s old sewer treatment plant and pipe the sewerage up Long Point Lane to a pipe on Knowlton Road. This plan is going to be reviewed at the next Borough Planning Commission meeting on October 6 and then be presented to Council on October 12. There will be a public meeting on this subject conducted by Delcora sometime in late October.

The Rose Valley Centennial Foundation would like to put a sign on the Thunderbird Lodge property. They are going to use the Traymore sign structure which is no longer needed. This request was approved by Council on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firn updated Council on the Growing Greener Grant. Mr. Firn prepared two documents needed for the grant application. They are: A Contractor Non-Discrimination/Sexual Harassment Policy and a Contractor Integrity Policy. Council approved the adoption of these policies on motions made, seconded and unanimously passed.

John Smith submitted his resignation from the EAC. John has been a tireless volunteer for the EAC and the entire Borough. It was with great regret that his resignation was accepted. Council approved making John an EAC Member Emeritus on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Firn recommended Ron Ploeg, 209 Saul Lane, be appointed to fill the vacancy left by Dr. Smith. Council approved this appointment on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.
The EAC is applying for a Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Grant that would be used for replacing trees and possibly herbicide treatments. This would be a matching funds grant, but would accept in-kind labor as the match from the municipality.

Mr. Firn had prepared the deer hunt notice for 2016. It will be sent to all residents. Roger Latham is conducting orientations for the approved deer hunters. Mr. Firn asked for Council’s approval of the 2016 Deer Management Plan. The Plan was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Firn distributed copies of the draft blueprint of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Open Space (CORPOS) Plan as prepared for Rose Valley, Nether Providence, Rutledge and Swarthmore. A public meeting is planned to discuss the preliminary findings and recommendations.

The Fall Stewardship Workshop is scheduled for 10/15/16 between 9:00 a.m. and noon in the Saul Wildlife Sanctuary. Rain date is 10/22/16.

**HIGHWAYS**

Mr. Meyer discussed the 2017 road work. Since the Borough decided to postpone the 2016 until a bigger job was decided upon in 2017 to get more competitive prices, a decision has to be made on what repairs need to be addressed. Mr. Meyer is waiting to hear from Engineer Houtmann with his recommendations. He will then get a budget figure to Mr. Siwicki for 2017.

Mrs. Healy was instructed to look into getting the seam repaired on Possum Hollow Road. Mr. Meyer asked that $25,000 be approved for this job. This was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

**LIBRARY**

Mrs. Sass reported that at the Library Board Meeting the following items were discussed: The Well-Red fund raising event on 12/5/16 from 7:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.; the Spring, 2017, 5-K event being arranged by Helen Kate Furness Library and Swarthmore Library; and the grant that would provide funds for HVAC work and ADA updating is being worked on by the Board.

Borough Council passed Resolution 5-2016 supporting the Library’s efforts in getting this grant on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Mrs. Sass distributed statistics prepared by the Delaware County Library System showing Library support throughout the County.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Fire Report. There was no Police Report. The Fire Report listed one false alarm and 2 fire inspections.
South Media Fire Company is housing their new fire truck on October 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. Hale reported that he and Mr. Sheehan, Emergency Management Coordinator attended meetings dealing with the County Hazard Mitigation Plan conducted by the Delaware County Planning Department. The Borough needs to remove fallen trees from Ridley Creek to avoid flooding and soil erosion.

The Town Watch program is proceeding well.

**FINANCES**

Mr. Hare reviewed the Status of Funds. He is going to work on streamlining this form and balancing the Borough’s operating checking account.

Mr., Siwicki reviewed the income reports and 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 $10,431.49 were approved.

Mr. Siwicki distributed budgets for Council to review. Council needs to have the preliminary Budget ready for the November Council meeting so that it can be advertised and ready for final adoption at the December Council Meeting. Council membership should get their information to Mr. Siwicki as soon as possible.

**MANAGER’S REPORT**

There is going to be a small appliance drop off on October 8 between 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon behind the Old Mill.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Plummer proudly announced that he has written a book about his life’s adventures titled *Unnecessary Risks*. There is going to be a book signing party at the Old Mill on Tuesday, September 20 at 8:00 p.m. Council congratulated Mr. Plummer for this great accomplishment.

**SOLITITOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Smith had two orders to be approved by Council declaring the Rose Valley Centennial Foundation’s Thunderbird Lodge, 41 Rose Valley Road to be tax exempt. Council gave Mr. Smith approval to accept these terms on behalf of the Borough on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

He is following the Kauffman case requesting a county-wide property reassessment and will keep Council apprised.
There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.