The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on November 9, 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. Council members present were: Councilpersons Dave Firn, Bob Giorgianni, Al Meyer, Penny Sass and Bob Siwicki; Mayor Tim Plummer; Treasurer Joe Hare; Controller John Neilson; Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy.

Councilperson Stephanie Middleton was absent.

A guest attending the meeting was Andy Detterline, 35 Rabbit Run, Rose Valley, Pa.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the October 12, 2016 were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

**PLANNING**
Mr. Plummer asked about the possibility of Nether Providence Township and Rose Valley, Rutledge and Swarthmore Boroughs signing a Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Intercommunity Cooperative Agreement for coordinating zoning. Mr. Smith discussed the reasons this is unlikely to happen.

**EAC & ENVIRONMENT**
Mr. Firn reported that he has heard nothing new on the status of the Growing Greener Grant. The deer hunt is progressing well, with ace hunter Justin getting another doe. A Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Open Space (CORPOS) public meeting will be held to discuss the findings and recommendations of the draft plan prepared for Rose Valley, Nether Providence, Rutledge and Swarthmore. The invasives workshop on October 15 was a success with many volunteers removing invasives from the Saul Wildlife Preserve.

**HIGHWAYS, INSURANCE & CABLEVISION**
Mr. Meyer discussed the possibility of bidding out the Borough’s road work very early in 2017. This idea was in response to the Borough's difficulty in obtaining competitive bids and how long the process takes for bidding and PennDOT project approval. Mr. Smith replied that because of contractors not really being able to predict the cost of materials until the Spring, it could be difficult to get any bids.

**LIBRARY**
Mrs. Sass reported that the Library and has made $1,022 so far from its book sale, which is remarkable considering the average price of a book is $1. Woody Johnson will give a lecture on the life of Helen Kate Furness, the benefactress of the Library, on November 10th. The next Well Red fund raiser will be held on December 2nd; all are encouraged to attend. The 5-K fund
raising event is planned for April 1st, 2017. The Board of Directors is working on the 2017 Budget.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Fire Report. It cited the following incidents: on 10/18 there was a porch fire at 31 Prices Lane; on 10/20 there was a lawn tractor fire at 2 White Pine Lane; and on 10/23 there was a response to a false alarm.

Town Watch is progressing as usual.

Everyone was reminded to test the batteries in their smoke detectors and replace them if necessary.

FINANCES

Mr. Hare reviewed the Status of Funds. Mr. Siwicki went over the Income Reports for the month of October and Mr. Neilson reviewed the Bills for Approval for November and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills in the amount of $29,436.22 were approved.

Mr. Siwicki distributed copies of the proposed 2017 Budget. It reflects a 6% reduction in taxes, primarily due to increased real estate transfer tax receipts. Mr. Siwicki reviewed the proposed Budget and answered questions. He asked Council’s permission to advertise that the proposed Budget will be on display in the Borough Office for the public to view until the Public Meeting which will be on December 14, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. just prior to the regular Council Meeting. This request was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed. Mrs. Healy will arrange for the advertisement.

Council thanked Mr. Siwicki for all his hard work developing the 2017 Budget.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Plummer noted that there will be a flag raising ceremony at the Veterans’ Memorial on November 11 at 6:45 a.m. in recognition of Veterans’ Day. All are invited and encouraged to attend. There will be another ceremony at 9:45 p.m. to lower the flag.

Mayor Plummer asked all Council members to submit reports on their areas of responsibility for inclusion in his 2017 State of the Borough Address, which will be given in January, 2017.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith brought Council up to date regarding the Kauffman County wide re-assessment case.

Mr. Smith noted that the Delaware County Recorder of Deeds has accepted the Ewing Trail and Access Easement Agreement and presented the recorded original to the Borough for safekeeping.
NVWS Associates, L.P. has submitted an application to the Borough for the third escrow release in the amount of $57,999 for completion of all required work associated with Traymore lots 48-52. This will leave $5,000 for contingency in the IOLTA (escrow) account held by Mr. Smith. Council approved authorization for Mr. Smith to release the requested amount, subject to review and approval by the Borough Engineer, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

GENERAL

Mr. Hale announced that the following Council members are up for re-election in 2017: Councilpersons Bill Hale, Bob Giorgianni, Penny Sass and Bob Siwicki; Controller John Neilson and Mayor Tim Plummer. Tax Collector Paula Healy is also up for re-election.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Paula W. Healy, Secretary