BUDGET PUBLIC MEETING

December 14, 2016

A Public Meeting was held on December 14, 2016 in the Rose Valley Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, PA., to solicit public comment regarding the proposed 2017 Budget. 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, Al Meyer and Bob Siwicki; Mayor Tim Plummer; Treasurer Joe Hare; Controller John Neilson; Solicitor G. Guy Smith; and Secretary Paula Healy. Councilpersons absent were Stephanie Middleton and Penny Sass. Members of the public attending the meeting were: Rhonda Fabian, Amanda Weinberg, Eve Miari, Emily Dodge, James Castellan, Ann McLaughlin, Deb West, Mallory Spencer and Elizabeth Seltzer.

The proposed 2017 Budget for the Borough of Rose Valley has been on display in the Borough Office for the public to view since November 16, 2016. This was advertised in The Delaware County Daily Times on November 16 and 21, 2016. Mr. Hale asked if there were any comments regarding the proposed 2017 Budget. There were none, as all the guests were there to comment on the Sunoco Pipeline Project. The meeting was therefore adjourned at 8:02 p.m. on a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.

COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on December 14, 2016 in the Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, Pa. President of Council Bill Hale called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. Council members present are listed above. Members of the public attending the meeting include those listed above plus Linda Doyle, Susan Chieffo, Mimi Hall and Martha Ralphe.

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

SUNOCO PIPELINE PROJECT

After Council members and guests introduced themselves, Mr. Firn explained that Sunoco Logistics Company is planning to install a new pipeline (Mariner East II) that would carry natural gas liquids such as propane, ethane and butane under high pressure across Pennsylvania. The new pipeline will be located alongside the existing 8 inch diameter Mariner East I propane pipeline. The pipeline would come through Edgmont, Thornbury, Middletown, Aston and Upper Chichester Townships eventually ending in Marcus Hook. It will be located 1.36 miles from Rose Valley Borough which potentially puts the Borough in the danger area if there is a leak, fire or explosion associated with the pipeline. Guests expressed their concerns that the new pipeline is misclassified as a liquids pipeline because the contents would revert entirely back to a gaseous state in the event of a leak, and that Sunoco has neither adequately assessed the risks nor
developed appropriate incident response plans in the event of a pipeline leak or break. They also noted that the new pipeline apparently consists of parallel 20 inch and 16 inch pipes and that the pipeline route runs through the Ridley Creek Watershed which is the source of Rose Valley Borough’s drinking water. After much input from guests and discussion, Mr. Firn recommended that Council pass Resolution 14-2017 entitled: “A Resolution by the Rose Valley Borough Council addressed to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), the Commissioners of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission and the Delaware County Council expressing grave concern about the proposed high pressure hazardous liquids pipeline projects which have the potential to jeopardize the health, safety and welfare of Rose Valley Residents.” Resolution 14-2017 was subsequently approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Shortly after this, Linda Doyle and the three other residents listed above arrived at the meeting. Linda voiced her displeasure that the pipeline agenda item was not advertised prior to the Borough Council Meeting. It was agreed that the tentative agenda for the monthly Council Meeting would be posted on the Borough website prior to each meeting.

PLANNING

Mr. Hale reported that NVWS Associates has been installing iron pins and concrete monuments to mark the boundaries between the Traymore Homeowners Association property and Borough Open Space, The School in Rose Valley and the Mansion and Studio properties.

Mr. Hale distributed a list of all real estate transactions in the Borough in 2016 subject to transfer tax showing total real estate transfer tax receipts of $113,542.31 from 39 sales totaling $23,171,900 including 30 sales of existing homes and nine sales of new units in the Traymore development.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firn reported that the Borough has received a Growing Greener Grant in the amount of $39,046 for stream bank restoration and control of invasive species. Volunteers will be needed as the matching funds requirement will be covered by in-kind contributions from other organizations, including labor and oversight services by the EAC, and community volunteers.

The deer hunt has resulted in 5 deer being harvested so far.

HIGHWAYS

Mr. Meyer reported that he and Mrs. Healy had inspected the Borough roads and determined that there are 7 Stop signs that need to be replaced due to age and wear. Mrs. Healy will order the new Stop signs and arrange to have them installed.

Mr. Meyer stressed the need to get started on the 2017 road work process as early in the year as possible. A report prepared by Borough Engineer Matt Houtmann was distributed to Council
tracking the condition rating of each Borough road over the last 4 years, and showing the year each road was last paved and the number of years since that paving.

LIBRARY

Mr. Siwicki reported that the Well Red fund raiser held at the Library on December 2nd succeeded in raising approximately $4,000. A 5-K run between the Helen Kate Furness Library and Swarthmore Library is scheduled for April 1. The Board of Directors finalized the 2017 Budget at its December 13 meeting. Mr. Woody Johnson is stepping down from the Board of Directors after many years of service.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police Report cited the following incidents: 4 false alarms; 1 suspicious vehicle on 11/15/16 on Old Mill Lane; and 1 call for assistance on 11/26/16 at 27 S. Longpoint Lane.

The Fire Report cited the following incidents: a response to a carbon monoxide alarm on 11/14/16 at 106 Traymore Lane and an EMT assist on 11/25/16 at 3 Rabbit Run. The report also noted that a fire watch was provided by the Fire Marshall and South Media Fire Company at the Rose Valley Swimming Pool's second annual bonfire on November 26 because of potentially hazardous conditions.

Town Watch is progressing as usual.

FINANCES

Mr. Hare reviewed the Status of Funds for November. Mr. Siwicki went over the Income Reports for November. Mr. Neilson reviewed the Bills for Approval for December and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills in the amount of $30,854.45 were approved.

Mr. Siwicki distributed revised copies of the 2017 Budget and discussed the revisions which showed the line item for Borough Funded Repair to Roads decreased by $10,000, the line item for Parks increased by $5,000 and a new $5,000 line item for Office Improvements. Mr. Meyer explained that the additional Parks money would be used to rebuild the Price pillars at the entrance to Old Mill Lane to improve sight lines and traffic safety, and that the Borough Office improvements would include new filing cabinets, new flooring and flood protection measures for the doors and through-the-wall HVAC unit. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the 2017 Budget for the Borough of Rose Valley was approved.

GENERAL

The following Resolutions and Ordinance were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved:
Resolution 5 - Appointment of R.C. Marland as Snowplower
Resolution 6 - Setting 2017 Salaries and Benefits
Resolution 7 - Appointment of Fischer Cunnane as Auditors
Resolution 8 - Setting 2017 Fees
Resolution 9 - Appointment of Hope Thurlow to the Planning Commission
Resolution 10 - Appointment of Monica Gagliardi to the EAC
Resolution 11 - Appointment of Ron Ploeg to the EAC
Resolution 12 - Appointment of Bill Keffer to the Zoning Hearing Board
Resolution 13 - Appointment of Dan Sheehan to the Planning Commission
Ordinance 346 - Setting 2017 Millage at 2.23 Mils

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mr. Plummer is working on his Annual State of the Borough Address and would like input from Council members regarding their areas of responsibility.

Mr. Plummer thanked Bob Siwicki and the rest of the finance committee for their hard work developing the 2017 Budget. Mr. Plummer thanked Dave Firn and Solicitor G. Guy Smith for their work preparing the pipeline resolution and pipeline background information.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

The Borough has received a request from a resident to have their yard formally designated as a Bird Sanctuary. The resident will be advised to contact the Audubon Society which has a bird habitat recognition program and will provide a certificate for a $20 registration fee.

The Borough has finally received the real estate transfer tax payment for 12 Chestnut Lane after Mr. Smith made inquiries to the Title Company handling the transaction.

The Kauffman County wide re-assessment appeal is awaiting Judge Burr's decision.

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