COUNCIL MEETING

April 12, 2017

The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held in the Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, Pa. on April 12, 2017. 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, Stephanie Middleton, Penny Sass and Bob Siwicki; Mayor Tim Plummer, Treasurer Joe Hare, Controller John Neilson, Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the March 8, 2017 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firn reminded Council that on Earth Day, April 22, the EAC will undertake a Tree Vitalization Project between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. Community volunteers are needed and should meet behind the Old Mill at 9:00 a.m. The EAC will be planting 12 swamp white oaks in the floodplain at the end of Long Point and 3 white oaks in the Saul Wildlife Sanctuary.

The Annual Native Plant Sale and Spring Invasive Plants Workshop and will be held on May 13.

Ron Ploeg, a member of Rose Valley’s EAC will be attending the Pennsylvania EAC Conference on May 6. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Council approved reimbursing Ron $45.00 for the entrance fee to this conference.

HIGHWAYS

Al Meyer, Bill Hale and Matt Houtmann opened bids from the six contractors who responded to the advertisement of Rose Valley’s 2017 Road Work project at 11:00 a.m. on April 12. The advertisement was published in the Delaware County Daily Times on March 21 and March 28, 2017. The results of the bids were: Innovative Construction - $73,950.00; A. F. Damon - $77,457.50; Sucher - $83,288.00; Dan Malloy - $92,894.50; Charlestown - $104,433.60; and Road Con - $160,655.00. The lowest bidder was Innovative Construction. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Innovative Construction was awarded the Rose Valley Borough 2017 Road Work contract, which includes milling and resurfacing Rabbit Run, Hilltop Road and North Orchard Lane and patching as required along the centerline of Possum Hollow Road.

Mrs. Sass expressed her concern about the poor condition of a private lane in the Borough. Mr. Smith explained that the residents on a private lane are responsible for its upkeep and maintenance.
LIBRARY

Mrs. Sass reported that there was no Library meeting this week. The Book It! 5K Walk/Run held on April 1st was a big success. The event made around $6,000. There were 70 runners and 40 walkers pre-registered, but more registered on the day of the event. The proceeds will be shared with Swarthmore Public Library. The Annual Membership Appeal fundraising campaign has begun. The May Fair and Book Sale will be held on May 13; everyone is encouraged to attend.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Fire Report submitted by Fire Marshall Jim Ortoleva. It cited the following incidents: On 3/3 there was a false alarm at 9 Long Point Lane and a brush fire at 204 W. Possum Hollow Rd.; on 3/5 there was an outdoor fire as old furniture and stage props were burned in the fire pit at 146 W. Rose Valley Road (Hedgerow House); and on 3/22 there was a stove fire at 9 Todmorden Lane. Mr. Orteleva investigated the burning at 146 W. Rose Valley Road and told the Hedgerow House residents that the burning of trash is not allowed in Rose Valley. There was no Police Report.

Town Watch Appreciation Night will be held on Tuesday, April 25 at the Old Mill at 7:30 pm. State Police Lt. Jim Hennigan, Station Commander of the Franklin Barracks, and Trooper Tim Greene, Community Liaison, will be coming.

Dick Jacob has resigned as the Captain of Town Watch after many years of service. Many thanks to Mr. Jacob for his extensive contributions to the Town Watch program over the years.

FINANCES

Mr. Siwicki and Mr. Hare reviewed the Income Reports and the Status of Funds for March 2017. Mr. Neilson went over the Bills for Approval for April and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills for Approval in the amount of $41,590.52 were approved.

PLANNING

Ms. Middleton indicated she had nothing new to report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Healy stated that small appliances can be dropped off at the Old Mill on April 15 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and that Large Trash Pickup will take place on Monday, May 1 and Tuesday, May 2. She also noted that the Rose Valley Museum and Historical Society will hold a lecture on Sunday, April 30 entitled "WWI in the Golden Age of Illustration" by James C. Thompson from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Thunderbird Lodge, 41 Rose Valley Road, and that the Valley Voices Concert will be held on Sunday, May 7 at 5:00 pm at the Old Mill.
MAYOR’S REPORT

Mr. Plummer shared with Council interesting local newspaper articles dealing with the following subjects: Municipalities potentially having to pay for State Police coverage in the future; Rose Valley Boy Scout Troop 272 inducting 4 new Eagle Scouts; former Rose Valley residents Chip and Susan Essick visiting National Parks in their RV; and the countywide reassessment that will be taking effect in 2021.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith asked Council to approve Resolution 3 – 2017 approving the fees the Borough Tax Collector charges for Duplicate Tax Bills ($10 per Bill) and Tax Certifications ($25 per Certification). This Resolution was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

There was further discussion about the possibility of the Borough having to pay for State Police coverage in the future.

Mr. Smith also addressed the issue of the unsightly, delayed, re-construction of a house on Todmorden Drive and the construction equipment stored on site, noting that the building permit is good for one year. The Borough Manager has been in contact with the owner to try to understand and rectify the situation.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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Paula W. Healy, Secretary