COUNCIL MEETING

May 10, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on May 10, 2017 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. Councilmembers present were: Councilpersons Dave Firn, Bob Giorgianni, Al Meyer, Stephanie Middleton, Bob Siwicki and Penny Sass; Mayor Tim Plummer, Treasurer Joe Hare, Controller John Neilson, Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy.

Guests attending the meeting were: Borough Engineer Matt Houtman, Jim Castellan and Lynn Kelley, 42 Rabbit Run, Debra DeMasi, 14 Cedar Hollow Drive, and Ann Elise McLaughlin, 43 Rabbit Run.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the April 12, 2017 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

FAIR DISTRICTING

Ms. Kelley and Mr. Castellan asked Council to pass a Resolution endorsing Redistricting Reform Legislation. After some discussion, Council passed Resolution 4 – 2017. Copies of this Resolution will be sent to State Senator Tom Killion, State Representative Leanne Krueger-Braneky and Congressional Representative Bob Brady.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Engineer Matt Houtmann explained to Council the MS-4 stormwater regulations and how they will impact the Borough. In 2003, the State of Pennsylvania enacted a program that requires municipalities to monitor their stormwater and report to the State water quality and discharge amounts. The Borough of Rose Valley had been exempt from filing these reports due to its low population, but now it is being required to comply with the MS-4 regulations and submit these reports to obtain a permit which would start in 2018. Collection of data and reporting will be done by G. D. Houtmann and Son. There will be costs associated with the MS-4 requirements, however money spent on projects by Borough, such as the streambank stabilization work planned for next year, can be credited towards meeting the State requirements. Mr. Houtmann will keep us informed.

Mr. Firn reported that as part of the Tree Vitalization project, 12 swamp white oaks had been planted in the floodplain at the end of Long Point Wildlife Sanctuary and 3 white oaks in the Saul Wildlife Sanctuary. Due to the dire weather forecast for May 13, the Annual Plant Sale and Invasives Workshop will be rescheduled for May 20.

HIGHWAYS, INSURANCE & CABLEVISION
Mr. Meyer reported that the 2017 Road Work had been completed. The Borough Engineer will review the material reports and the contractor will be paid after the Borough Engineer gives his approval.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Sass reported that the Library is looking for a new Librarian which may be a part-time position. The 5K run, a shared event with Swarthmore Public Library, was a great success, netting $6,000 for each Library. The May Fair and Book Sale will be held on May 13. The membership fund drive is beginning. A Keystone Grant of $51,000 will be used to replace the HVHC system and to meet some ADA requirements. The Library is presenting some very interesting programs, and almost 5,000 people use the Library every month.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni presented to Council a summary from the State Police of all the activity in Rose Valley since the beginning of the year. There were no incidents on the Fire Report.

Town Watch Appreciation night on April 25 was a success with approximately 60 people attending. Lt. Jim Hennigan and Trooper Tim Greene from the Pennsylvania State Police attended and gave a talk to the attendees. It was a great night.

FINANCES

Mr. Hare reviewed the Status of Funds and explained the bank reconciliations. Mr. Siwicki went over the Income Reports for April and Mr. Neilson reviewed the Bills for Approval and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills for Approval in the amount of $30,578.59 were approved. Also approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed was the repayment of the $70,000.00 loan from Capital Reserve to the General Fund to cover expenses until the 2017 Borough Real Estate Taxes were received. Mrs. Healy will make this transfer.

PLANNING

Ms. Middleton indicated she had nothing new to report.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Mrs. Healy noted that the Molding Disciples Ministries located at the Old Union Church, will be holding their 2017 Spring Health Fair on May 20th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Plummer informed Council that there would be a Memorial Day Ceremony on May 29, 2017 at the Veteran’s Memorial on the Valley Green at 9:00 a.m.
Mayor Plummer has visited three new residents. He will be giving a Bird Walk with the School in Rose Valley. Mayor Plummer, Mr. Giorgianni and Mr. Hale will be attending South Media Fire Company’s Banquet on May 13, where Mayor Plummer will be conducting the investiture ceremony for their Officers.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith brought Council up to date regarding legal issues. Concern has been voiced about the slow speed of a house reconstruction on Todmorden Drive. Mr. Smith informed Council that a Building Permit is valid for 5 years under the Uniform Construction Code. If there is work being done on a property with a valid building permit, no matter how slow, there is not much the Borough can do to hurry it along. Mr. Smith also investigated a right of way in Todmorden and verified that it had been vacated and no longer exists.

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