The monthly meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on June 14, 2017 in the Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, Pa. Vice President of Council Dave Firn called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Council members present were: Councilpersons 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.

President of Council Bill Hale was absent.

A guest attending the meeting was Debra DeMasi, 14 Cedar Hollow Drive.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the May 10, 2017 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

**ENVIRONMENT & EAC**

Mr. Firn reported that the Invasive Workshop and Plant Sale held on May 20 was a success. Monica Gagliardi conducted tours of the wildlife sanctuary pointing out invasive species, which volunteers later removed, and many people came to buy plants.

Mr. Houtmann attended the EAC meeting to explain the MS4 storm water program requirements.

**HIGHWAYS, INSURANCE & CABLEVISION**

The 2017 road work has been completed. Mr. Houtmann approved the job and the payment to Innovative Construction. The payment has to be split between the Highway Aid Fund and the General Fund. The amount taken out of the Highway Aid Fund is $67,594.00 and the amount taken out of the General Fund is $6,356.00.

**LIBRARY**

Mrs. Sass reported that the Library had a 2 hour meeting last night to discuss strategic planning. The May Fair was held on May 13. Due to the rainy weather, it was not as successful as in past years, but managed to net approximately $4,000. The Book-It! 5K Walk Run event for 2018 will be held on April 7. The Board voted to change the hours the Library is open to Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 5 pm and then 7 pm to 9 pm, to simply 10 am to 8 pm. The Library is planning a "Thank You" event for donors on December 1, 2017. Mr. Meyer asked if there is a record of how many Rose Valley residents use the computers. Mrs. Sass will look into this.
PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police Report cited the following incidents: 6 false alarms; a traffic accident on 5/24/27; a drug overdose on 5/26/17; and a domestic incident on 5/28/17. The Fire report showed that the fire company responded to an alarm pull by a child, the traffic accident on 5/24/27 and two incidents of cooking smoke on 5/31/17.

The Town Watch Program is operating as usual.

FINANCES

Mr. Hare went over the reconciled bank accounts as shown in the Status of Funds for May and Mr. Siwicki reviewed the Income Reports for May. Mr. Neilson went over the Bills for Approval for June and answered questions. The Bills in the amounts of $33,356.13 from the General Fund and $67,594.00 from the Highway Aid Fund were approved on motions made, seconded and unanimously passed.

PLANNING

Ms. Middleton inquired if the property at 18 Vernon Lane was able to be subdivided. A residence on Vernon Lane has a boat stored in the front corner of the property. Mrs. Healy will check with Borough Engineer Matt Houtmann regarding these issues.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mr. Plummer reported that he has been visiting many new residents. This year will mark the 20th Annual Fourth of July Parade, Pool Party and Picnic sponsored by Rose Valley Borough and Rose Valley Swimming Pool. The Parade from the Moylan/Rose Valley Train Station to the Pool will start promptly at 2:00 pm, followed by ceremonies at the Pool, water games and the opening of the food line at 4:00 pm. There was a ceremony on Memorial Day at the Borough’s Veterans Memorial at 9:00 am attended by approximately 40 residents. The flag was also raised today at the Veterans Memorial in honor of Flag Day.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith addressed the following subjects in his report, as summarized below:

1) Police Services in Pennsylvania Boroughs

Governor Wolf's budget proposes a $25.00 fee per person for municipalities that rely solely on State Police coverage, and for scaling back the number of State Police barracks from 81 to 67, or only 1 per county. The budget has not been approved by the legislature, but the $25 per person fee would be much cheaper than contracting for police services from a nearby municipality.

2) Amendment to the Borough Code regarding Public Official Compensation.
The Borough of Rose Valley does not have a compensation ordinance and members of Council are unpaid while the Mayor receives a $200 honorarium. Mr. Smith noted it would be unwise to enact such an ordinance because officials would be forced to take the money and they could not give it away.

3) Computer Cyber Safety.

Cyber security threats are significant even for small municipalities, so it is prudent that the Borough now has a computer safety expert on retainer.

4) Right to Know Request.

The Borough has received a Right to Know Request from a resident of Ridley Park for copies of all documents pertaining to the salary and other payments made by the Borough to the Borough Solicitor and Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor since 2011.

5) Cell Tower.

A Borough resident who lives adjacent to the cell tower on the former property of Old Union Church requested information confirming compliance with the Rose Valley Zoning Code provisions pertaining to wireless communication facilities. Mr. Smith has contacted Global Signal Acquisition IV, LLC and is in the process of obtaining the information required in Section 1104, items P, Q and R, including a copies of the FCC license, the annual engineering inspection report of the cell tower, and the certificate of insurance.

6) Traymore Development Letter of Credit

Then NVWS Associates started building the Traymore Development, they obtained a large letter of credit from Bryn Mawr Trust Company to ensure the project would be completed. This letter of credit will automatically renew on August 8, 2017 unless the Borough informs the bank that it is no longer required. With the exception of several minor items, the Traymore Development has now been completed, and the Borough still holds $5000 in an escrow account as additional completion assurance. Mr. Smith has notified Bryn Mawr Trust Company that the Borough intends to cancel the renewal of the letter of credit before August 8th, pending the approval of Borough Council.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Paula W. Healy, Secretary