COUNCIL MEETING

July 12, 2017

The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on July 12, 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. Council members present were: Councilpersons Bob Giorgianni, Stephanie Middleton, Penny Sass and Bob Siwicki; Treasurer Joe Hare; Controller John Neilson; and Secretary Paula Healy.

Councilperson Dave Firn, Mayor Tim Plummer and Solicitor G. Guy Smith were absent.

Guests attending the meeting were: Debra DeMasi, 14 Cedar Hollow Drive and AnneElise McLaughlin, 43 Rabbit Run.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the June 14, 2017 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL

Councilperson Al Meyer has moved out of Rose Valley and can no longer serve on Borough Council. Mr. Meyer submitted his letter of resignation as Councilperson dated June 29, 2017. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Council accepted Mr. Meyer’s letter of resignation. Council thanked Mr. Meyer for all his many years of service to the Borough.

Mr. John Neilson submitted his resignation letter as Controller dated July 11, 2017. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, Council accepted Mr. Neilson’s letter of resignation as Controller.

On behalf of the Personnel Committee, Mr. Hale recommended that John Neilson be appointed to serve as Councilperson. His term will expire on 12/31/17. This Council seat will have to be filled by a special election to be held on Election Day, November 7, 2017. Mr. Hale asked if there was any discussion. There was none. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, John Neilson was appointed as Councilperson until 12/31/17.

Mr. Hale asked members of Council for recommendations to fill the Controller position vacancy, which will need to be filled at the August 9th Council Meeting. This Controller position will expire on 12/31/17.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Sass reported that there was a meeting of the Library Board last night. Ongoing projects are: the Keystone Grant, repairing/replacing the HVAC, repairing the front steps, and taking care of a fallen tree. A "Well Red 11" wine and cheese Fundraising event is scheduled for September 15, 2017 and a volunteer appreciation event will be held on December 1, 2017.
The Library is working on their 2018 budget and would like the Borough to increase its donation to the Library by 3% next year. This request will be taken into consideration when Council begins its 2018 Budget process in the Fall.

The Delaware County Library System’s Annual Report on Countywide use of the libraries in Delaware County shows use of the Helen Kate Furness Library is in the top 25% of all usage of libraries in Delaware County.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police Report cited the following incidents: 3 false alarms and a theft/fraud on 6/18/17. The Fire Report showed a response to an automatic fire alarm on 6/8/17 that proved to be unfounded.

The Town Watch program is progressing as usual.

FINANCES

Mr. Hare reviewed the Status of Funds and Income Reports for June. Mr. Neilson went over the Bills for Approval for July and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the bills in the amount of $14,664.46 were approved.

PLANNING

Mr. Hale informed Council that Bryn Mawr Trust Company issued a Letter of Credit to NVWS Associates prior to the start of the Traymore Development project to guarantee sufficient funds for completion. This Letter of Credit is scheduled to automatically renew on August 8, 2017. NVWS Associates has requested that the Borough approve termination of the Letter of Credit since the Traymore Project is now essentially complete and the Borough still retains $5000 in a separate escrow account to cover any remaining outstanding issues. Mr. Smith recommended that the Council President write a letter to Bryn Mawr Trust Company authorizing termination of the NVWS Letter of Credit. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Council approved the issuance of such a letter.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Mrs. Healy informed Council that Aqua PA has finally relocated the fire hydrant near the entrance to Old Mill Lane. This will allow the cracked pillar on the Media side to be rebuilt several feet away from its current location. The new location is marked by the wooden stakes with red tape next to the existing pillar. This pillar was damaged by a bus trying to turn into Old Mill Lane from Media several years ago. The Borough received a $5000 insurance payment to cover the cost of rebuilding the pillar and has a bid for the masonry work within this amount.

Mrs. Healy also reported on the Fourth of July Celebration, which was a real success thanks to the excellent weather and the hard work of many people. Unfortunately, Mayor Plummer suffered a compression fracture of his L1 vertebrae while trying to navigate a huge container of
hamburger buns through his side door the night before. Many thanks go to the following volunteers who carried on under Tim's direction from home: Tom Plummer, Margee Hanford, Bill and Gail Hale, Mike Dixon, Janet Goldstein, Mary Cahill, Amanda Jacobsen, Lynn Kelley, Jim Castellan, Fran and Mike Vartanian, AnneElise McLaughlin, Jane Miluski, Linda Doyle, Bob and Paula Healy, Vince Deery, Lacey Nolan, the Staff and Board of Directors of the Rose Valley Swimming Pool, Rose Valley Boy Scout Troop 272, South Media Fire Company and Fire Police.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Paula W. Healy, Secretary