The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on October 11, 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. Other Council members present were: Councilpersons Bob Giorgianni, Stephanie Middleton, John Neilson, Penny Sass and Bob Siwicki; Mayor Tim Plummer; Treasurer Joe Hare, Controller Beth Noto; Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy. Councilperson Dave Firn was absent.

Guests attending the meeting were Janice Kuehn, 402 Woodward Road, and AnnElise McLaughlin, 43 Rabbit Run and representatives from B & L Disposal and H & H Disposal.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the September 13, 2017 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

RECYCLING BIDS

The Borough’s two year Recycling Contract is expiring on 12/31/17. The request for recycling bids for 2018 & 2019 was advertised in The Delaware County Times on 9/21/17 and 9/25/17. Four bids were received as follows:

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<td>Solid Waste Services/Mascaro</td>
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All contractors provided a bid bond and insurance information. It was agreed that it was time for the Borough to move to weekly recycling and Mr. Siwicki indicated the additional cost could be accommodated in the budget. Solid Waste Services/Mascaro was the lowest bidder so the 2018 & 2019 weekly recycling contract was awarded to Solid Waste Services/ Mascaro on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed. Mr. Hale thanked the representative from B & L Disposal for the good job his company has done handling the Borough recycling over the past two years.
ENVIRONMENT & EAC

The first part of the Deer Hunt began on October 2 and will continue until December 9, excluding Sundays. It is being held in the Borough owned Long Point Wildlife Sanctuary and the Todmorden Woods. These areas are closed to the public before 9 am and after 2 pm and warning signs have been posted along the perimeters of these properties. The second part of the hunt will begin on December 26 and end on January 27, excluding Sundays. It will include the areas mentioned above plus the back part of the Saul Wildlife Preserve. The front part of the Saul Wildlife Preserve will remain open at all times.

The Fall Stewardship Day/Invasives Workshop will be held on October 14, 2017 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, with the rain date on October 21.

HIGHWAYS

Mr. Neilson opened the one snowplowing bid received in response to the advertisement in The Swarthmorean on 9/22/17. As usual, the bid was from R. C. Marland. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, R. C. Marland was awarded the winter 2017 – 2018 Snowplowing Contract for the Borough.

Mr. Neilson is planning to conduct a road inspection with Engineer Houtmann before the end of the year. His preliminarily thinking is that North and South Long Point Lane will be repaved in 2018 following conversion of the sewage disposal plant to a pumping station and the installation of the new force main under South Long Point Lane.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Sass reported that detailed bid specifications for replacement of the Library’s air conditioning system are being prepared. The recent Well Red fundraiser netted approximately $5,000. There is going to be an event on December 1 to honor the donors to the Library. The Library Board of Directors is working on the development of a strategic plan for the future.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police Report cited the following incidents: 1 false alarm; a burglary on 9/10/17 on Long Point Lane; a death on 9/12/17 on Briarcrest Drive; 2 reports of criminal mischief on 9/13/17 on Long Point Lane; an animal lost and found on 9/16/17 on Rabbit Run; a domestic dispute on 9/18/17 on Tanglewood Circle; and a lost animal on 9/25/17 on Traymore Lane. The Fire Report listed the following incidents in September: response to a malfunction of a CO alarm on 9/13/17 on Todmorden Drive; response to a malfunction of a fire alarm on 9/23/17 on Wychwood Lane; and response to an accidental alarm pull at the Molding Disciples Ministries Church on Brookhaven Road.

It was agreed that Mr. Hale would give a dozen red roses to Mrs. Betty Ortoleva, wife of Jim Ortoleva, the Borough's Fire Marshall, in recognition of Jim volunteering his services to the Borough.
The Town Watch program is proceeding as usual.

FINANCES

Mr. Hare reviewed the September Status of Funds report. Mr. Siwicki reviewed the Income Reports for the month of September. Mrs. Noto reviewed the October Bills for Approval and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills for Approval in the amount of $26,636.77 were approved.

Mr. Hale noted that Weaverland Masonry rebuilt the cracked pillar at the entrance to Old Mill Lane and re-pointed and repaired the second pillar so they would closely match at a total cost of $5,710.

Mr. Siwicki distributed a spreadsheet with the 2017 Borough Budget, the 2017 actual expenses to date, and a Draft 2018 Budget for discussion and went through the individual line items. After much discussion and various adjustments, the following draft budget was tabled for additional review and discussion at the November 8th Council Meeting. The budget numbers for the revenue line items remain approximately the same as last year with the following exceptions: a $3,000 increase in the amount of income expected in amusement tax reflecting higher payments from the Rose Valley Folk; and about a 5% overall decrease in Real Estate Taxes. This will be the third year in a row that the Borough has been able to reduce real estate taxes, primarily due to increased revenue from the Traymore development.

The budget numbers for the expense line items remain approximately the same as last year with the following exceptions: a $1,500 increase in the budget for Environmental Advisory Council activities; a $5,500 increase for Public Safety to cover the cost of a second speed sign for Rose Valley Road; a $9,524 increase for Recycling Collection to cover the cost of moving to weekly recycling; zeroing out contributions to the Borough Funded Road Improvement Fund since there now appears to be sufficient funds in this account given lower oil prices; a $20,000 reduction for Snow Removal in line with average costs over the past few years and in recognition that there are sufficient funds in the Capital Reserve to cover unusually heavy snow and ice; and a line item for a potential $20,000 contribution to the Rose Valley Centennial Foundation required to be used to repair Thunderbird Lodge.

The Rose Valley Museum will open at its new home in Thunderbird Lodge at 41 Rose Valley Road the weekend of October 28th. However, the Lodge is in need of major repairs in order to become a proper home for the Museum, and the Rose Valley Centennial Foundation, which owns the building, will kick off a Capital Campaign to raise the necessary funds the same weekend. The first phase of the fundraising campaign is focused on soliciting funds from selected individuals and institutions and the RVCF has asked the Borough to contribute the above amount. Solicitor Smith advised Council that it should not make a contribution in 2017, and that in order to have the option of making such a contribution in 2018, there should be a line item in the 2018 Budget for the intended amount. The issue and the overall budget will be discussed further at the next Council meeting.
Solicitor Smith noted that the Preliminary Budget must be approved at the November 8th Council Meeting and made available for public review and comment. The Final Budget must then be approved at the December 13th Council Meeting. Since this is a municipal election year, a Borough Council Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 2nd and the reorganized Council will then have the opportunity to revise the budget in January.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mr. Plummer reminded everyone that on Veterans’ Day, November 11, there will be a short ceremony at the Rose Valley Veterans’ Memorial near the entrance to Old Mill Lane at 9:00 am. All Council members and Rose Valley residents are encouraged to attend.

Mayor Plummer is preparing his 2018 State of the Borough Address and would like all Council members to provide input regarding their areas of responsibility by December 8.

Mr. Plummer also shared various pertinent local newspaper items from the Delaware County Times with Council.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Paula W. Healy, Secretary