The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held in the Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, Pa. on November 8, 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, John Neilson, Stephanie Middleton, Penny Sass and Bob Siwicki; Mayor Tim Plummer; Treasurer Joe Hare; Controller Beth Noto; Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy.

Guests attending the meeting were: Debra DeMasi, 14 Cedar Hollow Drive; John Innelli, 8 Valley View Road; Ann Elise McLaughlin, 43 Rabbit Run; Judy Voet, 9 Tanglewood Circle; and Vippy Yee, 119 Vernon Lane.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the October 11, 2017 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

ELECTION RESULTS

Bill Hale and Bob Siwicki were re-elected to Council and Debra DeMasi and Vippy Yee were newly elected to Council for four year terms. The Debra and Vippy will take over seats currently held by Bob Giorgianni and Penny Sass in January. Judy Voet was elected to fill out the remaining two years of the Council seat vacated by Al Meyer when he moved out of Rose Valley. In January, she will take over this seat from John Nielson, who previously served as Controller and was appointed to fill Al Meyer's seat until January. John Nielson was elected to his old Controller position unopposed and in January will take over from Beth Noto, who was appointed Controller until January. Tim Plummer was re-elected Mayor unopposed.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firn reported that the Deer Management Program is well underway. Twenty three hunters participated in the orientation program conducted by Dr. Latham. There has been 1 doe taken so far on Borough land. If the hunt is not sufficiently effective at reducing the deer population, Council will have to consider whether or not a deer cull should be conducted in the future. This could be more expensive than the cull the Borough held several years ago because the organization that conducted the previous cull on favorable terms is no longer available.

Monies from the Tree Vitalization grant were used for the Fall Invasives Workshop held on October 14. The grant can now be closed out and the Borough can be reimbursed for some of its expenses.

The Growing Greener grant is going to be used to stabilize 165 feet of Ridley Creek streambank in the Saul Wildlife Sanctuary and for plantings in the Long Point flood plain. The plantings could possibly be done as part of a Boy Scout Eagle Project in the Spring of 2018. The Chester-
Ridley-Crum Watersheds Association helped the Borough by writing the grant and is willing to continue with the administrative management of this grant, with Borough oversight. Mr. Firn asked Council’s approval to have CRC Watersheds Association continue to manage the administrative end of the Growing Greener Grant. This request was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

**HIGHWAYS, INSURANCE AND CABLEVISION**

Mr. Neilson informed Council that he and Borough Engineer Matt Houtmann would like to begin the bid process for road work as early as possible next year. This worked well for the Borough in 2017. Mr. Neilson intends to resurface all of Long Point Lane after the Delcora sewer project is completed.

**LIBRARY**

Mrs. Sass announced that the Library will hold a Supporters Appreciation Night on December 1st from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Mrs. Sass encouraged all Council members to attend. The Library Board of Directors is working on the new HVAC system project. The Board is happy with the performance of its endowment investments. The Book Sale went very well although the net income is not yet known.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police Report cited the following incidents: 3 false alarms; a theft on 10/17/17 at Locust Lane & Possum Hollow Road; and a theft on 10/29/17 on Vernon Lane.

The Fire Report showed a response to burnt food on a stove on 10/18/17; a response to a human error involving cleaning a CO detector on 10/18/17; and a police assist with traffic control on 10/27/17. South Media Fire Company visited the School in Rose Valley during Fire Prevention Week and made presentations and led children's activities.

Town Watch is progressing as usual.

**FINANCES**

Mr. Hare reviewed the October Status of Funds report. Mr. Siwicki went over the Income Report for the month of October. Mrs. Noto reviewed the Bills for Approval and answered questions. The Bills in the amount of $26,127.85 were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Siwicki distributed the 2018 proposed budget. Mr. Siwicki reviewed each line item and answered questions. Mr. Plummer requested that the public safety line item be increased by $2,000 so that electrical power can be supplied to the 2 posts that hold the speed devices on Rose Valley Road. A question was asked about the Borough having to pay for State Police services. This has not yet been mandated so the Borough’s 2018 budget does not address this potential
expense. If payment is required next year, the Borough has sufficient funds in Capital Reverse to cover this contingency. The line item for a potential $20,000 contribution to the Rose Valley Centennial Foundation Capital Campaign for Thunderbird Lodge discussed at the October 11 Council meeting was further reviewed. It was noted that including this line item in the budget is necessary in order to give Council the option of making such a contribution in 2018. The decision of whether to make the contribution will be made next year. The Borough will require that any funds contributed be used to make specified repairs or improvements to Thunderbird Lodge.

Mr. Siwicki asked Council’s permission to advertise the public display of the 2018 Proposed Budget in the Borough Office for at least 10 working days prior to the December 13, 2017 Council Meeting. This permission was granted on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

PLANNING

The Borough hopes to have the Rowan/Ewing land donation completed by the end of the year.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Hale reported DELCORA is aiming to complete the conversion of the sewage disposal plant to a pumping station within the next two months. The horizontal drilling and installation of the force main under South Longpoint Lane and Knowlton Road is scheduled for early December. The installation of the new 3 phase power lines by PECO has been delayed because utility crews were sent to help repair hurricane damaged in the South, but should be completed in December. DELCOROA also hopes to reline the sewer pipes along Vernon Run near the Rose Valley Swimming Pool and rebuild the Ridley Creek force main crossing downstream of the Old Mill in the near future.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mr. Plummer reminded everyone that there will be a short Veterans’ Day Ceremony at the Veterans’ Memorial near the entrance to Old Mill Lane on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 9:00 am. All are invited to attend.

The Rose Valley Centennial Foundation has entered into an alliance with the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Design. Ten graduate students have been studying Rose Valley and analyzing different areas of interest. They would like to present their reports to Borough Council, the Planning Commission and the Boards of the Rose Valley Centennial Foundation and the Rose Valley Museum and Historical Society in early December. The Penn students asked for permission to use a drone to photograph buildings within the Historic District. After some discussion and guidance from the Borough Solicitor, it was agreed that use of a drone would be allowed provided Penn Design assumes liability.

The Mayor is preparing his 2018 State of the Borough Address. He asked all Council members to give him input regarding their areas of responsibility by December 8.
SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith reminded Council that a public meeting to solicit comments regarding the Preliminary 2018 Budget must be held prior to the December 13th Council meeting and that the Final Budget must be approved at that meeting. Since this is a municipal election year, a Biennial Reorganization Meeting will be held on January 2, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. There will be the swearing in ceremony for elected officials followed by the election of Council President, Vice President and President Pro Tem, and assignment of Council areas of responsibility. On January 10, 2018 there will be the regular Council Meeting at which the reorganized Council will conduct regular business and have the opportunity to revise the budget.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Paula W. Healy, Secretary