COUNCIL MEETING

January 14, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held in the Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, Pa., on January 14, 2015. President of Council Bill Hale called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Other Councilmembers present were: Councilpersons Dave Firn, Bob Giorgianni, Michael Josbena and Al Meyer; Mayor Tim Plummer; Treasurer Jennifer Rimerman; Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy.

Councilpersons Stephanie Middleton, Penny Sass and Controller Cheryl Haze Luehrs were absent.

Andy Detterline representing NVWS Associates was a visitor.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the December 10, 2014 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

PLANNING

Andy Detterline explained that NVWS Associates had submitted an updated Subdivision and Land Development Plan for Traymore (Units 48 to 52) in May, 2011 calling for one double townhouse building and one triple townhouse building to be constructed on the Belson property, with Unit #7 being eliminated from the previously approved Traymore plan for 43 townhouses, for a net increase of 4 townhouses. A public hearing was held to consider this Plan and Council approved it on May 11, 2011. NVWS subsequently informed Council that it was putting the development of Units 48 to 52 on hold due to market conditions and was not going to record the Plan. NVWS Associates has now completed or commenced construction on all 42 townhouses to be built on the former Saul Estate and now wishes to commence development of the 5 townhouses to be built on the former Belson property. After some discussion, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Council approved Resolution 1 – 2015 reaffirming the approval of the Subdivision and Land Development Plan for Traymore (Units 48 to 52).

Solicitor Smith explained that the Borough and NVWS Associates are parties to a Road and Improvements Construction Agreement dated March 14, 2007 relating to the construction of roads, sanitary sewers, storm sewers, infiltration beds and other public improvements for the Traymore development. Mr. Smith distributed a First Amendment to this Agreement incorporating the additional improvements to be constructed for Units 48 to 52 and their associated costs, which total $156,153. Mr. Smith has agreed to act as escrow agent for the financial security to guarantee the completion of these improvements, and distributed an Improvement Security Agreement documenting this arrangement. Following further discussion, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Council approved the First Amendment to the Road and Improvement Construction Agreement and the Improvement Security Agreement. Ms. Detterline then conveyed to Mr. Smith a check in the amount of $156,153 from NVWS Associates.
ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Firn reported that the deer baiting feeders have been ordered. When they arrive, it will be decided whether or not to utilize them this year since the Borough's deer hunt is ending on January 24, 2015.

LIBRARY

In Mrs. Sass’s absence, Mike Rinaldi, Rose Valley's other Library Board member sent a report. At the Library’s December 9, 2014 meeting they adopted the Library’s 2015 budget. The Board approved a slate of nominees for Board membership. They will elect Board members and conduct other business at their annual meeting on January 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. The Board anticipates filling at least one unexpired term on the Board of Directors. The Library continues to look for volunteers. Any interested party should contact Jen Stock. The Library’s annual appeal is continuing.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Police and Fire Reports for December. The Police report cited the following incidents: 3 false alarms and the report of a suspicious vehicle. The average false alarm count for 2014 is 2.4 false alarms per month. There were no fire calls during the month of December.

Town Watch Appreciation Night is scheduled for April 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Mill. Mr. Giorgianni will ask the State Police Commandant to attend.

FINANCES

Mr. Josbena reviewed the income reports and the Status of Funds for December. Ms. Rimerman reviewed the Bills for Approval and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the bills in the amount of $17,502.12 were passed.

Mr. Smith informed Council that there were a number of Borough residents appealing their assessments. If they are successful, this could affect the amount of taxes collected by the Borough in 2015. Mr. Smith will keep us informed.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith brought Council up-to-date on the Sigismondi tax appeal.

Discussion followed about residential uses allowed in the Borough Zoning Code.

Mr. Smith asked that there be an executive session to discuss legal issues.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.