COUNCIL MEETING

February 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on February 11, 2015 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 Councilpersons present were: Councilmembers Dave Firn, Bob Giorgianni, Michael Josbena and Penny Sass; Controller Cheryl Haze Luehrs; Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy.

Councilpersons Al Meyer and Stephanie Middleton, Treasurer Jennifer Rimerman and Mayor Tim Plummer were absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the January 14, 2015 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

PLANNING

Mrs. Sass asked some questions in regard to Traymore and the planned development of the final 5 townhouses on the former Belson property. Of the 42 townhouses completed or under construction on the former Saul Estate property, 37 have been sold.

Mr. Hale reported that there have been no new developments regarding the Old Union United Methodist Church property which is for sale.

HIGHWAYS

Mrs. Healy reported that she had gotten a request from a Todmorden resident for additional stop signs to be erected on Todmorden Drive. The new stop sign at Forestview is having the desired traffic calming effect.

Mr. Hale reported there was an accident on Buttonwood Way involved a geothermal drilling rig which turned over while being driven down a steep front yard onto the road. There appeared to be no significant damage to the road.

ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Firn reported that the deer hunt ended January 26. In total, 3 does were taken, all by the same hunter. The deer baiting equipment was not used this year because it arrived so late in the season.

Mr. Hale reported that leaving the trails open during hunting hours in the half of the Saul Wildlife Sanctuary close to the parking lot seemed to work well and satisfy those residents who had complained that they could not walk their dogs in the early mornings and/or late afternoons.
Dr. Latham is looking into a stream bank stabilization project involving a 165 foot section of Ridley Creek in the Saul Wildlife Sanctuary. The estimated cost of this project would be between $21,000 and $35,000. Dr. Latham and Brian Byrne from CRC Watersheds Association are working on obtaining grants to fund this project.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Sass reported that there was a Library Meeting last night. The Well Red fund raiser netted $6,900. The next fund raiser will be on April 10 at the Library and another Well Red is planned for the Fall. A Great Getaway fund raiser is also planned for this year. The Budget was approved. The annual appeal brought in more than expected. There are four Rose Valley residents on the Board of Directors. There are still two positions that need to be filled on the board. There are lots of maintenance issues that have to be taken care of this year. A security system for the second floor is needed.

A copy of a letter from Michael Rinaldi, Rose Valley's other representative on the Library Board, reporting on the annual meeting in January was distributed along with copies of the Library's 2014 annual report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni did not receive any Police Reports or Fire Reports for the month of January.

Townwatch Appreciation Night is scheduled for April 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Mill. All Rose Valley Residents will be invited.

FINANCES

Mr. Josbena reviewed the Income reports for January, 2015. There was no Status of Funds report for January since the end-of-year transfers are still in the process of being reconciled. Ms. Haze Luehrs reviewed the Bills for Approval for February, 2015 and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills in the amount of $41,668.01 were approved.

GENERAL

Council approved Resolution 2 – 2015 appointing Robert Healy to the Vacancy Board on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith reported that he had prepared a Deed of Correction for the Borough-owned Vernon Run Pump House across from the Old Mill. The Pump House property is surrounded by land now owned by the Rose Valley Folk, including the 1 acre Marrying Meadow property the Folk purchased from the Stopfords in 2011. The Deed of Correction addressed how the property was described on a Reverse Subdivision Plan prepared for the Rose Valley Folk by G. D. Houtman &
Son Inc, dated January 24, 2012, last revised September 25, 2012. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Council gave its approval for Mr. Hale to sign the Deed of Correction for the Borough, and for Mr. Smith to record it at the Delaware County Court House.

A property at 12 Chestnut Lane is in the process of being sold. This property has had 3 apartments in it since prior to 1950 and is grandfathered to have this use. Such use can continue unless it ceases to be used as apartments for a continuous period of 1 year.

The Sigismondi reassessment has been settled.

The reassessment cases involving a property owned by the School in Rose Valley and the Rose Valley Swimming Pool property are still on-going.

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 9:28 p.m.