The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on October 14, 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 Councilmembers present were: Councilpersons Dave Firn, Bob Giorgianni, Al Meyer and Penny Sass; Treasurer Jennifer Rimerman; Mayor Tim Plummer, Solicitor G. Guy Smith; and Secretary Paula Healy. Councilpersons Stephanie Middleton and Bob Siwicki, and Controller John Neilson were absent.

Guests attending the meeting were Rose Valley Centennial Foundation Board Member Andy Detterline, Hedgerow Theatre Executive Director Penelope Reed and current Borough Recycling Contractor Lou Bizzari.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the September 9, 2015 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

**RECYCLING**

The Borough’s Recycling Contract is expiring on 12/21/15. The request for recycling bids for a two year contract was advertised in the 9/12/15 and 9/14/15 editions of the Delaware County Daily Times. Five bid proposals were received, as follows:

- **Suburban Waste Services**
  - $23,500 for 2016
  - $24,700 for 2017

- **Solid Waste/J. P. Mascaro**
  - $17,340 for 2016
  - $17,856 for 2017

- **Laxton Enterprises**
  - $18,252 for 2016
  - $18,626 for 2017

- **H & H Disposal**
  - $18,000 for 2016
  - $18,000 for 2017

- **B & L Disposal/Creative Waste**
  - $16,000 for 2016
  - $16,000 for 2017

All contractors provided a bid bond and insurance information. B & L Disposal/Creative Waste was the lowest bidder, so the 2016 – 2017 recycling contract was awarded to B & L Disposal/Creative Waste, subject to review and approval by the Solicitor, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.
Mr. Firn reported that there was no news on the Growing Greener Grant. The Deer Hunt has begun and two deer have been taken—one on Borough property and one on private property. The Invasives Workshop is scheduled for October 24. Mr. Firn would like to apply for a mini-grant from the Delaware County Conservation District. Replacement plants for the deer exclosure could be purchased if the grant was awarded to the Borough. Council approved making application for this grant on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed. Bob Siwicki has suggested that the Borough look into replacing the street lights with LED lights. It was noted that this had been explored previously, however the idea will be discussed with Borough Engineer Matt Houtmann. Mr. Firn brought to Council’s attention comments he has received from a woman who walks in the Saul Wildlife Sanctuary who was upset that the Rose Valley Folk had removed a dead tree that was being used as a bird habitat.

PLANNING

Mr. Hale reported that the School in Rose Valley had decided not to pursue rezoning their 1 acre undeveloped property at 15 School Lane from Residential to Institutional at this time.

Penelope Reed of Hedgerow Theatre addressed Council to request that Hedgerow Studio, 146 W. Rose Valley Road, be rezoned from Residential Zone A to Institutional. Penelope explained that Hedgerow planned to voluntarily deed restrict the property to eliminate the possibility of a cell tower being constructed on the property. Hedgerow submitted an Application for Act 247 Review to the Delaware County Planning Commission on October 1st. This matter will be discussed at the next Planning Commission Meeting on Thursday November 5 at 7:30 pm. Council approved adding the above Hedgerow Theatre matter to the advertising for the public hearing to be held to discuss the rezoning of Thunderbird Lodge from Residential Zone A to Institutional on November 14, 2015 at 7:30 pm, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

HIGHWAYS

Mr. Meyer reported that Locust Lane had been repaved and looks great. The various road patches elsewhere in the Borough are almost completed and still need to be sealed. After the job is complete, Borough Engineer Houtmann will inspect the work and give his approval before payment is made.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Sass reported that there are 5 new nominations to the Library Board of Directors. None of the nominations are from Rose Valley, however there are currently 4 residents of the Borough on the Library Board. Fund raisers Well Red and The Great Getaway are coming up in November. Mrs. Sass asked if a link to the Library’s web page could be put on the Borough’s website. This will be done.
PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police report listed the following incidents: 3 false alarms; 1 residential burglary; 1 collision and 1 missing person. The Fire Report showed that the fire company responded to a false alarm at the School in Rose Valley on 9/23/15.

Mr. Giorgianni and Town Watch Coordinator Dick Jacob are considering making the switch from radios to cell phones for Town Watch patrollers to call into the Base Station or to the State Police.

Mr. Meyer reported that while the stop signs at the Forestview and Todmorden intersection are helping calm the traffic, there are still some drivers who blow through the stop signs who are possibly residents of Todmorden.

The speed device is working well.

FINANCE

Ms. Rimmerman reviewed the Bills for Approval for October and answered questions. The Bills in the amount of $21,346.32 were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed. She then reviewed the Status of Funds and Income Reports for the month of September.

Mr. Hale distributed and reviewed the 2016 preliminary Budget. The final preliminary Budget will be presented in November and permission to advertise will be requested for final adoption of the budget in December. Council will discuss salary raises in executive session following the regular meeting.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mr. Plummer has visited one new resident and has three more on his list to visit.

The "Once in a Lifetime Tour" benefitting Thunderbird Lodge is scheduled for October 18. Everyone is encouraged to attend this very special event.

The flag will be flown at the Borough’s Veteran's Memorial near the Gate House ruins on Veteran's Day, November 11. The Borough of Media will hold their annual Parade and ceremonies in the morning and all are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Plummer thanked Rose Valley Boy Scout Troop 272 for the bamboo removal at Thunderbird Lodge.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith received a request from NVWS Associates LP for Release No. 2 of the escrow funds associated with the Traymore development, Lots 48-52. Mr. Houtmann approved this request.
On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed Council approved the release of $65,034.00 escrow funds to NVWS Associates.

The Rose Valley Folk had requested that the Borough of Rose Valley co-sign their bank loan for their new pavillion. Solicitor Smith distributed a legal opinion concluding that the Borough is prohibited by law from co-signing such a loan. This legal matter will be discussed further in executive session.

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