COUNCIL MEETING

December 9, 2015

The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council met on December 9, 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 Firn, Giorgianni, Al Meyer, Stephanie Middleton and Bob Siwicki; Mayor Tim Plummer; Controller John Nielson; and Secretary Paula Healy.

Councilperson Penny Sass, Treasurer Jennifer Rimerman and Solicitor G. Guy Smith were absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the November 11, 2015 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

PLANNING

Mr. Hale reported that interest had been expressed regarding the purchase of the Old Union Methodist Church property.

Mr. Plummer encouraged Council to pursue the final signing of a Cooperative Agreement regarding zoning by the three other municipalities involved in the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan. This will be discussed with Mr. Smith.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firn reported that recipients of the PECO Growing Greener Grant will be announced in January, 2016.

The Deer Hunt has yielded 3 does. One buck was taken from allowed hunting on private property.

The Ewing family was contacted about the bamboo on their property growing into the Borough’s property along Ridley Creek. They agreed to pay the cost of having the bamboo removed from their property and to allow access to the Borough’s property through their property.

The Chester/Ridley/Crum Watersheds Association has asked that the Borough distribute a survey about stormwater issues to the residents. Mrs. Healy will send this survey out to all residents.

LIBRARY

Library Board member and Rose Valley resident Mike Rinaldi sent a report on the last Library meeting in Mrs. Sass’s absence. It noted that the Board approved the 2016 Budget; there was a presentation of upgrades to the library and how to finance them; and that the annual corporation meeting is set for January 19, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Rinaldi encouraged Borough
Councilmembers and the Mayor to attend. Mr. Rinaldi’s letter included the following attachments: the 2016 Budget and a Renovation and Capital Improvements Plan. These documents will be available to the public at the Rose Valley Borough Office during working hours.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police Reported cited the following incidents: 3 false alarms; 1 assault/harassment; and 1 suspicious person report. The Fire Report showed one incident of smoke from a closed fireplace damper on 11/9/15 at 9 Longpoint Lane. The new South Media Fire Company truck has arrived.

The Town Watch program is going to stop having patrollers use radios to call into the base station and use cell phones to call the State Police directly. They will call the Borough Office to report that they are going out on patrol and the Borough Office will record this information.

The speed device is working well.

FINANCES

Mr. Siwicki reviewed the income reports and Status of Funds for November, 2016. He then reviewed the Bills for Approval for December, 2016, and answered questions. On motions made, seconded and unanimously passed, the bills in the amounts of $31,996.97 from the General Fund and $2,910.00 from the Highway Aid Fund were approved.

The 2016 Proposed Budget will be approved at the special Council Meeting on December 16, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Plummer thanked those who had submitted their input to the Mayor’s 2016 State of the Borough Address and asked that everyone else do so promptly.

Mayor Plummer has visited 2 new residents.

GENERAL

Mr. Hale reported he spoke with Ed Bothwell of Delcora about plans for the closing of the Rose Valley Sewer Plan. Mr. Bothwell was optimistic a suitable route for pumping the sewage to Delcora’s Chester plant would so be finalized.

Mr. Hale attended a Risk Assessment Meeting at the Delaware County Emergency Services Center in Lima dealing with Delaware County’s Hazard Mitigation Plan update. The process involves assessing potential hazards, such as flooding, and developing mitigation strategies.
The following Resolutions were approved on motions made, seconded and unanimously passed:

- Resolution 5 – appt. Linda Doyle to the EAC
- Resolution 6 – appt. Leonard Busby to EAC
- Resolution 7 – appt. Dave Firn to EAC
- Resolution 8 – appt. Al Meyer to Planning Comm.
- Resolution 9 – appt. Margery Howe to EAC
- Resolution 10 – appt. Stephanie Middleton to Planning Commission
- Resolution 11 – appt. Karen Pholeric to Zoning Hearing Board
- Resolution 12 – appt. Jack Quindlen to ZHB
- Resolution 13 – appt. John Curtis as alternative to ZHB

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

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Paula W. Healy, Secretary