COUNCIL MEETING

April 8, 2015

The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held in the Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, Pa. on April 8, 2015. President of Council Bill Hale called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Councilmembers present were: Councilpersons Dave Firn, Al Meyer, Stephanie Middleton, Penny Sass and Bob Siwicki; Controller Cheryl Haze Luehrs; Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy.

Councilperson Bob Giorgianni, Mayor Tim Plummer and Treasurer Jennifer Rimerman were absent.

Jen Stock, Head Librarian at the Helen Kate Furness Free Library attended the meeting as a guest.

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

Mr. Hale introduced Jen Stock. Ms. Stock informed Council of all the wonderful events happening at the Library. The next Well Red fund raiser is schedule for April 10. There is going to be a Legislative Breakfast for public officials on April 16, to which all Rose Valley Councilpersons are invited. The May Fair will be on May 9. Mr. Meyer asked what the biggest challenges are for the Library and Ms. Stock answered that there is not enough funding and that she would like to have more people use the library. Ms. Stock answered more questions and thanked Council for its support of the Library. Mr. Hale thanked Ms. Stock for all her hard work at the Library and for coming to the Council meeting.

FINANCES

Ms. Haze Luehrs reviewed the Income Report for March and the Status of Funds. She went over the Bills for Approval and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills in the amount of $24,219.79 were approved.

PLANNING

Ms. Middleton had nothing to report about planning.

HIGHWAYS

Mr. Meyer received from Borough Engineer Matt Houtmann an assessment of the Borough road conditions and his recommendations for work to be done in 2015. Mr. Houtmann recommends that Locust Lane be repaved and patching be done on Long Point Lane, Rabbit Run, Todmorden Drive, Buttonwood Way, Forestview Road and Possum Hollow Road. Mr. Houtmann’s estimated cost for this work package was $54,200.00. After some discussion, Council approved requesting Mr. Houtmann to prepare the bid specifications for the above road work package on a
motion made, seconded and unanimously passed. Mr. Houtmann will be asked to have the bid package prepared for the May Council Meeting with the bids due by the June Council Meeting.

Mrs. Healy will consult Mr. Houtmann regarding the requirements for painting a crosswalk across Rose Valley Road at the intersection of Possum Hollow Road and Rose Valley Road.

Mr. Meyer reported that the stop signs at the intersection of Todmorden Drive and Forestview road are having the desired traffic calming effect.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firn reported that the Invasive Workshop and Native Plant Sale are scheduled for April 18, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, with May 2 as the rain date. The Natural Lands Trust is conducting an open space study and will hold two public meetings with the first one in late May.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Sass reported that the next Well Red fund raiser will be held on April 10. She encouraged every on Council to attend. A Legislative Breakfast will be held on April 16 and Council is also invited. The annual May Fair will be held on May 9. Mr. Siwicki and Mrs. Sass reported that the Library's financial committee is working on some Library maintenance issues that need to be addressed. Mrs. Sass noted that Nether Providence Township increased its funding for the Library this year from $80,000 to $100,000. The Library was also successful in obtaining an Ethyl Sargent Clark grant for improvements to the Chadwick Auditorium, which included a new projector screen, computer and sound system.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Hale reported that there was no Police Report. There was a fire report listing one response to a fuel spill on Rose Valley Road on 3/14/15.

Town Watch Appreciation Night is scheduled for April 21 at 7:30 p.m. A representative from the State Police will be there to give a short presentation and answer questions. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

GENERAL

Mrs. Healy had received a letter from Robyn Young. Ms. Young has gotten permission from the State of Pennsylvania to erect a historical marker in honor or Mildred Scott Olmsted. Mrs. Olmsted was a resident of Rose Valley and a founder of the Women’s League for Peace and Freedom. The Olmsted Family has given permission for the marker to be erected on the Olmsted property at 41 Rose Valley Road. She also needs the Borough’s permission. Council decided to table this until the May Council Meeting when Mayor Plummer is expected to return.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT
Mr. Smith reported that the School in Rose Valley assessment appeal has been wrapped up while assessment appeals for some other properties in Rose Valley are still in process.

Borough insurance agent, Chip Seltzer and Mr. Smith have talked about insurance requirements and language that should be included in all future contracts and bid specifications.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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Paula Healy, Secretary