The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on August 12, 2015 in the Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, Pa. Vice President of Council Dave Firn called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Other Councilmembers present were: Councilpersons Bob Giorgianni, Al Meyer, Penny Sass and Bob Siwicki; Mayor Tim Plummer; Treasurer Jen Rimerman; Controller John Neilson; Solicitor G. Guy Smith; and Secretary Paula Healy.

President Bill Hale and Councilperson Stephanie Middleton were absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the July 8, 2015 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

PLANNING

Mrs. Healy informed Council that there was nothing to report on the Old Union Methodist Church property. The sign ordinance will be reviewed at the next Planning Commission Meeting.

HIGHWAYS

Mr. Meyer reported that the Borough was awaiting approval of road work funds from PennDOT. Once this is received, the Borough Engineer can arrange with the road work contractor to begin the project.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firn asked for Council’s approval to appoint Monica Gagliardi as Vice Chairperson on the EAC. This was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed. She will assist Chairperson Roger Latham.

The Borough’s recycling contract is expiring at the end of 2015. The EAC will review the past bid packet requirements and make recommendations to Council. The bid packet will then be prepared and sent to interested recycling contractors. The request for bids will be advertised and bids will be opened at the November Council meeting.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Sass reported that there had not been a Library Board meeting yet this month but she reported that there had been a volunteer painting party to paint the community room and it went well. There is also a library member with some design experience who is helping brighten up the space. The summer children’s program is doing well. She distributed the proposed 2016 Library budget to Council.
PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police Reported cited 4 false alarms; and 1 theft from a motor vehicle. The Fire Report listed an accidental fire alarm activation on 6/13/15; a minor fire at 78 Todmorden Drive on 6/23/15; a response to an auto accident on 6/23/15; and a good intent call at 38 Todmorden Drive on 6/25/15.

Mr. Giorgianni informed Council that Jim Orteleva had resigned as Fire Marshall for Nether Providence. He is still willing to continue to be Fire Marshall for Rose Valley. Council approved the appointment of Jim Orteleva as the Fire Marshall for Rose Valley Borough on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

The Town Watch Program is proceeding as usual. There was discussion as to whether or not the base station has become obsolete in view of the use of cell phones. This will be further investigated.

The Speed Device is working well.

South Media Fire Company is expecting the delivery of their new fire truck early this fall. They plan to “unveil” it in October.

FINANCES

Ms. Rimerman reviewed the Bills for Approval for August and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the bills in the amount of $34,208.58 were approved. Mr. Siwicki reviewed the income reports and Status of Funds for the month of July and answered questions.

The 2016 Budget preparations will begin in September.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith asked Council to permit the Borough Engineer to advertise amendments to the floodplain ordinance. This request was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed. The State of Pennsylvania is requiring municipalities to review their floodplain ordinances and make necessary amendments.

SECRETARY’S REPORT

Mrs. Healy reported that she had gotten a call about a solicitor going door to door asking for contributions to a children’s baseball team. The person asked for a specific amount of $70 per child. It was determined that was a scam. Mrs. Healy let the residents know through the Google Group.
There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Paula W. Healy, Secretary