The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on March 14, 2018 in the Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane. President of Council Bill Hale called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Other Councilmembers present were: Councilpersons Debra DeMasi, Dave Firn, Stephanie Middleton, Judy Voet and Vippy Yee; Treasurer Joe Hare; Controller John Neilson, Solicitor G. Guy Smith; and Secretary Paula Healy.

Councilperson Bob Siwicki and Mayor Tim Plummer were absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the February 14, 2018 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firn reported that there will be no deer cull this year. It will be postponed until 2019, after the 2018 deer hunt which will begin at the end of October, 2018 and end in January, 2019. Discussion followed about monitoring the deer hunters. Rose Valley invites certain hunters, making sure that they are qualified and having them go through an orientation process. Access to the permitted hunting areas needs to be reworked.

The first phase of the Growing Greener project has been completed. The streambank stabilization in the Saul Wildlife Preserve has been done. The second phase is to create a riparian buffer in the Long Point (Chadwick) Wildlife Preserve. Boy Scout Matt Crawford will be replanting around the deer exclosure on April 7 and 8. On May 12 (raindate – 5/19), the EAC is having their Invasives Workshop and Native Plant Sale. Mr. Firn alerted Council as to the Spotted Lantern Fly, a destructive pest that is invading Pennsylvania.

HIGHWAYS, INSURANCE, CABLEVISION & TECHNOLOGY

After meeting with Lynn Kelley, Ms. Yee will be taking over the coordination of the Borough’s website. She would like the Borough to give information to a community calendar website/app called Burbio. Everyone on Council agreed that this would be a good idea. Ms. Yee will proceed with getting the Borough on this website/app.

Engineer Matt Houtmann will have the 2018 Road Work Bids ready for opening at the April 11, 2018 Council Meeting.

The 2018 Liquid Fuels monies in the amount of $30,000 was received and deposited into the Borough’s Highway Aid account on March 1, 2018.

Discussion followed about having a municipal household trash hauler. The advantage of this would be that one hauler would be riding up and down the streets causing less road wear than having many haulers coming in and out of Rose Valley. The disadvantage to this would be
either a raise in taxes or an extra fee on the tax bill to cover the Borough paying for the trash pick up. In investigating this subject, it was discovered that 80% of the Borough uses the same trash hauler. The other 20% is covered by one or two other haulers. Council decided to let household trash continue to be controlled by each individual household.

LIBRARY

Ms. Voet reported that Mr. Hale was the winner of the Great Getaway fund raiser. The Library is getting ready for the Book-It 5K Walk/Run benefiting HFK and Swarthmore Library on April 7. On May 12 is the Spring Fair and Book Sale. Chipotle Restaurant is donating to HFK 50% of the food proceeds on March 18 to anyone who tells them they are affiliated with HFK Library.

Ms. Yee asked of HKF participated in a summer science program for children offered by GSK. Mrs. Voet said she would look into this. HKF is having a Women in Science series where lectures are being given on notable Women in Science. Ms. Yee asked how the Library is funded. Mrs. Voet explained that it is supported by the municipal and county monies, membership funds, municipal monies, grants and fund raising.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. DeMasi reviewed the Fire Report for February. It cited one response to a heat detector at the Old Mill on 2/26/18. There was no police report. Our State Police Community liaison, Trooper Tim Greene, has been transferred to a new barracks. No one has been assigned to replace him yet, so our contact with the State Police is Commander Hennigan.

The Town Watch program is progressing as usual. Mrs. DeMasi has gotten a good response to the recruitment letter sent to the Todmorden area. Five new patrollers have signed up to patrol Todmorden.

Fire Marshall Jim Orteleva would like to some to a Council Meeting. He is welcome to come to any Council meeting that agrees with his schedule.

FINANCES

Mr. Hare reviewed the Status of Funds for the month of February. Mr. Neilson went over the income reports for February and the March Bills for Approval and answered questions. The Bills for Approval in the amount of $33,222.44 was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

PLANNING

There is a vacancy on the Planning Commission. Mr. Hale recommended Steve Karlovic, 2 Rabbit Run, to fill this position. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Resolution 5-2018, appointing Steve Karlovic to the Planning Commission was approved.
MANAGER’S REPORT

Mrs. Healy reported that the Annual Bulk Trash pick up has been scheduled for May 7 – 8, 2018. Residents will be notified in a Spring newsletter going out in early April.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith brought Council up to date about the changes in municipal liability.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

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Paula W. Healy, Secretary