COUNCIL MEETING

June 13, 2018

The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on June 13, 2018 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. Councilmembers present were: Deb DeMasi, Dave Firn, Stephanie Middleton, Bob Siwicki, and Vippy Yee; Mayor Tim Plummer; Treasurer Joe Hare; Controller John Neilson; Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy.

Councilperson Judy Voet was absent.

A guest attending the meeting was Margee Hanford.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the May 9, 2018 were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

MAYOR’S REPORT

The Borough’s 21st Annual Fourth of July Parade and Picnic is coming up soon. Mayor Plummer encouraged everyone to attend.

Flag Day is June 14. The flag will be raised at the Borough’s Veteran’s Memorial by Bill Hale.

Marilyn Bullock, a Todmorden resident, has created new welcome packets to be given to new residents. The packets were distributed to Councilmembers. Mr. Plummer asked that everyone look them over and if they had any suggestions to direct them to Marilyn.

Mr. Plummer reported on the Rose Valley Centennial Foundation. The emphasis is on raising funds for improvements to Thunderbird Lodge, specifically the installation of an ADA bathroom and chimney repairs.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Fire reported that the Invasives Workshop and Plant Sale went well. The Eagle Scout project involving the Deer Exclosure is progressing, helping to fulfill some requirements for the Growing Greener grant.

HIGHWAYS, INSURANCE, CABLEVISION & TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Hale, Mr. Siwicki and Engineer Houtmann opened bids from four contractors who responded to the advertisement of Rose Valley Borough’s 2018 Road Work on June 5, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. The advertisement was published in the Delaware County Daily Times on May 21 and May 29, 2018. The results of the bids were: Innovative Construction - $246,000.00; Charlestown - $293,121.00; A. F. Damon - $223,987.00; and Gessler - $202,275.00. The lowest bidder was Gessler. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Gessler was awarded
the Rose Valley Borough 2018 Road Work Contract which includes milling and resurfacing Long Point Lane, some surface patching and a diversion berm.

Ms. Yee informed Council that the residents of the Borough can now get an app to Burbio, a neighborhood message board, which will let them know about Borough events. The link to the Burbio calendar is https://www.burbio.com/states/Pennsylvania/Media/rose-valley-borough. Council thanked Ms. Yee for making arrangements for this new contact.

LIBRARY

In Mrs. Voet’s absence, Mr. Hale gave this report:

Kelly Kaminsky has replaced Greg Miller as Treasurer, due to his work load and availability. Kelly is a Finance Major and has her Masters and just made CFO of her company recently. Work is continuing on getting the reports where they should be.

- Librarian’s report shows door count was up but circulation stats were down. Door count was up due to election and program activities.

- Major discussion on the funding of the HVAC package. We have received a state grant that needs to be matched. But, to get the grant the project needs to be fully funded. The decision was made to use the funds from the Endowment/Investment fund and to plan to replace it through fundraising. The Committee on Fundraising will come back to the Board with recommendations on whether doing personal approaches or activity fundraising is best.

- Discussion on reviewing the Investment Policy was delayed until next month.

- The Buildings and Grounds chair, Rich Flanagan, will be looking at ways to bring more groups into the maintenance of the Grounds in addition to the work that is currently being done by the Providence Garden Club. In addition to, perhaps, setting up a Grounds Maintenance budget. Pru Haines has offered to help Rich with this. (As you know, both live in Rose Valley.)

- The Development and Grounds chair will be looking at how we can be eligible for a Home Depot Grant.

- Kerri Miglionico will be taking over the Public Relations Committee from Donna Ferruzzi.

- The May Fair raised $5,046, with $2,800 coming from the Book Sale. The feeling was it was not well attended by the community and the committee will be looking into what can be done to bring people in. It is a busy time of the year. Top sellers were: games, flowers, food.

- The Annual Appeal is about where we would expect it to be or slightly ahead.
PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. DeMasi reviewed the Police and Fire reports for May, 2018. The police report cited the following incidents: 8 patrol checks; 5 false alarms; 2 non-reportable crashes; 1 911 hangup and 1 identity theft where the victim’s account was accessed. The Fire Report showed a response to a grass fire on 5/1/18 at 39 Rabbit Run.

Ms. Yee reported that there had been two bomb scares at Strath Haven High School.

The Town Watch program is progressing as usual.

Mrs. DeMasi is investigating getting two new speeds signs. She will report further at the June Council Meeting.

FINANCES

Mr. Hare reviewed the Status of Funds for the month of May. Mr. Siwicki went over the income reports for the month of May and Mr. Neilson reviewed the Bills for Approval for June and answered questions. The Bills for Approval in the amount of $25,154.36 was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed. A Budget vs. Actual from 1/1/18 – 6/13/18 was distributed to Council.

PLANNING

Ms. Middleton will be having a meeting of the Planning Commission sometime in the near future. She is checking with the members as to when they could meet.

Mr. Firn is going to get a copy of the CORPOS plan for Council to see.

Ms. Yee asked if Borough Council should get involved with the concerns raised by the Mariner 2 pipeline that is being installed in our neighboring municipalities. Council did write a letter of support voicing our concern earlier this year and decided that was sufficient.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith informed Council that the reassessment cases involving 303 and 305 W. Brookhaven Road have been settled.

Chairperson of the Zoning Hearing Board, Karen Pholeric, passed away on May 17. Karen was a lifelong resident of Rose Valley and volunteered in many capacities. She will be greatly missed.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

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Paula W. Healy, Secretary