The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on August 8, 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. Council members present were: Councilpersons Deb DeMasi, Dave Firn, Stephanie Middleton and Judy Voet; Mayor Tim Plummer; Treasurer Joe Hare; Solicitor G. Guy Smith; and Secretary Paula Healy.

Councilmembers Vippy Yee and Bob Siwicki, and Controller John Neilson were absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the July 11, 2018 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved.

**ENVIRONMENT & EAC**

Mr. Firn reported that the Borough has received a bill from CRC Watersheds Association for the streambank restoration project in the Saul Wildlife Preserve. This money will be reimbursed later from the Growing Greener Grant. Unfortunately, the deer apparently ate a lot of what was planted. The eaten plants will be replaced with some deer protection added around the new plants.

Mr. Firn presented to Council the 2018-2019 Supplement to the Borough's Deer Management Plan. This year’s bow hunt will end in December with the hope that the Pa. Game Commission will approve a deer cull for January, 2019. After some discussion, Council approved the 2018-2019 Deer Management Plan on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Plummer thanked Mr. Firn for his hard work on this Plan.

**HIGHWAYS, INSURANCE, CABLEVISION & TECHNOLOGY**

In Ms. Yee’s absence, Mrs. Healy reported that the 2018 Borough Roadwork plans were in the hands of PennDOT, who has to approve them before the project can begin.

**LIBRARY**

Mrs. Voet reported that the HVAC project is progressing. The equipment is in the process of being installed. The ADA door project is waiting for parts to arrive in order to proceed. Patrons now can keep new books out for 3 weeks instead of 2 weeks, just like older books. The Nether Providence Historical Society is going to honor the Library by putting a historical plaque on the building. The Board of Directors is working on their Budget.
PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. DeMasi reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police report for July cited the following incidents: 8 false alarms; a theft at the Rose Valley Swimming Pool on 7/2/18; a report of identity theft at 3 N. Longpoint Lane on 7/5/18; a DUI on Rose Valley Road on 7/14/18; a report of disorderly conduct at 26 Vernon Lane on 7/16/18; and a DUI on Rose Valley Road on 7/29/18. The Fire Report showed an EMS assist at 2 Orchard Lane on 7/14/18.

Jim Ortoleva is retiring from his position as Fire Marshal and has submitted his resignation. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, Council reluctantly accepted Mr. Ortoleva’s resignation. Council thanked Mr. Ortoleva for his many years of outstanding service to our community.

Mr. Ortoleva recommended Matthew Poissant as his replacement as Fire Marshal for Rose Valley Borough. Mr. Poissant is a former Chief of South Media Fire Company, has a degree in Fire Protection and is in currently charge of fire safety at the University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. DeMasi motioned that Mr. Poissant be appointed Fire Marshal for Rose Valley Borough. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Mr. Poissant will be invited to attend a future Council Meeting.

The Town Watch program is running smoothly

The speed devices to be installed on either side of the Hedgerow curve on Rose Valley Road to monitor speed and collect traffic data have been ordered. Mrs. DeMasi has talked to the Borough's street lighting electrical contractor, Mr. Higgins, about the installation of these devices.

FINANCES

Mr. Hare reviewed the Income Reports and the Status of Funds for the month of July. He then went over the Bills for Approval for August and answered questions. The Bills include a $15,000 donation to the Rose Valley Centennial Foundation to be used to repair a cracked chimney at Thunderbird Lodge. The terracotta roof tiles within approximately 6 feet of the chimney must be removed in order for the masonry work to be performed and then replaced afterwards. It is expected that some roof repair work will also need to be done but the extent of this work can only be determined once the tiles are removed and the underlying wood inspected. The RVCF provided copies of the contracts for the tile removal and chimney masonry work totaling more than $15,000. The RVCF will request the remaining $5,000 budgeted for donation in this year's budget when the contract for repairing the roof wood and replacing the tiles is finalized. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills for Approval in the amount of $74,569.87 were approved.

Budget time is fast approaching. Mr. Hare reminded members of Council to start thinking about expenses related to their areas of responsibility.
PLANNING

Ms. Middleton reminded Council that there will be a Planning Commission Meeting on August 14 in the main room of the Old Mill at 7:30 p.m. The Agenda will include the Rowan-Borough and Ewing-Borough small land parcel swaps, the University of Pennsylvania study of "Rose Valley, A Community Rooted in the Arts and Crafts Movement", the CORPOS Multi-municipal Comprehensive Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Plan, Conservation Easements and Trail Easements.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mr. Plummer informed Council about the new “Welcome Wagon” program. He is retiring from his duties as official greeter of new residents. Marilyn Bullock has created a new welcome packet and it will be delivered to new residents by designated volunteers including Murray Blanchette in the Long Point, Hope Thurlow in central Rose Valley and Allison Stoutland in Todmorden. Many thanks to all who worked on this project.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith brought Council up to date on legal issues related to the Borough.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Paula W. Healy, Secretary