The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on November 14, 2018 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 Council members present were: Councilpersons Deb DeMasi, Bob Siwicki and Judy Voet; Mayor Tim Plummer; Treasurer John Neilson; Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy. Councilpersons Bill Hale, Stephanie Middleton and Vippy Yee, and Controller John Neilson were absent.

Borough Engineer Matt Houtmann also attended the meeting.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the October 10, 2018 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

HIGHWAYS, INSURANCE, CABLEVISION & TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Houtmann attended the meeting to bring Council up to date regarding the 2018 Roadwork Project. The resurfacing of Longpoint Lane and associated gutter repair work has been completed. Mr. Houtmann inspected the job and found several things that need to be fixed, including a soft spot just beyond the intersection of North and South Longpoint Lane which will need to be cut out and repaved, and several cracks in the new concrete gutters which need repair. Various residents have been keeping the Borough apprised of things they want to be addressed. Mr. Houtmann will oversee the repairs and look into the complaints of residents, including that for certain driveways their vehicles scrape when they go in and out over the repaired gutters which no longer have macadam fill.

On the technology front, Mrs. Voet and Mrs. Yee have been updating the Borough website.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firn reported that the Borough has submitted an application for a deer cull in January of 2019 and is waiting to hear from the State Game Commission whether or not the cull will be allowed.

The paperwork for the Growing Greener grant has been submitted. Hopefully a reimbursement check will be received by the end of 2018.

Mrs. DeMasi informed Council that the invasive spotted lantern fly has been seen in Todmorden.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Voet submitted the following report:

A State contribution of $44,000 to the library has tentatively been approved.
A Book It! 5K Walk/Run from HKF to Swarthmore library will take place on April 27th.

A Brain Health Fair was held on November 9th including relaxation, yoga, snacks and brain tests.

The HVAC and Handicapped Door Project is officially complete. The director of State libraries came by and liked the project. Reimbursement from the State should be coming soon.

Nether Providence Council met to discuss their preliminary budget, which includes no increase for the HKF library although they are planning a 3.4% tax increase. Further discussions will be held.

The Election Day Weekend book sale raised $1,400. The Annual Appeal is up $13,000 over last year.

The library will explore an offer from Peter Prown to exhibit his art work at the library with a portion of sales going to the library.

The library will have a Donor Appreciation Event December 7th from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. All Rose Valley Borough Council Members are invited to attend.

The library board nominating committee is looking for board member nominations for people with expertise in publicity, fundraising, treasurer skills, and buildings and maintenance. Anyone who would like to suggest someone or is interested themselves should contact Heather D’Onofrio through the Library.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. DeMasi reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police Report cited the following incidents: 4 false alarms; 1 report of theft on 10/18/18; 1 report of drug possession on 10/20/18; and 1 report of criminal mischief on 10/31/18. The Fire Report showed no responses to calls during the month of October. The new Fire Marshall, Matt Poissant, inspected Hedgerow House, Hedgerow Theatre, Molding Disciples Ministries Church, The School in Rose Valley and The Old Mill.

Town Watch is proceeding as usual. Recruitment letters for Central Rose Valley and Long Point are being created.

The new speed control devices have been installed on the poles supporting the yellow caution blinkers on either side of the Hedgerow curve and are now operational. They are somewhat more effective than the old battery powered device because they run off the 120 volt ac power available at the poles which allows them to be brighter. Mrs. DeMasi, Mr. Firn, Mr. Plummer and Mrs. Healy participated in a webinar to learn how to obtain information and reports from the devices.

FINANCES
Mr. Siwicki went over the Income Reports for the month of October. Mr. Nielson reviewed the Bills for Approval and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills for Approval in the amount of $36,463.64 were approved.

Mr. Siwicki distributed the proposed Budget for 2019. Mr. Siwicki reviewed each line item and answered questions. Mr. Siwicki asked Council’s permission to advertise the public display of the 2019 Proposed Budget in the Borough Office for at least 10 working days prior to the December 12, 2018 Council Meeting. This permission was granted on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

There will be a special meeting to adopt the 2019 Budget on December 17, 2019. The advertisement for this meeting was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

PLANNING

A Planning Commission Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Borough Office to further discuss the draft Demolition Delay Ordinance. This proposed Ordinance is intended to delay the demolition of buildings and structures which Borough Council has deemed worthy of preservation or rehabilitation due to their historical or architectural significance. The imposed delay will allow time to explore and develop alternative options to preserve, rehabilitate or restore such buildings and structures, and alert residents of the Borough to their impending demolition. The Ordinance only provides for demolition delay to buy time; it does not prohibit eventual demolition.

MANAGER’S REPORT

Mrs. Healy informed Council that there will be another meeting on November 27, 2018 at 7:00 pm with Alan Roth from Aqua PA to discuss the water line replacement project on Vernon Lane, Valley View Lane, Applebough Lane and Chestnut Lane.

MAYOR’S REPORT

There will be a Veterans’ Day Ceremony on November 11, 2018 at 9:00 am at the Rose Valley Veterans’ Memorial. All are invited to attend.

The Rose Valley Centennial Foundation will hold a fundraising event at Thunderbird Lodge on November 18, 2018.

The Mayor would like all Council Members to submit their input for his 2019 State of the Borough Address as soon as possible.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Smith brought Council up to date on various legal issues concerning the Borough.
There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Paula W. Healy, Secretary