

COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 2011

The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on December 14, 2011 in the Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, Pa. President of Council Lynn Kelley called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Other Councilmembers present were: Councilpersons Firm, Giorgianni, Josbena and Meyer; Mayor Plummer; Treasurer Rimerman; Controller Haze-Leuhrs; Solicitor Smith and Secretary Healy.

Councilpersons Sass and Hale were absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the November 9, 2011 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firm reported that Dr. Latham is going to be meeting with Brickhouse Engineering on December 15 in regard to the streambank restoration project. They will be taking a walk through the area that is being eroded by Ridley Creek.

The Borough has not heard from the Pennsylvania Game Commission in regards to the permit for the January deer cull. Eccologix is prepared to begin as soon as the permit is approved. If the permit is promptly approved, the cull will take place 1/2/12 – 2/4/12. If the permit is delayed, the cull will take place 1/29/12 – 3/3/12. The times for the hunt would be from 3:00 p.m. until 90 minutes after sunset. Council approved the Eccologix deer cull agreement, conditioned upon getting the Pennsylvania Game Commission permit, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Ms. Rimerman questioned the number of deer to be culled and if any deer killed on property owned by residents who arrange for deer hunting privately is factored into that amount. Deer harvested privately do reduce the Borough's goal for the cull, and the residents have been requested to provide this information, though none have to date. This will be investigated proactively and the goal will be adjusted as appropriate.

Ms. Kelley and Mr. Firm attended a meeting conducted by afewsteps.org. They are an environmental group whose mission is to reduce everyone's carbon footprint. They would like to have Board members from Rose Valley. Any candidates should contact the Borough Office.

LIBRARY

Ms. Kelley reported that the Helen Kate Furness Library would be changing their hours after January 1, 2012. They need daytime volunteers.

PUBLIC SAFETY

After January 1, 2012, the Borough is going to engage the services of Global Connect. This will enable us to alert all residents of emergencies through the phone system.

The Town Watch program is no longer going to be using the hand-held radios. Patrollers are going to use their own cellphones to call the base stations. The fluorescent vests to be used by walking patrollers have arrived and will be put in the Town Watch boxes.

Mr. Giorgianni reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police Report cited the following incidents: 2 false alarms; 1 report of criminal mischief; and 1 report of a suspicious person. The October Fire report cited one incident of a fire alarm activating at the Old Mill on 10/13/11. There was no fire associated with this activation. The November Fire report cited two incidents on 11/17/11 at the School in Rose Valley where a child mistakenly activated the fire alarm twice.

Mr. Meyer reported that there had been some acts of vandalism in Todmorden. Mail boxes were smashed on Todmorden Drive and holiday ornaments had been damaged. The Police were notified.

HIGHWAYS

Due to new PennDot procedures requiring prior approval for road work and on Engineer Houtmann's recommendation, the Todmorden Drive road repair will not be done until early spring, 2012. The Rabbit Run patching is scheduled to be done on December 15.

FINANCES

Ms. Haze-Luehrs reviewed the income for the month of November. Mr. Josbena reviewed the Status of Funds for November. Ms. Rimerman went over the Bills for Approval for the month of December and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills for Approval in the amount of \$21,749.50 were approved.

Mr. Josbena reviewed the Budget for 2012. It reflects a 9% increase raising the millage to 2.11. After some discussion the Budget for 2012 was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Josbena asked Council to approve the following requests: 1) to transfer any surplus in the General Fund at the end of 2011 into Capital Reserve; 2) to loan the General Fund up to \$70,000 from Capital Reserve for beginning of the year expenses; 3) to pay salary and medical insurance checks on the first of every month; and 4) to pay regular utility bills in advance if needed to avoid penalty fees. These requests were approved on motions made, seconded and unanimously passed.

GENERAL

The following Resolutions and Ordinance were passed on motions made, seconded and unanimously approved:

- Resolution 6 – 2011 – Setting permit rates
- Resolution 7 – 2011 – Setting 2012 wages
- Resolution 8 – 2011 – Appointing Auditors
- Resolution 9 – 2011 – Appointing Snowplower
- Resolution 10 – 2011 – Appointing Recyclers
- Resolution 11 – 2011 – Appointing Andrea Detterline to the Planning Commission
- Resolution 12 – 2011 – Appointing Roger Latham to the EAC
- Resolution 13 – 2011 – Appointing John Smith to the EAC
- Ordinance 334 – setting the millage

The SPCA in Media is no longer going to provide stray animal services to municipalities. An Animal Protection Board of Delaware County has been created and is going to open a facility that will accept stray animals from municipalities. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Resolution 14-2011 authorizing the Borough of Rose Valley to enter into a three year agreement with the Animal Protection Board of Delaware County for stray animal service, was approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Ms. Kelley, Mrs. Healy and Mr. Smith met with representatives from DELCORA. Because of stormwater inflow and infiltration problems, DELCORA is asking that the Borough pass an ordinance requiring inspection of sanitary sewer laterals, sump pump discharge lines and storm drains at the time of sale of a property. Mr. Smith has prepared an ordinance for Council's inspection. He asked permission to advertise this ordinance for adoption in January, 2012. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, permission was granted to advertise the proposed inspection ordinance.

Mr. Smith distributed a proposed Peddlers and Solicitation Ordinance for Council's review.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Speed Sign

In response to a complaint made at our last Council Meeting by Kellie Vaccaro of 38 Todmorden Drive concerning speeding cars near her home, the Borough's speed sign was moved for a short period to a lawn (Al Meyer's) opposite the Vaccaro's home on a trial basis to determine if it has a traffic calming effect. It is planned that the speed sign will be rotated between Rose Valley Road and the new Todmorden site on a periodic basis and that each pole location will be anchored in concrete to prevent theft.

The Following New Residents Have Been Welcomed to Rose Valley by the Mayor:

Sid and Laurie Kolpas of 27 Forestview Lane
Anthony and Maureen Parassio of 142 Traymore Lane
Russell Lorraine and Rebecca Clark of 2 Porter Lane

Congratulations and Thanks to the Gardeners of Rose Valley

The sixty some member Gardeners of Rose Valley marked their 15th anniversary by earning their *second* Pennsylvania Horticultural Society Community Greening Award for the redesign of the Borough's Pew Park located diagonally from the train station. This drive-by garden now sports five beds of seasonal, low maintenance plantings plus numerous memorial trees, a new irrigation system, a re-vitalized lawn and the promise of hundreds of bulbs in the coming spring. Of 80 gardens nominated throughout Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jersey, 60 were selected with only three honored in Delaware County. Of special note is that Rose Valley is the only Borough to have been honored with two PHS Community Greening Awards. The first award was given for the Moylan-Rose Valley Train Station lower garden in 2001 (the second year of this award).

Festive swags, also the work of the Gardeners, adorn street signs and pillars throughout the Borough putting Rose Valley in a holiday mood. The swags are the work of twenty Gardeners who met to fashion bows, cut greens, create and hang the swags early in December.

Best Wishes

On behalf of the Borough Council and all our Borough Organizations, we wish all of our residents a safe, healthy, joyous holiday and a Happy New Year!

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Paula W. Healy, Secretary