

COUNCIL MEETING

September 11, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on September 11, 2019 in the Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, Pa. President of Council Bill Hale called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Other Councilmembers present were: Councilpersons Deb DeMasi, Dave Firn, Stephanie Middleton, Bob Siwicki, Judy Voet and Vippy Yee; Mayor Tim Plummer; Treasurer Joe Hare; Controller John Neilson; Solicitor G. Guy Smith; and Secretary Paula Healy.

A guest attending the meeting was Richard Taxin, Hedgerow Foundation Board Member.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the August 14, 2019 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Hale introduced Mr. Taxin who came to the Council Meeting to let everyone know that Hedgerow Theatre was having a "Rose Valley Night" on October 12, 2019. All the Rose Valley Organizations are going to be invited to come to a performance of Tartuffe by Moliere. There will be refreshments before the performance. The cost is \$35/person.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. DeMasi reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police Report cited the following Incidents: 4 false alarms; 1 report of theft; 2 see officer requests; and 1 visit to the August Council Meeting. The Fire Report listed a response to the odor of smoke on 8/11; and the response to an alarm system on 8/29. The Fire Marshall also wanted everyone to know that September is National Preparedness Month.

The Town Watch Program is progressing as usual.

Mrs. DeMasi reviewed the data collected from the speed calming devices on Rose Valley Road. Mr. Neilson asked if PennDot could be contacted for some speed signs between Wychwood Lane and Orchard Lane.

Mrs. DeMasi reviewed the Borough's updated Emergency Management Plan. She made a motion that the Updated Emergency Management Plan be adopted by Council. This motion was unanimously approved.

Mrs. DeMasi informed Council that there are two meeting people may want to attend. They are: on September 16 – the Delaware County Board of Elections is meeting at 9:30 a.m. to talk about new voting machines; and October 1 – a meeting in West Chester, sponsored by PSAB on Safe Streets.

PLANNING

Ms. Middleton distributed copies of the proposed demolition ordinance. (Bill -- She reviewed it And answered questions. She then asked if Council would approve the advertising of the proposed ordinance for adoption at the October Council Meeting. This motion was made and unanimously approved.

Council then talked about creating a “Best Practices Manual” for new residents moving into historical houses. Council felt this was a good idea and that money for this could be budgeted into the 2020 budget for this purpose.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

The Deer Hunt is going to begin on September 25, 2019 and continue until January 11, 2020 in the Long Point Lane Wildlife Sanctuary and the Todmorden Woods. There is going to be a two week break around the December holidays. The hunters are going to be interviewed before given permission to hunt and an orientation will be held on September 24, 2019. Mr. Firm asked for Council’s approval of the Deer Management Plan. This permission was granted on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

The EAC has contracted with a person to come to the Saul Wildlife Sanctuary to inject the male ailanthus tree to poison the spotted lantern flies.

The consultant who is going to do the Rose Valley Road sidewalk feasibility study has been sent a retainer of \$500.00.

Council decided not to send out bid packets for the 2020 – 2021 recycling contract until October. This will give Mr. Firm a chance to canvas other municipalities as to how they are handling the increased recycling costs.

HIGHWAYS, INSURANCE, CABLEVISION & TECHNOLOGY

Engineer Matt Houtmann told the Borough that the 2019 Borough Road Work Project would begin the second week of October.

Mrs. Healy asked for Council’s approval to advertise for snow plowers for the 2019-2020 winter season. This approval was given on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed. Any bids will be opened in October.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Voet reported that the following events were happening at the Helen Kate Furness Library: on September 14 – 27 Gardening with Nature in Mind – a pop up garden; September 17 – Lecture on Water, Wildlife and Wellness; September 27- Birds, Books and Brew; September 24 – preview of the Ken Burns’ series Country Music; September 25 – ACT @ Furness Library; November 1 –

Well Red Cocktail Party; November 2 and 3 – Mini Photo Shoot Session Fundraiser; and December 4 – Donor Appreciation Night.

The Library is looking for 2 immediate Board member replacements as well as 5 new candidates for 2020. Any suggestions or interested parties should contact the Library.

FINANCES

Mr. Hare reviewed the Status of Funds. Mr. Siwicki went over the income reports for the month of August. Mr. Neilson reviewed the Bills for Approval and answered questions. The Bill for Approval in the amount of \$14,385.22 was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Siwicki is working on the 2020 budget and asked all Councilmembers for their input.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Healy attended the Aqua/Delcora meeting on September 5. Mrs. DeMasi and Ms. Yee also attended the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Plummer brought Council up to date on the progress of the renovations of Thunderbird Lodge. Fixing the roof is the main concern at present.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith informed Council about Borough issues, the Municipallities Planning Code, appointments to Borough positions, Air BnB's and State legislation. Mr. Smith attended a PennDOT Connects meeting at Delaware County Community College.