

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

December 18, 2024

The special meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on December 18, 2024 in the main room of the Old Mill, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, PA to approve the 2025 Budget. President of Council Matt Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Other Council members present were Leonard Busby, Cheryl Harner and Kathryn Mehan, Mayor Bill Hale, Controller John Neilson, Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy. Councilpersons Joe Hare, Tony Orr and Shannon Prown, and Treasurer Chris Bourke were absent.

Residents attending the meeting were Rebecca Freeborn, Ginny Gibson, Hilary Hughes, Larry Kutys and Kyle Sperry from School Lane; Matt Homberger and Nancy Shapiro from Roylencroft Lane; and Jim Kaufman from Traymore.

PUBLIC COMMENT

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Sullivan asked if there were any comments on the proposed budget. There were no comments on the budget, but the residents listed above from School and Roylencroft Lanes expressed their concerns about the Parlin property at 2 Roylencroft Lane, which they have heard the current owners plan to sell to the School in Rose Valley (SRV). The neighbors are worried about how this property will be used if SRV buys it. The property is currently zoned residential, as is the property at 15 School Lane which SRV previously purchased and is now using for additional staff parking after taking down the house. If SRV wants to utilize the 2 Roylencroft Lane property for a use not permitted for a residence, it will have to ask for a zoning change which would entail public Planning Commission and Borough Council meetings.

FINANCES

The Proposed 2025 Budget was duly advertised and has been on display in the Borough Office since November 15. Mr. Hare had previously prepared a slightly adjusted Final 2025 Budget reflecting that the total taxable assessed value of real estate in the Borough provided by the Delaware County Board of Assessment came in at \$206,130,303, and that an additional \$8,722 in real estate transfer tax was received in December. Mr. Sullivan asked if there were any comments or questions on the Final 2025 Budget. Mr. Hale noted that the budget calls for total revenues and expenses of \$422,610 with no appropriation from Capital Reserve, and an increase in the millage rate from 1.27 to 1.32 mills representing a 3.9 percent tax increase. Ms. Harner motioned that the Final 2025 Budget be approved. This motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

The following budgetary Resolution and Ordinance were then adopted on motions made, seconded and unanimously passed:

Resolution 17-2024, Setting Salaries and Benefits for 2025
Ordinance 357, Setting the Millage Rate at 1.32 mills for 2025

Mr. Busby made a motion to approve checks dated December 14, 2024 for payments of \$1,134.05 to David Hilbert for herbicide spraying and \$800.00 to Justin Franks for deer control. These payments were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Mrs. Healy asked Council to approve checks dated January 1, 2025 totaling \$5,460.61 for payment of employee salaries, medical insurance and the annual Worker's Compensation Insurance premium. These payments were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Hale asked Council to approve the net transfers which move the monies remaining in the operating checking and saving accounts at the close of 2024 to Capital Reserve and then lend the operating accounts \$70,000 from Capital Reserve to cover 2025 operating expenses until real estate taxes are received. These net transfers were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Hale asked Council to approve a beginning-of-the-year loan of \$30,000 from Capital Reserve to the Highway Aid Fund for snowplowing and salting expenses until the 2025 State Highway Aid payment is received. This loan was approved on motion made and unanimously passed.

Mr. Smith noted that the Borough is fortunate to have adequate monies in its Capital Reserve Fund to make these loans and provide a buffer for unexpected expenses such as unusually heavy snow and ice.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Paula Healy, Secretary