

COUNCIL MEETING

May 8, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on May 8, 2019 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. 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.

Guests attending the meeting were Trooper Jessica Tobin from the State Police Franklin Barracks, Media, Pa. and residents Susan Audley, Mary Beth DeCrescenzo, Ursula Erb and Lynn Gee.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the April 10, 2019 Council Meeting were approved after a spelling correction on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Hale then asked everyone on Council and the guests to introduce themselves.

Trooper Jessica Tobin informed Council about programs that are being conducted by the State Police during the next few months. The Sunny Day Camp is for children and adults with special needs, and will be held on June 22 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Brandywine Youth Club, 47 Thornton Road, Glen Mills, Pa. The Camp is free, however all participants must pre-register. The Camp Cadet Program is intended to familiarize children, ages 11 to 14 with the functions of law enforcement and to provide a positive interaction with police officers. The camp will be held July 28 to August 2 and interested persons must pre-register. The State Police will also conduct a child seat safety day on May 23 at the Franklin Barracks from 2:00 to 6:00 pm. They will check child car seats and show how to properly install them. Mrs. Healy will send this information out to the residents.

Mrs. Audley presented to Council a summary of her concerns regarding the placement of a Rose Valley identification sign in Pew Park. She is worried that the placement of a sign near the stop sign at the intersection of Ridley Creek and Rose Valley Roads may distract drivers who are navigating this area. Mrs. Erb, Mrs. Gee, and Dr. DeCrescenzo also expressed concern regarding this issue. Susan suggested placing the sign in another location along Rose Valley Road other than Pew Park, however no other site seemed suitable. Mr. Hale agreed to meet with Susan and other residents to look at possible alternative locations for the sign in Pew Park.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firn reported that the Invasives Workshop and Plant Sale on May 4 went well.

As discussed at the last Council meeting, former EAC member Jim Audley has proposed a project to fill in two frequently muddy areas of the path in the Saul Wildlife Sanctuary with crushed stone. He recommends putting down a 3-inch-deep layer of clean crushed stone over

geotextile fabric on approximately 120 linear feet of the trail topped with a 1-inch-thick layer of native gneiss gravel. The stoned path would be 3 to 4 feet wide. He proposes renting a motorized wheelbarrow to transport the stone and gravel from the Old Mill parking lot to the worksite and a vibration compactor for installation. Mr. Audley would make the arrangements for the materials and volunteer help. Dave noted the EAC had approved the proposal at a prior meeting and the Borough Solicitor said improving the trail in this manner would not increase the Borough's liability. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed Council approved the expenditure of up to \$800 for the trail improvement project.

It was noted that there is a considerable amount of poison ivy in the Saul Wildlife Sanctuary. Mr. Firm will look into having the poison ivy sprayed by Weeds Inc.

Mr. Firm is working on getting the State Game Commission to give the Borough permission to have a deer cull next winter.

HIGHWAYS, INSURANCE & CABLEVISION

Ms. Yee reported that Engineer Matt Houtmann has been instructed to prepare and distribute the bid packet for the Borough's 2019 road work project, which primarily involves repaving Possum Hollow Road.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Voet reported that the 5K Walk/Run on April 27 went off without any problems. The Helen Kate Furness Library Fair will be held on May 11, rain or shine, and she encouraged everyone to attend and contribute.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. DeMasi reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Fire Report cited the following calls: on 4/15/19, the Fire Company responded to a wire down on Rose Valley Road; and on 4/27/19, they responded to an odor of smoke due to an electrical fault on Vernon Lane. The Police Report cited the following incidents: 6 false alarms; a response to a call on 4/1/19; a traffic stop on 4/2/19; a disabled motorist on 4/5/19; and animal debris removal on 4/15/19.

Mrs. DeMasi distributed reports generated using data collected from the speed sign devices on Rose Valley Road and discussed the findings. Councilmembers told Officer Tobin about their concerns with speeding on Rose Valley Road and Mrs. DeMasi gave Officer Tobin data from the speed devices. Officer Tobin will look into setting up a speed trap.

Town Watch Appreciation Night was held on April 15 with about 30 Town Watchers in attendance. Officer Tobin gave a presentation on distracted driving. Mr. Plummer honored the Town Watch Volunteers with the Proclamation included in the Mayor's Report below proclaiming *each* Town Watcher "Town Watch Volunteer of the Year".

FINANCES

Mr. Hare reviewed the Status of Funds report for the month of April. Mr. Siwicki went over the income reports for the month of April and Mr. Neilson reviewed the Bills for Approval for May. The Bills for Approval in the amount of \$33,302.90 from the general fund; and \$.14 from the Highway Aid Fund were approved on motions made, seconded and unanimously passed.

PLANNING

Ms. Middleton reported that the next meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on July 11 at 7:30 p.m. to continue work on the demolition ordinance.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith brought Council up to date on current legal matters affecting the Borough.

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Council gave Mr. Smith authorization to represent the Borough in the Sigismondi 2019 tax appeal cases.

GENERAL

Mr. Hale reported that Crown Castle, which owns the cell phone tower hosting T-Mobile on the church property at the corner of Brookhaven and Rose Valley Roads, would like to increase the diameter of their antennae canister to accommodate more power-efficient next generation antennae. They intend to submit plans for review.

It was suggested that the Borough consider having a public meeting to discuss the Delcora sewer fee increase. Mr. Hale will consult with the Scouts regarding the availability of the Old Mill for a meeting on June 12 at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Plummer delivered the following proclamation in honor of the Town Watch Program:

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, The Rose Valley Town Watch has faithfully patrolled the Borough of Rose Valley for more than 40 years.

WHEREAS, Three patrols are on the road seven days a week.

WHEREAS, The Rose Valley Town Watch has proven to be an effective deterrent to crime and criminal mischief.

WHEREAS, Approximately 90 volunteers, supported by cell phones and patrol captains, willingly provide one hour per month to patrol their neighborhoods.

WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State Police have recognized the Rose Valley Town Watch as one of the best organized and most effective in the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tim Plummer, Mayor, recognize *each* Town Watch member as the “Town Watch Volunteer of the Year,” and do hereby proclaim this day of April 15, 2019, as Rose Valley Town Watch Day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the Borough of Rose Valley to be affixed at Rose Valley on this 15th day of April, 2019.

Mr. Plummer reminded Council that there will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans’ Memorial on May 27 at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Also, Flag Day is June 14, 2019; Mr. Plummer encouraged everyone to fly their flags.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

Paula W. Healy, Secretary