COUNCIL MEETING

January 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on January 11, 2023 in the main room of the Old Mill, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, Pa. President of Council Dave Firn called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Other Council members present were councilpersons Leonard Busby, Joe Hare, Kathryn Mehan, Shannon Prown and Matt Sullivan; Mayor Bill Hale; Controller John Neilson; Treasurer Mario Bacchia and Secretary Paula Healy. Councilperson Shawn Stancill and Solicitor G. Guy Smith were absent.

Members of the public attending the meeting were Brent Hopkins, Peter Howell and Ron Ploeg.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the December 14, 2022 Budget Public Meeting and regular Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Howell informed Council of events happening at the Rose Valley Museum. A tour of the Delaware Art Museum will take place on January 19. The Museum will be open on January 28 and 29. The annual members meeting has been postponed from January to February 26.

Brent Hopkins of 507 W. Brookhaven Road, who serves as the Borough’s Emergency Management Coordinator, introduced himself to new Council members.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Busby reported that there was no EAC meeting in December. The deer management program is progressing and will continue until January 27, 2023. Four deer have been harvested so far.

HIGHWAYS & INSURANCE

Mr. Sullivan reported that we are waiting on the contractor to mobilize for the Todmorden culvert repair project.

The potential project to extend sanitary sewer service to several homes on Rabbit Run and Brookhaven Road is being investigated. The next step will be sending a letter to those homeowners to gauge their interest in that potential project.

LIBRARY

Ms. Mehan reported that the next Library Board of Directors meeting is January 18 and she is looking forward to attending.

PUBLIC SAFETY

In Mr. Stancill’s absence, Mr. Firn reviewed the Police and Fire Reports for December. The Police Report cited one theft for the month of December. The Fire Report showed no Fire Company incident responses during the month. The speed devices are working properly.

PLANNING

Mrs. Prown reported that the updated Stormwater Management Ordinance #354 was duly advertised and made a motion to adopt this ordinance, which was seconded and unanimously passed.

FINANCES

Mr. Bacchia reviewed the Status of Funds for December 2022 and as of January 1, 2023 after the beginning of the year net transfers to move the money in the operating funds at the end of the year over to Capital Reserve and then lend the operating funds $70,000 from Capital Reserve to provide funding until real estate taxes are received. It was noted that the loan to Capital Reserve will be paid back, to the extent possible, at the beginning of next year. Mr. Bacchia reported that the PNC Bank accounts and Quick Books had been reconciled. Mr. Hare reviewed the Income Reports for December and Mr. Neilson went over the January Bills for Approval and answered questions. The Bills for Approval in the amount of $21,297.03 from the General Fund were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

GENERAL

Resolution 1 – 2023 appointing Robert M. Healy to the Vacancy Board was approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mr. Hale reported that space at the Gala celebrating 100 years of Rose Valley Borough on Saturday, January 21 is rapidly filling up and people should make their reservations as soon as possible. The “Party of the Century” will feature an open bar, seated dinner, live music and dancing, with Gala dress or period attire suggested, and will be a wonderful way to kick off Rose Valley’s 100th Anniversary year. The cost is $75 per resident.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Paula W. Healy, Secretary