

COUNCIL MEETING

February 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on February 9, 2022 in the main room of the Old Mill, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, PA. President of Council Dave Firm called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Other Council members present were Councilpersons Leonard Busby, Joe Hare, Stephanie Middleton, Shannon Prown, Matt Sullivan and Vippy Yee; Treasurer Mario Bacchia, Controller John Neilson, Mayor Bill Hale, Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy. Pennsylvania State Police Troopers Michele Naab and Jessica Tobin also attended the meeting.

Members of the public attending the meeting were residents Jeff Brill, David Dee, Peter Howell, Rich O'Flynn and Ron Ploeg.

MINUTES

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes from the January 12, 2022 Council meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Firm asked if there was any public comment; there was none.

Trooper Tobin introduced Trooper Michele Naab. Trooper Naab is the new community liaison officer for Rose Valley as Trooper Tobin has moved on to a different position with the State Police. Trooper Tobin will give a talk on "How to Protect Yourself Against Theft and Fraudulent Scams" via Zoom to our community at 7:00 pm on February 10. Trooper Naab reported on the Camp Cadet summer camp program run by the State Police. Mr. Firm thanked the Troopers for coming and for their service to the Borough.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Busby informed Borough Council of the EAC's recommendation to install a pet waste station in Saul and Chadwick at a location to be determined and that Justin Stopford would be asked to pick up the pet waste from each station at least once per week. Mr. Busby shared the EAC's proposed new map for the three preserves, including proposed new trails in Chadwick. He informed Council that the EAC planned to move forward with Japanese knotweed control efforts in Chadwick later this year. Council decided that in the absence of objection all of the forgoing could move ahead. There was no objection. Mr. Busby expressed thanks and appreciation for the contributions of Jim Audley, Roger Latham and others for the map and the proposed new trails.

HIGHWAYS

Mr. Sullivan reported that Borough Engineer Houtmann had prepared the bid documents for the Todmorden repaving work. Mr. Sullivan also noted he had given Mr. Houtmann the Nether Providence Township pavement restoration standards for his review. Council can adopt similar pavement restoration standards for the Borough by resolution at a future meeting.

There was some necessary concrete gutter work performed in Todmorden by Delmont Utilities before Aqua repaved the southern half of Todmorden Drive and all of Briarcrest Drive, Cedar Hollow Drive and Tanglewood Circle. This work was done at a cost of \$34,009.95 as negotiated by Mr. Houtmann. Mr. Sullivan asked that this amount be approved for payment. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, Council approved the payment of \$34,009.95 to Delmont Utilities out of the Borough Road Improvement Fund for this work.

Mrs. Healy is waiting to hear back from APPI Energy about the LED street lighting grant.

LIBRARY & TECHNOLOGY

Ms. Yee reported that the Helen Kate Furness Library turns 120 years old this year. As part of the celebration, they are increasing their fundraising goal for the year to \$120,000, which is approximately \$15,000 more than usual. The Great Renovate fundraiser will be starting soon.

On behalf of Hedgerow, Ms. Yee thanked Council for their contribution of American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Recovery Funds to help them meet requirements being imposed on them by Actors' Equity.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. Prown reviewed the fire report and safety flier sent by the Fire Marshall. The report showed responses to two alarm activations at the Old Mill. Mrs. Prown distributed data collected from the Parking Lot traffic device for January, noting that the Thunderbird Lodge traffic device is not working and needs repair.

Mrs. Healy will send out a Town Watch recruitment letter to the Todmorden area because so many Town Watchers have retired.

Following a question about mask wearing at meetings, Mr. Firm noted that Borough Council continues to follow the CDC's guidelines.

PLANNING

Ms. Middleton reported that our consultant and members of the walking path working group continue to meet with residents along Rose Valley Road.

Mr. Firm noted that while the Borough has received a letter from Delaware County stating that it has been awarded a Green Ways Connect Grant for trail construction, no additional information has yet been forthcoming.

FINANCES

Mr. Hare informed Council that the Borough bank accounts have been reviewed and reconciled with QuickBooks. Mr. Bacchia reviewed the Status of Funds and Income Reports for January. Mr. Nielson went over the February Bills for Approval and answered questions. The Bills for Approval in the amount of \$43,793.01 from the General Fund were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed. A payment to Delmont Utilities in the amount of \$34,009.95 from the Road Improvement Fund was approved earlier in the meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith discussed the need for residents to grant Aqua easements to maintain its water lines and received permission from Council to notify our volunteer fire companies that the public utility code provides for a discount on their electric bills.

Mr. Firm asked that there be an Executive Session after the Council Meeting to discuss a legal matter.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Paula W. Healy, Secretary