

COUNCIL MEETING

March 13, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on March 13, 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 pm. Other Councilmembers present were: Councilpersons Deb DeMasi, Dave Firm, Stephanie Middleton and Judy Voet; Controller John Neilson; Solicitor G. Guy Smith and Secretary Paula Healy. Councilpersons Bob Siwicki and Vippy Yee; Treasurer Joe Hare and Mayor Tim Plummer were absent.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, the Minutes of the February 13, 2019 Council Meeting were approved on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firm reported that the EAC Spring Work Day and Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, with a rain date on May 11th. Roger Latham will conduct a trail walk pointing out and discussing invasive and native plants. The plant sale will offer native perennials and other plants for homeowner gardens.

There is nothing to report thus far regarding the proposed study for improving the walkability of Rose Valley Road.

Mr. Firm distributed a report prepared by Bob Siwicki discussing the recent visit by Dave Firm, Bob Siwicki and Judy Voet to a presentation hosted by our recycler, J. P. Mascaro & Sons. The Borough's recycling contract with Mascaro expires at the end of 2019 and future costs are expected to increase significantly because China is no longer accepting U.S. recyclables.

Mr. Smith reported that the Borough is exempt from State Act 101 of 2018 requiring mandatory residential leaf collection because our population is less than 5000.

HIGHWAYS, INSURANCE, CABLEVISION & TECHNOLOGY

The Borough has paid \$31,626 for snowplowing and salting thus far in 2019, out of a budget of \$50,000. The annual road inspection with Borough Engineer Matt Houtmann will take place in early April.

LIBRARY

Mrs. Voet reported that The Great Getaway drawing will be held on April 9. Everyone is encouraged to buy raffle tickets. There will be a lecture at the Library on Saturday, April 13 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm with Longwood Gardens on "Seeds, Society and Culture" featuring Deb Wiles. The joint fundraiser Book It! 5k Walk/Run from the Helen Kate Furness Free Library to the Swarthmore Public Library will be held on April 27.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. DeMasi reviewed the Police and Fire Reports. The Police Report cited the following incidents: 1 false alarm; response to calls on 2/3/19 and 2/6/19 that were domestic in nature; and response to a motor vehicle accident on 2/20/19 with no injuries. The Fire Report showed a response to steam from a dryer vent on 2/7/19, with no damage.

Mrs. DeMasi distributed reports generated from data collected from the speed sign devices on Rose Valley Road and discussed the findings.

Town Watch is progressing as usual. Town Watch Appreciation Night will take place on Monday, April 15 at 7:30 at the Old Mill. All Rose Valley residents will be invited to attend. Trooper Jessica Tobin, our new State Police Community Liaison, will talk about the importance of town watch programs.

FINANCES

Mr. Neilson reviewed the Status of Funds for February, the Income Reports for February and the Bills for Approval for March and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills for Approval in the amount of \$19,318.83 were approved for payment.

PLANNING

A Planning Commission Meeting will be held on April 4, 2019 at 7:30 to further discuss the proposed demolition ordinance.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Mrs. Healy thanked Council for the beautiful roses and delicious chocolate sent to her during her recovery from knee surgery.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Smith discussed the ongoing County-wide reassessment project. He also brought Council up to date on various issues including a recent unusual double real estate transfer tax receipt, the Borough's exemption from mandatory leaf collection, the spotted lanternfly invasion which has come to Delaware County; the Federal requirement for Real ID that takes effect in October of 2020, slow moving tax appeals and the need to set municipal fees in line with municipal costs.

GENERAL

Mr. Hale reported that Gabe Ma, a Boy Scout with Rose Valley Troop 272, is planning to make a Rose Valley sign to be placed in Pew Park near the stop sign as one part of his Eagle Scout project. The second part of his project will involve creating a new trail along the edge of the plateau above the flood plain in the Saul Wildlife Preserve.

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Paula W. Healy, Secretary