

COUNCIL MEETING

December 11, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Rose Valley Borough Council was held on December 11, 2019 in the Borough Office, 9 Old Mill Lane, Rose Valley, Pa. President of Council Bill Hale called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Other Council members present were: Councilpersons Deb DeMasi, Bob Siwicki, Judy Voet and Vippy Yee; Mayor Tim Plummer; Treasurer Joe Hare; Solicitor G. Guy Smith; and Secretary Paula Healy.

Those absent were Council members Dave Firm and Stephanie Middleton, and Controller John Neilson.

Visitors attending the meeting were Julia and David Shaw, 11 N. Longpoint Lane.

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

Mr. Hale recognized Mr. and Mrs. Shaw. They attended the meeting to let Council know that they were still not satisfied with the response of Borough Council and the Borough Environmental Advisory Commission to their concerns regarding the deer hunt. Mr. Hale said the 2019 deer hunt was ending on December 14 instead of January 11, 2020, the hunter who was videotaping them had been banned from hunting in Rose Valley, and the Borough was hopeful the State Game Commission would approve a deer cull during the winter. He assured them Council would work to address their concerns.

ENVIRONMENT & EAC

Mr. Firm was absent due to illness, but sent the following report:

The Growing Greener project is complete however an extensive final report must be completed in order to receive the final \$6,709.86 in grant funds. The report will be submitted this month, but the money probably won't be received until January 2020.

The EAC had a constructive meeting on November 26 with about 20 Longpoint Lane residents in attendance. A number of resident suggestions have already been implemented, such as posting of safety-zone signs, requiring hunters to fill out a logbook and ending this year's deer hunt on December 14 instead of January 11. The heat index went way down when residents were assured that the hunter who was videotaping Mr. Shaw would not be allowed back. The deer cull application was submitted on December 9 via hard copy and email and hopefully will be approved by the State Game Commission.

HIGHWAYS

The 2019 road work project was completed, and payment has been approved by the Borough Engineer. The funds will come from the Highway Aid Fund (\$41,000); the Borough Road

Improvement Fund (\$22,372) and the General Fund, Repairs to Roads (\$1,553) which represents County Aid.

LIBRARY

Library Director Jen Stock has resigned effective December 31st in order to take a position as Director of the Upper Darby Library which has three branches. As a result of her resignation, the Library will be without two of its three full-time staff. A job posting is being circulated for a new Director. Once this is filled, the second position will be posted.

Penny Sass, who has served on the Library Board for many years as one of Rose Valley Borough Council's two representative, submitted her resignation effective December 9. Council is very appreciative of her hard work over the years. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously approved, Council accepted Mrs. Sass's resignation. Mrs. Voet made a motion that resident Jessica Brill, who is already on the Library Board, be appointed to serve out the remainder of Mrs. Sass's unexpired term as Borough Council's second representative to the Board. This motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

The date for next year's Book-It! 5K Walk/Run will be April 25, 2020.

The Library Board approved a resolution to set aside funds for a Sandi Nailor Memorial Annual Author Day for a period of 20 years. Sandi was the Library Director for 30 years before her retirement and recently passed away.

The HKF Library Board will hold its Corporate Meeting on January 21st, 2020: 6:30 pm Wine and Cheese, 7:00 pm Corporate Meeting (all members contributing \$50 or more are invited), followed by the Board Meeting.

The Holiday Cookie Exchange will be on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 pm.

There will be an all-day Holiday Open House on December 23rd with a "Last Chance Musical Duo" performance at 1:00 pm.

An International Cookbook Book Club will begin next year, starting on Jan 20th (MLK Day) with a pot-luck lunch at Noon. The first cookbook will be "ZAHAV: A World of Israeli Cooking" by Michael Solomonov and Steven Cook.

Technology Day at the library will also take place on Jan 20th in the afternoon with Strath Haven High School students there to help seniors learn new technologies.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. DeMasi reviewed the Fire and Police reports. The Fire Report noted the following incidents: a response to a fire alarm activation at the Old Mill on 11/27/19; and a response to wires being down on Rose Valley Road on 11/30. The Fire Marshall also sent the following reminder: "The winter season is a time to gather and celebrate with friends and family. Unfortunately, it is also a peak period for residential fires. Good fire safety practices will reduce the possibility of experiencing a fire. Check all smoke

alarms for proper operation. Lit candles, fires in fireplaces or wood stoves and stovetop cooking must always be attended by a responsible adult. Turn off electrical decorations when you are not at home or go to bed. Natural Christmas trees must be kept watered and disposed of before they are dry.” He also included a flier on Candle Safety and Christmas Tree Safety.

The Police Report cited the following incidents: 6 false alarms; 2 see-officer incidents; 3 domestic security checks; 1 house check; 1 theft; 1 harassment; and 1 domestic disturbance.

Mrs. DeMasi distributed data from the traffic speed devices and reviewed the reports.

The Town Watch Program is proceeding as usual.

FINANCES

Mr. Siwicki reviewed the Income Reports and Status of Funds for November. Mr. Hale went over the Bills for Approval for December and answered questions. On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the Bills in the Amount of \$33,495.55 from the General Fund; \$41,000.00 from the Highway Aid Fund; and \$22,372.00 from the Borough Road Improvement Fund were approved.

There will be a Special Council Meeting on December 16, 2019 at 7:30 pm to approve the 2020 Budget and associated Resolutions and Ordinance.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mr. Plummer informed Council that a new Pennsylvania State Historical Marker is in the works for William Lightfoot Price to be located near Thunderbird Lodge.

Hedgerow Theatre is planning to sell all the Esherick works of art they own to raise money, including the trestle table in the Green Room, eight hammer-handle chairs, a smaller table in the Green Room, the staircase in the upper lobby, and a small table at the House. Discussion followed about ways the Borough could get involved to prevent some of these historical treasures from leaving Rose Valley.

GENERAL

The following Resolutions were passed on motions made, seconded and unanimously approved:

Resolution 6 – Appointing Marland as Snowplower for 2020

Resolution 7 – Appointing B & L Disposal as Recyclers for 2020

Resolution 8 – Appointing Fischer Cunnane as Auditors

Resolution 9 – Appointing Jessica Brill as the second RV Borough representative on the Library Board

Resolution 10 – Applying for County Aid for Road Work

Resolution 11 – Appointing Ron Ploeg to EAC

Resolution 12 – Appointing Monica Gagliardi to EAC

Resolution 13 – Appointing Hope Thurlow to Planning Commission

There being no further business, on a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Paula W. Healy, Secretary