

## Borough of Rosslyn Farms

February 8, 2010

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Council was called to order by Pres. Kathleen Green on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7:30 PM at the Rosslyn Farms Police Station. The meeting was moved due to a weather emergency. The Community Center was without power. A notice was posted at the Community Center to alert anyone wishing to attend the meeting. The following members of Council were in attendance: D. Robb, R. Bowen, S. Prevoznak, G. Bell, S. George, and P. McNamara. Also present were Mayor Stover, Solicitor Molinaro, and Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone.

### MINUTES:

Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the January 4, 2010 and January 25, 2010 Regular Meetings of Council with corrections to the January 25 minutes. Page 1, Paragraph 5 was corrected to read *Joe Sites from Gateway Engineers, along with Borough residents and Tennis Court Committee members, Rob Schrippa, Isabel Ford, and David Robb met with North Athletic Construction and Meneghini Co. to gain a level of comfort that they will be able to install the tennis court surface. The discussion included concern that Meneghini Co. had only installed one project comprised of five courts with this type of surface in this area.* Page 2, paragraph 1 was corrected to read *The committee explained that the only tennis courts installed in this area were installed in a bubble. These courts had problems after the bubble was removed, due to changing environmental conditions.* Page 2, paragraph 6, the last two lines were changed to read *signing the acknowledgment should be February 3, 2010. The Community Development Block Grant has already been extended through June, 2010.* Motions to approve were made as follows:

January 4 meeting, Robb/Bell, unanimous. January 25 meeting Mcnamara/Robb, unanimous

### Bills:

After a recommendation from Councilpersons Prevoznak and Robb to withhold payments to Gateway Engineers for Consent Order invoices they had marked with an



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(H) for hold on the check register. A motion was made and seconded to approve the bills in January and to date in February. These checks were dated from

January 5 to February 8, and were to include the previously held bills from Gateway Engineers from December. McNamara/Robb, unanimous.

Councilperson Prevoznak reported that she and Councilperson Robb met with Gateway Engineers. As a result of the meeting, Gateway will tighten up the requirements for the Feasibility Study for our Borough and limit the range of services required. Gateway will attend a future Council meeting to answer questions. Councilperson Prevoznak does not believe that Rick Minsterman comprehends what these additional costs mean to our Borough.

She reported that the Feasibility Study will be used to provide information to Alcosan to quantify the amount of flow through the Borough to determine future billing. The Feasibility Study will try to define our maximum flow. Once this is established, we will not be able to exceed our study numbers without a surcharge. We currently pay Alcosan based on our water usage, not the amount of flow through our sewer lines. Rick Minsterman will give us a revised budget within the next few weeks. The initial part of the Feasibility Study is due by March 31. However, this study will continue to be adjusted over the next few years.

**Opportunity for Citizens To Be Heard:**

None

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Stover reported that 25% of the Borough is without electricity due to the recent snowstorm. The electric company hopes to restore power to homes by Tuesday. He urged all residents to dig out the fire hydrants so that they may be visible in the event of a fire.

**Financial Report** - Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone gave the January financial report.

**Report of Borough Committees:**

**ACT 32 Update**

Councilperson McNamara reported on the Act 32 meeting he attended. Committees have been formed and the bylaws have been passed.

**Streets and Sewers** - Councilperson Prevoznak reported that the starter in the truck failed yesterday and was repaired today. She suggested that Council begin planning truck replacement. This process may take many months to complete.

**Parks** - Councilperson Bell will begin contacting the swimming pool committee members to commence discussion relating to the addition of a new member possibly from Thornburg.

**COG Report** - Councilperson George reported on the COG meeting. County Councilman Finnerty commented that the County energy audit program has not yet been released. Also, many of the municipalities within the COG are approaching their limits on salt contract and will begin paying higher costs. Councilman George also reported that truck purchasing will be a part of the SHACOG bidding process. He also commented that of the grants available, many municipalities apply, but small amounts of money are available. Our Borough would not qualify for most grants because of demographics.

Pres. Green indicated she received a call from Bill Evans and Chief Fischio of Old Farm Road who asked that Council acknowledge public praise for Charlie Smith from him and the Residents of old Farm Road for his extra ordinary service during the snow crisis.

**Tennis Courts:** David Robb reported that all documents required for the tennis court rehabilitation program have been signed. The bid award letter has been sent by the COG. Signed contracts and bonds must be submitted by February 24.

**Sewers:** Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone reported that the Terrace Road contracts have been prepared and signed by the contractor and are ready for signature by the Borough.

Councilperson Prevoznak reported that the Feasibility Study to be done by Gateway Engineers will be discussed to Council by Dan Dieseroth or Rick Minsterman on Monday, March 22, 2010 at the Council Meeting. She also commented that approximately \$90,000 engineering costs since January 2004 had been spent by our Borough on Consent Order mandates, not including our January and February bills.

**Ordinance Adoption:** a motion was made and seconded to adopt ordinance number



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367 and repealing Chapter 28 Of the Rosslyn Farms Code. Bowen/McNamara, unanimous.

**Community Center** - Community Center Committee with Council member Roy Bowen is working with Solicitor Molinaro to develop bids for painting the exterior of the Community Center. The contract will exceed \$10,000. Councilperson Bowen has given a draft of the previous painting estimates, acquired last year to Solicitor Molinaro. A general discussion was commenced by Councilperson George over concern for product quality that should be included in the bid specs. Roy Bowen and Kathleen Green added that last year's estimates did not include the highest quality products. Councilperson Bowen reported that John Repine has investigated desired products at Lowe's. The Community Center Committee has no intention of changing the color scheme.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of Council.  
Robb/Bowen, unanimous.

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone.

  
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Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone

  
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President Kathleen Green