

## **Borough of Rosslyn Farms**

**February 28, 2011**

**Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Pres. Kathleen Green on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 7:30 PM at the Rosslyn Farms Community Center. The following members of Council were in attendance: D. Robb, S. Prevoznak, R. Bowen, G. Bell, S. George, and P. McNamara. Also present were Mayor Stover, and Solicitor Molinaro.

### **Minutes:**

No minutes were reviewed.

### **Bills:**

No bills were approved.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** President Green recognized Nancy Barsotti of 32 Edgecliff Road. Mrs. Barsotti expressed appreciation over the attention council has given to enforcing zoning ordinances. She also appreciated the letter that council submitted to the Carlynton School District regarding their elementary schools feasibility study and construction plans.

Next President Green recognized Greg Wichelns of 415 Kings Hwy. Mr. Wichelns expressed concern over the Carlynton School Board's actions regarding the elementary schools feasibility study. He also apprised Rosslyn Farms Council of a resolution passed by Crafton Council to investigate their options for potential merger with another school district.

Next President Green recognized Barbara Becker of 308 Rosslyn Road. Mrs. Becker appreciated the information shared with borough residents regarding the Carlynton School District. She was surprised that such a large portion of Rosslyn Farms real estate taxes go to the schools. Councilperson McNamara clarified that although 63% of the real estate taxes paid by Rosslyn Farms residents go to the Carlynton School District that this equates to approximately 9% of the District's budget. Mrs. Becker expressed interest in Rosslyn Farms seeking to be part of a larger district such as Montour School District. President Green indicated that borough council's influence over school district matters are limited and that although Council asked the school board to slow down the process to appropriately consider other issues, that Council's request was not honored. Solicitor Molinaro affirmed that Council's authority on the matter is limited and that at this juncture individual residents may be more empowered to influence the outcome than borough council.

Next President Green recognized Gary Frantz of 22 Priscilla Lane. Mr. Frantz expressed that the letter submitted by Borough Council to the Carlynton School Board was well

written and that Council has done what they can to bring resident concerns to the school board. He indicated that is now the job of citizens to address the issue further.

### **Business Before Council**

A motion was made and seconded to join the SHACOG Joint Bid for O&M CCTV/Preventative Maintenance of Sanitary Sewer Lines. This included a preference for a separate bid for CCTV inspection and a separate bid for maintenance. Robb/Bowen, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize submission of the Rosslyn Farms Chapter 94 Report to ALCOSAN as prepared by Gateway Engineers on February 24, 2011. Robb/Prevoznak, unanimous.

Council discussed the Community Center Exterior Painting Project bids. Solicitor Molinaro indicated that the Saints Painting bid was not in compliance with the bid package and should be disqualified. It was suggested that the Community Center Committee review the qualifying statements in the cover letter of the remaining bid before taking action to award the project.

A motion was made to reject the Saints Painting bid and return the bond. Bowen/George, unanimous.

Council discussed the draft ordinance to regulate portable storage units. Councilperson Prevoznak expressed concern over the draft language and potential time a unit could be kept in the borough when tied to an open construction permit. Councilperson George suggested that it would be more efficient to have portable storage unit permits issued by the borough secretary's office rather than the police department. Solicitor Molinaro indicated that penalties would be defined by the planning and zoning code as well as notices to cure. Council decided to further consider the ordinance but take no action.

Councilperson Bowen raised the issue of installing additional street lighting on Priscilla and Club Roads. It was discussed and determined that council should get input from residents on these streets before adding street lights.

Councilperson Prevoznak updated council on the potential purchase of a new borough truck. She indicated that current estimates may come in less than budgeted and that the truck would be purchased off the state CoSTARs program and that it would take 10 weeks to receive the truck from the time of ordering.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Bowen/Robb, unanimous

Submitted by Councilperson Robb

  
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Samuel A. Maccarone, Sec/Treas

  
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Kathleen Green, President