

Borough of Rosslyn Farms

May 9, 2011

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Kathleen Green at 7:30 PM Monday, May 9, 2011 in the Rosslyn Farms Community Center. The following members of Council were in attendance: D. Robb; R. Bowen; S. Prevoznak; G. Bell; and S. George.. Also present were Mayor Stover, Solicitor Molinaro and Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone.

Minutes:

Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the April 11, 2011 meeting of council with the following corrections:

Page 2-Parks-Line 2- replace 'opening' with *repairs*

Page 2-Parks-Line 2- replace improvements 'the' with improvements *that*

Page 2-Community Center-Line 3-replace Thursday of the 'moth' with *month*

Page 2-Community Center-Last Line-add after 'Uniform Allowance policy' with *the employees.*

Bowen/Bell, unanimous.

Bills:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bills in April and to date in May as presented. Robb/Bowen, unanimous.

Opportunity for Citizens to be Heard:

Robert Mickolay, Director of Technology for the Carlynton School District was recognized. Mr. Mickolay asked to address Council to request support for a School District operated educational and government council channel. Since the Municipalities comprising the Carlynton SD have the contracts with Comcast, it will be necessary for the municipalities to sign off on the agreement to permit Carlynton SD to operate and produce within the government band. Greentree Borough currently offers local viewing on the channel and would have to co ordinate with Carlynton SD for available time.

Councilperson Prevoznak asked if Rosslyn Farms Borough were to agree to authorize Carlynton SD, could Rosslyn Farms periodically use the the station for announcements. The answer was yes. The Cable Communications Act covers Public Use requirements.

Tony Tresser asked to address Council about a broken water line in his building in the industrial area. Mr. Tresser informed Council that his company has been charged approximately \$15,000 for water and sewage due to a water line break that was

discovered in his building. His normal usage is about 25K gallons increased to almost 1 million during the break. He has asked PAWC for consideration and is asking Rosslyn Farms for consideration for a reduction in his bill for sewage and surcharge. Council explained to him that Alcosan is responsible for his sewage bill and that he would have to contact them to request relief. The surcharge is billed through Rosslyn Farms and is a function of the gallons billed for by PAWC. Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone will give him the contact information for our Alcosan Representative.

David Semanczk informed Council that approximately 2 months ago there was a KDKA interview about an issue over a smell emanating near his residence. He said that he has had no issue with Chief Fischio but he felt that Officer Scott Kercher was not cooperating with him about this issue. Mayor Stover said that the police do not have equipment nor are they able to judge over this type of an issue. The County Health Dept was asked to investigate. He also said that only the Mayor is authorized to make public statements. David Semanczk said he reached out for help and got none from the police. His attorney advised him to take the case to Civil Court.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Stover informed Council that the Police Dept. received a first responder certificate from the Carlynton school board.

Report of Borough Council Committees:

FINANCIAL REPORT – Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone gave the April Financial Report.

ROADS/SEWERS – Councilperson Prevoznak informed Council that the new borough truck should be delivered sometime in May. It will then take about two months preparation time to install all of the after-market accessories. She suggested that we might want to consider keeping the existing truck as a backup depending on the costs. She also announced that there was a hill side slide on Angora Road approximately 500 ft past the sign notifying residents that that portion of the road is private and not maintained by the borough.

Charlie has been seeding areas effected by sewer repairs.

PARKS – Councilperson Bell noted that the web information on the swimming pool is out dated and needs corrections.

COG – COG Rep Steve George announced that Rosslyn Farms received a perfect attendance recognition certificate from the CharWest COG for the prior year.

COMMUNITY CENTER – The painting of the exterior of the Community Center may commence in mid-July. Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone will contact the Contractor to expedite the return of the signed contracts.

TENNIS COURTS – Councilperson David Robb distributed information on the additional costs that will be necessary to complete the tennis court renovation project. The total of the misc costs was \$4,855.

Susan Prevoznak questioned if the handicap parking space must be approved by ordinance. Solicitor Molinaro will review and advise. Council proceeded to discuss the parking situation on Puritan near the tennis courts. Mayor Stover asked if the handicap parking is required under the conditions of the grant? David Robb said he interpreted the DCNR Grant to require handicap parking.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the expenditure for the list of additional items for the tennis courts as proposed by Councilperson Robb not to exceed \$4,855. Robb/Bowen, unanimous.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

David Robb opened the discussion about the progress of the O'Toole force main. The planning module has been partially completed for review. The Borough in conjunction with the Borough Engineer will need to complete the anticipated flow information before returning it to the O'Toole's engineer for submission to the Allegheny County Health Department. Gateway Engineers will supply the information necessary for completion. The module will need to be approved by the Health Department, Alcosan and the Rosslyn Farms Planning Commission before returning to Rosslyn Farms Council for approval and submission to DEP for final approval.

Council then discussed the Borough's right to compel the connection of all commercial or residential units to connect to the public sewer system if they are within 150' of a sewer line.

Susan Prevoznak said that a resident on Standish currently on septic system wanted to connect it may require a force main.

Steve George reported on a webinar he recently attended with President Green in Secretary Maccarone's office dealing with property maintenance issues.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Green thanked the Community for participating in Redd Up day in the Borough.

She also announced a shredding program available to the public at Greentree Park Saturday May 14th between 10-1. Saturday June 11th hard to recycle items will be accepted in the Mall at Robinson. Some charges may apply.

She also announced the Borough will be following up on trees that are dead or dying. Ash trees all over the area are dying.

Business before Council:

Council discussed the request and agreement with Carlynton permitting their use of the Comcast government and educational channel permitted by the agreement between the Borough and Comcast.

Susan Prevoznak believes there is no down side for giving Carlynton permission to access. Solicitor Molinaro stated that the agreement gives the Borough the right to opt out of the agreement with Carlynton at any time with 30 days notice. A motion was made and seconded to approve the signing the of agreement prepared by Carlynton authorizing their use of the government and educational channel provided to Rosslyn Farms through our Franchise agreement with Comcast. Secretary Treasurer Maccarone will send a letter to Carlynton.

President Green commented that the storage pod ordinance is not ready to approve. She discussed the use of pods for moving, catastrophic loss due to fire, flood, etc. and building permit construction. She gave examples of conditions to consider.

Moving – for one unit for ten days no permit or fee required. If additional time is required, you must obtain a permit subject to fees from Borough Secretary for additional 20 days only. Permit fees would be \$50 to \$100. Unit may not be on property for more than 30 days per year. Solicitor suggested that when ordinance passed, existing units be given a thirty day grace period to comply.

Building Insp – Active Building Permit be required. Three months total permitted.

1st thirty days - \$50

2nd thirty days - \$50

3rd thirty days - \$50

Catastrophic Loss – Initial period of thirty days no permit will be required. Then a permit will be required to follow the Building Permits requirements above.

Councilperson commented that some of these units have unsightly signs on them. No further discussion at this time.

Personnel Issues:

A motion was made and seconded to hire recommended life guards at rates noted with proper credentials. S/A list. One (1) at \$10 per hour, Three (3) at \$8.00 per hour and Eight (8) at \$7.50 per hour. Bowen/George, Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to hire James Pasqualino as a Part Time Police Officer at the rate of \$12.50 per hour pending satisfactory completion of Background, Psychological, and Drug and Alcohol testing. Bowen/George, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to hire Chuck Masterson as a part time street department employee at a rate of \$12.50 per hour. Bowen/George, unanimous.

Council also discussed the need for additional life guards after school starts back up at the end of summer. Council considered giving the pool manager the authority to hire additional help after the fact if necessary. Also, Betsy Tassarò will be credentialed with the understanding that she will be available after school starts back up.

Councilperson George reviewed some of the history of the Energy Audit program which occurred July 2010.

The COG Golf Outing is scheduled for June 20th and the COG has solicited contributions in the way of tee sign advertising for \$50. Solicitor Molinaro offered to make a contribution of \$50 on behalf of the Borough. President Green volunteered to provide a door prize.

Glance and Associates have provided technical specs for the window replacement or window restoration in the gym of the Community Center. The next phase would be to authorize the completion of a bid package, advertising notice to bidder. .

A motion was made and seconded to authorize advertisement of a bid package for the paladium windows in the Community Center as soon as the Bid Package has been completed. Bowen/George, unanimous.

Mayor Stover announced that the police need two (2) new bullet proof vests and a maximum cost of \$900 each with a 50% grant available.

A motion was made and seconded to approve purchase two (2) bullet proof vests at a cost to the Borough of up to \$900 total. Bowen/Bell, unanimous.

Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone discussed the deadline for pre application of year 38 CDBG sponsored through the COG. Mayor Stover suggested that we consider this grant for handicap parking at the tennis courts. After general discussion, Council declined to apply for a CDBG for year 38.

Council adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Executive Session was completed and Council reconvened the Regular Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the regular meetin of council.
Bowen/Bell, unanimous.

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone.


Kathleen Green - Council President


Samuel A. Maccarone - Borough Sec./Treas.