

## **Borough of Rosslyn Farms**

**June 13, 2011**

**Regular Meeting**

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Kathleen Green on Monday, June 13, 2011 at the Rosslyn Farms Community Center. The following members of Council were in attendance: D. Robb; R. Bowen; 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 May 9 and May 23, 2011 meetings of council with corrections. (see corrected minutes). Bowen/Robb, unanimous.

### **Bills:**

After questions about payments for employment testing was addressed and the Mayor advised that police vests were only purchased for full time police officers, a motion was made and seconded to approve the bills in May and to-date in June. Bowen/McNamara, unanimous.

### **Opportunity for Citizens to be Heard:**

No comments

### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Stover reported that the broken window on the St Peter house has been replaced. He advised that BIUI had been no help resolving this issue. Solicitor Molinaro added that Greentree Borough has been reviewing an intergovernmental agreement that could be used to share services with code enforcement department if we would like to considering changing from BIUI. President Green commented that our contract with BIUI calls for a ninety day notice to terminate.

### **Report of Borough Council Committees:**

**FINANCIAL REPORT** – Councilperson McNamara gave the May Financial Report. He also reported on Act 32 announcing that the committee is preparing for a January 1, 2012 commencement date for the new earned income tax collection system. Councilperson Bell asked if we had voted to approve this change. Councilperson McNamara responded that the new Act 32 is a result of a State act requiring our compliance.

**ROADS/SEWERS** – President Green, in the absence of Councilperson Prevoznak, reported that the paving repairs on Terrace Rd which were necessitated by the sewer line improvements, have been completed. Councilperson Robb announced that there will be a meeting to review the O & M sewer requirements.

Peter Molinaro announced that John Rago, attorney for the Fernandez's has sent the signed agreement for the first phase of the project on their property to locate and open the storm sewer manhole covers and determine the nature of the blockage occurring in the storm sewer line. The Fernandez's have agreed to pay for materials for this phase.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the appropriate Borough officials to sign the agreement between the Borough and the Fernandez's to locate and raise the manholes and camera the lines for blockages. Bowen/Bell, unanimous.

Councilperson George asked if the construction work being done near 308 Rosslyn Road had anything to do with the Fernandez project. Council answered no.

Solicitor Molinaro reported that he had taken a tour of Angora Road with Councilperson Prevoznak to examine the slide. He met Mr. Priori who had dumped a tremendous amount of fill on the hillside in an effort halt the slide. Gateway Engineers has examined the road and hillside and said that there will be further erosion. Solicitor Molinaro said that the dumping should not have been done without engineering supervision. This would probably have precipitated a large legal and engineering expense. Solicitor Molinaro said that he advised Mr. Priori and Mr. Koski that they should perhaps have a mutual sharing agreement for maintenance. Our position is this is a private road and not a Borough responsibility.

**PARKS** – Councilperson Bell reported that the pool opening went well. It required less patching to lining than in prior years. He also is doing an assessment of playground areas in the Borough at President Green's encouragement. Solicitor Molinaro suggested that the Borough's insurance company can perform a safety audit and provide us with the report.

**COG** – Councilperson George reported on the COG meeting. They advised members to top off winter salt supplies if there are any remaining quantities available under the contract. He also reported on an energy company offering discounts for utility costs. Mike Finnerty, our rep on County Council, spoke at the last meeting. Also, Coraopolis Borough is seeking other municipalities who would be interested in a joint purchase of playground equipment and trash bins.

#### **COMMUNITY CENTER –**

**TENNIS COURTS** – Councilperson Robb reported that we have received a final payment request for the tennis court renovation project. The punch list has a few final items to complete. COG would like us to tie up all loose ends so that they can close out



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the project and make final payment.

**OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Councilperson George commented that he is still working on a property maintenance draft.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** –

**Business before Council:** Mayor Stover reported on the Crafton/Ingram consolidation committee. The committee is putting together a transition team with or without Carnegie Borough until they can participate. Mayor was asked but does not want to participate in the transition team. He said he has no knowledge of fire equipment etc. He does not think that consolidation will occur. If anyone else would like to represent the Borough as a member of this team, the Mayor will submit their name.

Steve George reported to Council that he recommends that Council not get involved in supporting a request by COG to offer an opinion regarding the state budget cuts on education.

A motion was made and seconded to hire Emily Bergman as a life guard at the rate of \$7.25 per hour. Bowen/George, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the purchase of a replacement community center awning at a cost of \$700. McNamara/Bowen, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize payment of the 4<sup>th</sup> and final application for payment by the Char West COG subject to the punch list items being address with payment by the Char-West COG withheld until a certification of completion letter is provided. . Robb/Bowen, unanimous. (S/A Engineers request for payment)

Solicitor Molinaro recommended a proposed ordinance to amend our current ordinance sec. 148-23 of Artical VI. David Robb responded that he would like the changes to follow the county requirement as follows: A requirement that any residential or commercial structure within

A. 150’ of an existing main sewer line prior to 1994

B. 250” of an existing main sewer line 1994 and later

must connect to the system. He also would like to add extension line or addition to the existing main line within the system. The language to be amended is in article 155-3 of the solid waste agreement.

A general discussion of the language and the affect of the distance requirement by Council. Solicitor Molinaro will prepare changes to the language of his draft and resubmit to Council.

Council suggested that it might be appropriate to have a public meeting to invite residents who are currently on a septic to discuss. It was suggested that residents be given some time to prepare for such a future financial commitment. David Robb will draft a letter to residents.

Solicitor Molinaro added that 14 homes in Greentree are not on public sewage. The Borough will bid out a contract to put in a new sewer line for those homes and evaluate its effect on the tax base and ecology. The cost to the residents affected will only be a portion of the total cost. It may also be necessary to create new easements and condemnations.

Solicitor Molinaro suggested that the new draft ordinance amending our existing ordinance be completed before the O'Toole line is completed to compel those residents within the required distance from the new line to connect.

A motion was made and seconded to advertise for an amendment to ordinance Sec 148-23 article VI to reference article XIV of Allegheny County Health Department rules and regulations. Robb/Bowen, unanimous.

Council discussed the proposed ordinance for portable storage units. Solicitor Molinaro recommended enacting the ordinance as soon as possible to avoid future units in the Borough. The ordinance would need to be submitted to the Planning Commission who would be required to have a public meeting before recommending to Council. A copy of the ordinance must also be submitted to Allegheny County for review.

A motion was made and seconded to approve advertising of the proposed Portable Storage Ordinance as submitted. Bowen/McNamara, unanimous.

Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone was asked to send the draft ordinance to the planning commission for action and scheduling a public hearing and return to Council with recommendations so that it can be placed on Council's agenda for an August public meeting.

Councilperson McNamara suggested that Council considering amending our current zoning ordinance regarding boats and trailers to reflect the same removal period as in the POD ordinance. After general discussion, no action was taken.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the requirement for Drug and Alcohol testing for all new employees hired by the Borough. Robb/George, five yea, one nay



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(Bowen),

Council adjourned to executive session to discuss legal and personnel issues dealing with the Borough's employee retirement plans.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone.

  
Kathleen Green - Council President

  
Samuel A. Maccarone - Borough Sec./Treas.