

Borough of Rosslyn Farms

December 13, 2010

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by Pres. Kathleen Green on Monday, December 13, 2010 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, Solicitor Molinaro and Sec./Treas. Maccarone.

Minutes:

Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the November 8, 2010 regular meeting of Council. Bowen/Robb, unanimous.

Council reviewed and approved the minutes November 22, 2010 special meeting of Council. Bowen/McNamara, unanimous

Bills:

A motion was made and seconded to approve bills in November and to date in December as presented plus four individual \$50 gifts for the full-time Borough employees. McNamara/Robb, unanimous.

Report of Borough Council Committees:

FINANCIAL REPORT: Councilperson McNamara gave the monthly financial report. He also informed Council that there was no significant Act 32 information to report.

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD: President Green recognized Greg Wichelns of 415 Kings Hwy. He asked to discuss issues about Carlynton School District. He commented on the proposals for renovation or construction projects being considered by the School Board. He also said that it does not appear that the Board is giving attention to protesters. This purpose of addressing Council was because he doesn't believe that Rosslyn Farms residents know what is happening at the School Board meetings and the potential for tax increases that may result from these proposed renovations. He asked Council if there is a limit to school tax increases. Solicitor Molinaro said that he is not familiar enough with school tax to answer that question. Mr. Wichelns inferred that he believes the current School Board is trying to push through the approval of these projects before the School Board elections.

Councilperson McNamara asked Mr. Wichelns if the School Board had prepared a financial feasibility study. Mr. Wichelns responded that Thomas Williamson Construction Management did a presentation to explain costs, and they were hired to

prepare the room by room cost estimate. There will be a January 6 meeting that may shed more light on the financial impact to taxpayers of Rosslyn Farms.

Jackie Weaver, also a resident of Rosslyn Farms, made a request to Council members that anyone who had not purchased a Christmas ornament to benefit the Community Center to please consider purchasing one or more.

ROADS/SEWERS - Councilperson Prevoznak reported that Mr. and Mrs. Fernandez, who reside at the corner of Revere and Rosslyn Road, have given the Borough permission to locate and open manholes located on their property. The road department employees will excavate by hand in order to minimize damage to their property. Councilperson Prevoznak also reported that it would have been too costly to enter the sewer system from the PennDOT property in order to examine the storm drain for obstructions. She also reported that there's plenty of salt, and that the snowplow and sprayer will be ready for snowfalls. Due to the early bad weather and equipment issues, such as the breakdown of the leaf vacuum, there are still frozen leaf piles.

Councilperson Prevoznak also reported that she and Charlie Smith went to a demonstration of robotic cameras. She was impressed with the system that might help to speed up the process of televising sewer lines and reducing costs. She and Charlie will attend a live demonstration on actual sewers. Charlie and Bryan Flaugh of Gateway Engineers will meet to review all point repair reports.

David Robb wished to acknowledge Susan Prevoznak, and Brad and Charlie Smith for completing the sewer point repair work by the deadlines.

MAYOR'S REPORT – The Mayor reported that Santa will arrive in Rosslyn Farms at noon on Saturday by fire truck. .

COG - Councilperson Steve George commented on a number of topics being discussed by COG including: the rapid response multi-municipal training program; interest in Marcellus Shell drilling issues; and the recommendation by COG to use the State COSTAR's purchasing program.

COMMUNITY CENTER - Councilperson Bowen announced that there have been no repairs on the new Community Center Widows as he had suspected at the last meeting.

TENNIS COURTS - Councilperson David Robb said that the renovation project has been stopped awaiting the completion of fabricated hand rails. He also noted that we have not received any information from DCNR about the release of additional funds from our partial payment request submitted in November.

PERSONNEL – Roy Bowen announced the he, Councilperson Steve George and Sec/Treas. Maccarone attended a webinar presentation on PA Act 44 requiring new compliance for Municipal Pension Plans. He also reported that an AFLAC representative will be meeting with our Borough employees to review employee elected/Borough

sponsored benefit plans that can be purchased with employee payroll deductions at no cost to the Borough.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Green announced that January's agenda will include advertising for bids to complete the exterior painting of the Community Center. We will not be waiting for window repairs or replacement to complete the painting project.

Business Before Council

Solicitor Molinaro reported to Council that he revised and sent the Developer's Agreement for the O'Toole Sewer Construction and is waiting for a signed returned copy.

Solicitor Molinaro reported that after review of correspondence, the Borough did agree to a 2008 Memorandum of Understanding with Carlynton School District without his review. He had commented at the time that if it did not conflict with the Police Procedure Manual and Council was OK with it, it could be signed. After his review of the 2010 Memorandum of Understanding, he has reservations. Mayor Stover said that Chief Fischio is not concerned because we are not asked to make arrests because we would be responding only as back up to Robinson Twp. Councilperson Prevoznak asked about the possibility of an issue on a school bus in our Borough. Solicitor Molinaro asked why have a signed document if it conflicts with standard interpretation of law. The School District has indicated that it will be a black mark if they do not have a signed copy from Municipalities representing the School District. Dr. Panza, Carlynton Superintendent called President Green so they are aware of our Solicitor's reservations.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize Solicitor Molinaro to send a letter to Carlynton School District with his objections to the Memorandum of Understanding. Bowen/George, unanimous.

Councilperson Prevoznak said that she has been pleased with the services provided by Bryan Flaugh of Gateway Engineers.

A Motion was made and seconded to approve the new rate schedule provided by Gateway Engineers with the amended terms and conditions as requested. Bowen/Prevoznak, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to increase the Rosslyn Farms sewer surcharge from \$4 per 1000 gallons to \$6 per 1000 commencing Jan 1, 2011. Prevoznak/Robb, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2011 Rosslyn Farms meeting schedule as advertised. Robb/Prevoznak, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2011 Rosslyn Farms Borough budget as advertised. McNamara/Bowen, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to apply for a Tax Anticipation Note with Parkvale Savings Bank for the 2011 Note at a rate of 1.75%. McNamara /Bell, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to establish the 2011 real estate tax millage at 9.5 mils and to authorize the appropriate Borough Officials to sign Ordinance #370 as advertised authorizing the rate at 9.5 mils. McNamara/Bell, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the funding of the 2010 employee retirement plan with contributions as estimated by Sec/Treas Maccarone using the Defined Contribution as required by the plan documents.

A motion was made and seconded to approve a term loan of \$55,000 to be accepted from PNC Bank at an interest rate of 2.89% to be repaid over 36 months. McNamara/Robb, Unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the appropriate Borough officials to sign Ordinance #371 as advertised authorizing Rosslyn Farms Borough to enter into a Promissory Note of \$55,000 with PNC Bank. Robb/Prevoznak, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded authorizing Charwest COG to pay Northern Athletic the third installment on the tennis court renovations in the amount of \$23,993.60. Robb/Bowen, unanimous.


Oil and Gas Drilling – Solicitor Molinaro circulated a sample ordinance which, if enacted, would place conditions on the location of drilling sites in the Borough. He explained that zoning would have to be amended to specify which areas would be zoned for drilling. He asked Council to review the sample ordinance and the current zoning map and set back requirements. He will prepare a first draft using conditional use in the industrial area for discussion purposes and to formally commence the intent to pass. A committee including President Green, Councilmembers Prevoznak and Bell will spearhead the review for presentation to Council.

Council authorized Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone to authorize the advertising of the 2011 Planning Commission meetings as scheduled by the Planning Commission.

Councilperson Bell reported that local resident Jessie Schell was quoted in the NY Times.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Bowen/Bell.

Submitted by Secretary-Treasurer Maccarone



Samuel A. Maccarone, Sec/Treas



Kathleen Green, President