

Borough of Rosslyn Farms

January 3, 2012

Reorganization/Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Kathleen Green on Monday, January 3, 2012 at the Rosslyn Farms Community Center. 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, and Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone.

Minutes: Council reviewed and approved, by motion, the following minutes with corrections as noted below:

December 12, 2011 - with corrections – Bowen/McNamara, unanimous.

December 19, 2011 – no corrections – Bowen/McNamara, unanimous.

Corrections:

Page 1 – Corrections Page 1 add, Councilperson Steve *George*.

Bills Through December 31, 2012:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bills in December 2012. Bowen/McNamara, unanimous.

The regular meeting of Council preceding Reorganization was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Reorganization – At 8:00 PM, Mayor Stover opened the reorganization of Council. S/Reorganization.

Bills January 1, 2012 Through January 3, 2012:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bills to date in January as presented for Robb/Prevoznak, unanimous.

Opportunity for Citizens to be Heard:

President McNamara recognized Rosslyn Farms resident Tom Bosak, who asked to address council. Mr. Bosak advised council that the water company had recently performed some water line repairs on Puritan Road and left some unfinished work including soil piled against an oak tree that could cause damage. Councilperson Prevoznak commented that the contractors for PAWC will restore the area as needed. She advised Mr. Bosak to let them know of the items if he sees the crew at or near this site.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Stover advised that due to redistricting, our new state representative is Jessie White. He has an office in Cecil but is planning to open a local office in the near future. He also commented on a new state bill proposed to address concerns of relationships between Highmark and UPMC.

Report of Borough Council Committees:

FINANCIAL REPORT – President Pat McNamara gave the December Financial Report. He also reported that we will begin to see activity of Act 32 after the end of the first quarter of 2012.

ROADS/SEWERS – Councilperson Prevoznak reported that the new Borough truck should be delivered in about two weeks. Also, there will be a meeting tomorrow to discuss the CCTV cameraing of borough sewer lines for the next phase of the consent order. The road department will be planning ongoing inlet repairs to the storm sewer system. She also reported that three contractors are interested in submitting proposals for the storm water sewer work necessary on and near the Fernandez property. She sent out copies of the contract we had prepared for Mancini Construction to these interested parties since Mr. Mancini was no longer interested in the contract.

PARKS – no report

COG – COG representative Steve George reported that the COG meeting included a discussion of the County reassessment controversy. Allegheny Council Executive Fitzgerald will be speaking at the next COG meeting. The local COG Police Departments will be scheduling a Police Chiefs meeting and a police training exercise in the near future at Carlynton High School.

COMMUNITY CENTER – no report.

TENNIS COURTS – no report.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS – no report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – no report

Business before Council:

Meeting Schedule: A motion was made and seconded to adopt the 2012 Rosslyn Farms Council meeting schedule. Prevoznak/George, unanimous.

RFP for Police Department Services: Councilperson Robb distributed a revised draft of the Request for Proposal. The responses to the RFP will be due by 4:00 PM Friday

March 16, 2012. A search for a new police chief will commence before this date to prepare for the option of retaining our own police force. He noted changes on page 2 to the patrol service.

There was also a general discussion of language on Page 3, item 9 languages addressing the closure of our existing police department and language suggested by Solicitor Molinaro. Councilperson Prepelka suggested we eliminate this paragraph completely. Councilperson Prevoznak suggested that Prepelka contact Solicitor Molinaro and discuss the need to include this language.

Mayor Stover advised Council that it is necessary to have a transition period when we would have both our police department and contracted services.

Councilperson Robb commented that he believes Solicitor Molinaro's comments were for clarity. Other comments included:

Nate Prepelka – We would ultimately like police presence in the Borough as much as possible.

Susan Prevoznak – Police need to communicate with the Road Department and she also agrees with Nate Prepelka about police presence.

Council decided to strike the language on page 3, item 9 dealing with termination of police department.

Nate Prepelka commented that he would like to change language on page 5 to reflect all complaints whether investigated or not. He would like to insure that we receive the best policing possible. Council continued the discussion of police performance.

Susan Prevoznak suggested we talk with officials of municipalities who use contracted police services. Neville Twp was suggested as a possible contact.

Other questions were discussed. David Robb asked if we want control over the assignment of officers. Can we put more requirements in the contract than they provide in their own municipality? Contracts will likely be written around the same type of services they provide their own municipality. Secretary/Treasurer commented that ultimately terms and conditions for termination should be put in the contract and not in the request for proposal.

Mayor Stover wants a minimum requirement for the contracting police force to have a minimum of two officers per shift available at all times.

Susan Prevoznak offered that in reality, Rosslyn Farms is like Mayberry RFD and that ultimately we will evaluate the cost and services of both maintaining our own police force vs. contracting services from outside agencies.

David Robb added that Chief Fischio estimates that it takes 35 minutes to drive through all Borough streets without traffic stops.

Mayor Stover commented that we will have to decide and compare based on the services offered.

Solicitor Molinaro arrived at 9:20 PM. He reminded Council that soliciting police services does not fall in the state mandated bidding requirements. In the required meeting we can discuss the final terms that will be in the final contract.

Solicitor Molinaro commented to the Mayor that he should be aware that our police officers might look elsewhere during this process. Mayor commented that he has been honest with Officer Kercher.

Solicitor Molinaro asked if Council has seen the Contracts between Crafton, Carnegie and Pennsberry and Thornburg. Response was no. David Robb has the contracts and will circulate to all of Council members.

Councilperson Robb commented that notifications will be given to the Community to allow for review of Council's considerations. This will include a public meeting. Council President McNamara stresses that the Council will be accessible and thorough as possible during this process.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the release of the Request for Proposal for Police Contract Services with the discussed revisions and final consensus of council to all surrounding municipalities with Police Departments. Prevoznak/George, unanimous.

Mayor Stover suggested that the RFP meeting be attended by President McNamara, Councilperson Robb, Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone and himself along with anyone else who would like to attend.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the list of preauthorized and reoccurring payments for 2012 as presented by Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone. S/A list. Bell/Prevoznak, unanimous.

Yard Waste Collection Policy: President McNamara announced that we will need to do more research about the possibility of dumping waste in the Greentree dumping area or other areas before making any decisions.

Council Prevoznak will begin to prepare a time line for the steps necessary for alternative measures for dumping. Residents may need to change their habits in regard to waste collection.

President McNamara advised we may also need to consider changes in our garbage contract with respect to curb side pickup.

Tax Anticipation Loan:

A motion was made and seconded to approve a resolution accepting a 2012 tax anticipation loan from 1st Commonwealth Bank for the maximum borrowing of up to \$200,000 at the rate of 1.9%. Robb/George, unanimous.


Fire Hydrant Discussion: Mayor Stover commented that the Crafton Fire Chief is to provide a letter to PAWC dealing with action necessary to inspect and correct performance of fire hydrants within the Borough. Solicitor Molinaro will research to determine what responsibilities PAWC has with respect to addition of or performance of Borough fire hydrants. He suspects that it is the Borough's responsibility to install new lines where necessary.

Executive Session: President McNamara announced that the meeting will be temporarily recessed. Council moves to Executive Session to discuss items dealing with legal issues.

The regular meeting of Council was reconvened.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone.


Patrick McNamara - Council President


Samuel A. Maccarone - Borough Sec./Treas.