

Borough of Rosslyn Farms

August 13, 2012

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Patrick McNamara on Monday, August 13, 2012 in the Rosslyn Farms Community Center. The following members of Council attended: D. Robb; 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 July 9, 2012 meeting of Council with the following corrections: Robb/Bell, unanimous.

Pg.1 Attendance: *Councilperson Robb did not attend as originally reported.*

Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the July 23, 2012 meeting of Council with the following corrections: Prevoznak/Robb, unanimous.

Pg.2 Fire Hydrants: The new fire hydrants will add a service fee of approximately \$12.00 per month for each hydrant.

Bills:

A motion was made and seconded approving the bills in July and to date in August as presented plus the following additional bills:

Don Bigley Plumbing for Arch Street sanitary sewer repairs. \$7,127.06
Scott Township police services August through December @ \$4,000 per mth.

Solicitor Molinaro added that Gateway Engineers will share some of Bigley Plumbing Expense with the Borough.

Opportunity for Citizens to be Heard:

Leanora Griffin of 109 Puritan Rd was recognized and advised Council that speeding on Kings Highway is worsening. She would like to see more police enforcement of speed laws. She also asked if there is an ordinance prohibiting parking vehicles in front lawns. She was advised that this was a zoning issue addressed in the zoning ordinance and enforced by our compliance officer.

She also commented on storm water damage to Borough residents resulting from heavy rains and improper construction of roads and curbing during the last road construction project. She believed that the curbs are not up to code. She referred to the Storm Water Control Act #167.

Ms. Griffin also asked Council what can be done to control utility contractors who, in the past, had paved over her Belgium blocks at the entrance to her drive.

Councilperson Prevoznak commented that these are two different issues to address. First, is the water run off. The Borough road department will investigate the possibility of raising the curbs to prevent run off into yards along Kings Highway.

Peter Molinaro commented that construction companies working in the borough should complete their restoration work within six months. When a public utility needs to have access to Borough right of ways, they must obtain a 'street opening permit' from the borough. This work should also be monitored by borough employees to assure the contractors are following the guidelines established by the Borough.

President McNamara summarized the Borough's action plan to include investigation of raising the curbs to hopefully prevent excessive water from flowing onto private property; and to coordinate the street opening permits to better allow Borough monitoring of the repair work necessary.

Mayor Stover commented that he believes storm water flows from left to right on Kings Highway and overwhelms the right side. The road should be crowned in the middle to assist water flowing down both sides. He asked Council to do what is necessary to correct the problems. There was also some discussion of Gateway's part in the inspection of the original road construction project and why this problem exists. Solicitor Molinaro commented that we must move forward. The past fault is history.

President McNamara suggested that we look at improving the storm sewer system now and for the future. Councilperson Prevoznak will discuss options with Bryan Flaugh of Gateway Engineers and report back.

Marty O'toole, a resident, spoke and said that he would be willing to pay an assessment to complete an improvement of the storm sewer system.

Mayor Stover introduced Crafton Volunteer Fire Chief Mike Crown. The Chief provided a map of the existing fire hydrants and his proposed new additional fire hydrants. He explained the problems of water supply and pressure when hydrants are too far from any point in the Borough. Labor is also an issue to consider when hydrants are not close.

The Mayor said that we are spending \$20 per month for the older fire hydrants and the new hydrants will cost \$13.00 monthly. PAWC also projects a cost of \$1,000 per hydrant for installation. We may or may not be charged this fee.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the installation of five (5) new fire hydrants at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 per hydrant as recommended by Chief Crown of the Crafton VFD. Robb/Prevoznak, unanimous.

Mayor's Report: The Mayor had no additional comments.

Report of Borough Council Committees:

FINANCIAL REPORT – Councilperson Bell gave the financial report.

ROADS/SEWERS – Councilperson Prevoznak reported that the Road Dept had completed the installation of a manhole on Park Road. Other projects include a 60' line on Puritan and a new manhole on Angora. Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone will calculate the tap in fee for the new Angora manhole.

Someone commented that one of the houses on Angora uses well water. Council was unsure of how our sewage surcharge would be assessed if there were no public water consumption on property using the sanitary sewer system since our bill is calculated using gallons of water consumption to determine the surcharge.

Solicitor Molinaro addressed the status of the O'toole force main proposal. Allegheny County DEP returned the planning module requesting a change in language. Solicitor Molinaro stated that he would make the necessary changes to language and add the names of the correct homeowners who will participate in the force main and present for signatures from all parties participating in the new force main. Once this is completed, Secretary Treasurer Maccarone will return the Planning Module to Kag Engineering who will re-submit it to Allegheny County for approval.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the proper Borough officials to sign the amended developer's agreement after obtaining the signatures of the O'tooles and new homeowners Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gross. Robb/Prevoznak, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded authorizing the proper Borough officials to sign a resolution with attachment identifying documents for destruction after review by the Solicitor. Robb/Prevoznak, unanimous.

PARKS – The Pool Manager will have a final meeting of the swimming pool guards. Councilperson Steve George will attend representing Council.

COG – no report

COMMUNITY CENTER – A motion was made and seconded approving the appointment of Andrea Harkins to the Community Center Committee. Prevoznak/George, unanimous.

TENNIS COURTS – Councilperson Robb advised Council that the Tennis Court Improvements Performance Bond had not yet been issued correctly. Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone will follow-up.

Business before Council:

Mayor Stover recommended that plaques be given to the outgoing police officers. Councilperson George will investigate the cost to present at the next meeting. The

Mayor would also like to purchase a \$100 gift card for Tom Ogden as a show of appreciation for his advice during the police contract preparation and selection process of outsourcing our police services.

A motion was made and seconded authorizing the purchase of a \$100 Gift Card/Certificate for Tom Ogden. George/Robb, unanimous.

Mayor Stover will deliver the signed Police Contract Service Agreement to Scott Twp.

Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone will notify our insurance company of the changes due to the closure of the Police Department.

Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone will send a termination letter to Officer Scott Kercher.

Secretary/Maccarone will send letters to municipalities who participated by submitting proposals for providing police services to our Borough.

Mayor Stover will review equipment to be sold and try to dispose of the police vehicle for approximately \$11 K before the next meeting.

Mayor Stover will organize a sale of other police equipment and guns using a bid process.

The Angora Road manhole is scheduled for installation.


PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President McNamara advised Council that we would begin the budget preparation commencing with a review of existing budget to actual costs and continuing with submission of a preliminary budget in October and a final budget in November. .

Solicitor Molinaro was asked if we would be limited to assessment year budget increases. He will investigate to see which year is considered the reassessment year limiting the increase to 5%. Council discussed the potential effect of assessment appeals to the budget process.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Prevoznak, unanimous.

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone.


Patrick McNamara - Council President


Samuel A. Maccarone - Borough Sec./Treas.