

Borough of Rossllyn Farms

April 9, 2018

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Steve Tassaro on Monday April 9, 2018 at the Rossllyn Farms Community Center. The following members of Council attended: L. Griffin; G. Ragazzino; B. Gross; S. George; T. Stacey; and N. Prepelka. Also present were Mayor Stover, and Solicitor Molinaro.

Minutes:

Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the March 12, 2018 regular meeting of Council as submitted. Ragozzino/Gross, unanimous.

Solicitor Molinaro discusses extension of Tassaro appointment to Dec. 2019. Gross/Prepelka unanimous 6-0 Tassaro abstaining from voting. George signs resolution. Tassaro sworn in.

Bills:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bills in March and to-date in April. Griffin/George, unanimous.

Financial Report

Griffin gives financial report.

Opportunity for Citizens to Speak:

President's Comments:

Marty O'Toole discussing survey of McLucky's and Erin O'Toole's property, wants to go on record for two property lines moving the line to make more sense. 20 feet on each side. Molinaro recommends a simple subdivision approved by council, then recorded in the deeds of Allegheny County.

Nancy Barsotti reporting on the status of Garden Club, once 501c4 comes through and community funds provided.

Solicitor's Report – Molinaro discusses his resignation, publicly tendering his resignation. A warm thank you and applause by council.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Stover gave a police activity report. Some debate on possible criminal activity around citizens home, eyewitness accounts of unknown man loitering.

Report of Borough Council Committees:

PARKS – Griffin says soccer fields booked, porta potty ordered, weed killer ordered. Pruning Mulberry on Pilgrim and Park underway. Parrish Park sign dry rotting could use some upkeep. Privacy hedge on the side of the Borough building a large project roughly \$3k, George recommends subcontracting. Griffin to look into it.

ROADS/SEWERS – Tassaró discusses repair replacement of signs and signposts, to include 30 additional poles estimated \$1600. George/Prepelka unanimous.

Engineers Monthly Report - Tassaró discusses sinkhole on Magdison property and drainage issues. LSSE issued a letter to the Boro identifying the sinkhole and associated repairs as an “emergency condition”. Efforts underway to obtain bids to execute the emergency repair

COG – George says in last COG meeting Habitat for Humanity rep discusses how they can pick up old materials to reuse. Rest of the meeting was administrative. Next meeting Rockefeller Kennedy Township.

COMMUNITY CENTER – Stacey discusses possibility for new position of secretary to handle rentals. Also suggests to include security deposit for leasing borough building for \$75. Tassaró agrees, but suggests quadrupling the fee. Molinaro to ammend contract. Next item was permission to destroy documents accumulated. Molinaro says he’ll prepare a resolution for council to approve. Stacey makes motion/Gross seconds unanimous.

In addition, slide has to go, swings have been determined to be in decent shape, possible updates to them.

WEBSITE – Motion to approve \$400 per year expense for .gov domain name. Griffin/Prepelka/unanimous.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORTS – George proposal:

“For the purpose of reflecting Council’s action last night in approving the hiring of Bob Diamond and the Lifeguards, I am including below in quotation marks the information from my April 08, 2018, email which I used in making the motion to approve. The only change from my email was to make it clear that Bob Diamond’s total hours were to be less than 1,000 hours per year. The motion was approved by a 7-0 vote. Regards, Steve George

“The first item is the hiring of a part-time employee to help Charlie with Street Department matters. This employee would replace Chuck Masterson who decided not to return this spring. Charlie would like to hire Bob Diamond, a long-time acquaintance, for this position. Bob was interviewed last Thursday by Charlie, Steve Tassaró, and me. The proposition is to hire Bob on a part-time basis which means less than 1,000 hours per year. He would be paid \$15.00 per hour to start and would be furnished with appropriate clothing supplemented by a clothing allowance as was Chuck. His hiring would be subject to his passing criminal background and child abuse record checks and a current drug test.

The second item is the hiring of eight swimming pool lifeguards. Charlie and I interviewed these young people last Thursday and Friday, and were favorably impressed with each one. The \$100 bonus plan initiated last year was well-received and it is proposed to provide it this year on the same terms which calls for Charlie to evaluate each guard at the end of the season and to make bonus recommendations on a sliding scale as he deems appropriate. An increase of \$0.25 per hour is also proposed for the season. All lifeguards have to be certified, have to be cleared through criminal background and child abuse record checks, and have to pass a drug test. The proposed hiring is set forth below.

Head Lifeguard - Marissa Pekular - \$11.75 per hour; Assistant Head Lifeguard - Jessica Vogliano - \$10.35 per hour; Fourth Year Lifeguard - Skylar Sevacko - \$9.45 per hour; Third Year Lifeguard - Nathan Robb - \$9.15 per hour; Second Year Lifeguard - Savannah Sevacko and Olivia Robb - \$8.85 per hour; First Year Lifeguard - Haley Simcic and Ana Bergstedt - \$8.60 per hour."

George/Griffin/unanimous

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Business before Council:

Tassaro informs that Borough Building Garage Construction contracts have been signed. A pre construction meeting will be scheduled for next week.

Tassaro discusses engineer recommendation of immediate repairs for Rosslyn Road storm sewer. LSSE has contacted 3 contractors for bids which are due Wednesday April 11, 2018. Upon review a special meeting of council will be scheduled to review and approve

Tassaro - Magdison Property easement clearly states that the property owners granted the easement for the Borough to have access to the property for any repairs necessary on the underground storm system for which the Boro is responsible. - Easement on Battaglia property has been drafted and presented to Battaglia for signature. Easement language is same as Magdison. Battaglia Easement includes compensation component of \$3k for landscaping of Battaglia Property. Molinaro clarifies Battaglia may choose to not use it as landscape allowance. Ragozzino moves to approve \$3,000 payment to Battaglia for granting the easement; /Stacy seconds/unanimous. Second Movement for Tassaro to sign Battaglia easement
Prepelka/Seconded by Ragozzino.

2018 Street repaving : Project is advertised and out for bid Bids due May 8 for review and discussion at May 14 council meeting

Consent order – nothing

Tassaró updates on speed monitoring device, has arrived, still needs to be programmed. Tassaró will keep us apprised, Charlie will need to be brought up to speed, then placed in strategic areas.

Police contract fully executed. Payment to Scott Township retro to Jan. 1

Garbage/Recycle Bid Package review by council. Package given to Prepalka for review for completeness and compliance with bid documents. Prepalka to recommend the award next meeting May 14, 2018.

Truck Traffic - Tassaró met with Giant Eagle. Discusses the ability for borough to enforce violations.

Tassaró discusses turning radius process as an enforceable means to control truck traffic. Tassaró discussed with engineer and identified 7 intersections in the Boro that will be evaluated by LSSE. LSSE submitted a per diem proposal, bottom line \$7,400. The deliverable at the conclusion of the study will include an enforceable signage package, full scope engineering analysis at those intersections. Mayor discusses the truck sign at Rosslyn Road, Molinaro suggest possibly not enforceable. Griffin asks about moving trucks, Tassaró says they are the exception. Griffin moves to approve/Gross seconds unanimous of LSSE turning radius analysis proposal. Delivery expected at June council meeting

Tassaró discusses stop sign ordinance which was approved to be written and advertised at March Council meeting. Mayor hands out Secret opinion on stop signs. Griffin mentions strong recommendation for a stop on King and Alden. Gross in favor for safety reasons. The need for clear communication to drivers. Mayor mentions traffic study in 2016 says its illegal to put a stop sign that isn't legal. Molinaro explains traffic studies and their degrees, and that council has the ability to deem it unsafe without traffic study. Gross moves to approve ordinance /Ragozzino seconds/unanimous 7-0.

Tassaró discusses secretary/treasury search, Tassaró and Gross spearheading the effort.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Prepelka, Ragozzino unanimous.

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer MacCarone.

Steve Tassaró - Council President

Samuel A. MacCarone - Borough Sec./Treas.