

ROSSLYN FARMS BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
July 12, 2021

Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Steve Tassarò (2023)

Location: Rosslyn Farms Community Center

Attendees: Council members Barbara Becker (2021), Chad Green (2023), and Lee Griffin (2021) were present. Also present were Secretary/Treasurer Dorothy Falk and Solicitor Daniel Conlon.

Regrets: Council members Jonathan Glance (2021), Jay Lear (2023) and David Robb (2021); Mayor Jim Stover (2021).

Materials: A sign-in sheet and agenda were provided to those in attendance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Becker made a motion to accept the minutes from June 14, 2021 and June 28, 2021 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Green and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Derek Luke, Nancy Barsotti, Ron Knabel, and Betsy Tassarò were present to observe.

Tennis courts: Resident Isabel Ford informed council that the coaches at Carlynton High School have asked to use the tennis courts for summer practice. A discussion followed. Council approved use of the courts with the understanding that residents be accommodated when necessary.

Montessori rental: Tracey McKenna is interested in renting space in the Community Center for a Montessori preschool. She discussed the philosophy of the school and presented details of how and when it would operate. A discussion followed. Ms. Becker made a motion that council move forward with leasing the space to Ms. McKenna. Ms. Griffin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. President Tassarò will work with Ms. McKenna and Solicitor Conlon on the lease.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

ALCOSAN multi-municipal lines: Solicitor Conlon summarized previous discussions. The transfer is currently on hold until the modified consent order agreement is received.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Falk presented council with reports for Deposits, Profit and Loss, and Account Balances.

Disbursements: Ms. Falk presented council with a list of disbursements for bills received since the June 14 meeting. A discussion followed. Ms. Becker made a motion that council approve the disbursements as presented. Mr. Green seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Additional signer on general fund account: Ms. Falk reported that disbursements were delayed last month due to multiple council members being away for vacation. She recommended that Vice President David Robb be authorized to sign checks to ensure that a signer is present whenever a quorum is available to meet. Mr. Green made a motion that Mr. Robb be added as an authorized signer on the general fund account, which was seconded by Ms. Griffin. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code management (Green) – Solicitor Conlon reported that a property code enforcement hearing has been continued again. The property owner is not allowing Harshman on the property to do inspections. He recommended getting an injunction. President Tassarò will follow up with Harshman.

Communication/Website (Green) – Mr. Green reported that the website has been updated with recent minutes and agenda.

Community Facilities (Becker)

Community Center Commission – Ms. Becker reported that rental activity is picking up.

Fire alarm update – President Tassarò reported that the system as originally designed is nearly complete but still needs to be programmed. However, additional smoke detectors are necessary for the building to be rented to the preschool. Smith Electric has submitted a proposal for a heat detector and additional 27 smoke detectors at a cost of \$9,680. A discussion followed. Ms. Becker made a motion that council approve the proposal for the additional heat and smoke detectors, which was seconded by Ms. Griffin. It was approved unanimously.

Finance/Grants (Robb) – No report

Human Resources (Lear) – No report.

Infrastructure (Tassarò) – No report.

Parks/Recreation (Griffin) –

Ms. Griffin reported that Fallen Timbers was on vacation, delaying the removal of the fallen tree. She also indicated that pool rentals will resume for private parties.

Master Plan Update – The additional survey work is in progress.

Waste/Recycling (Glance) – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Edgecliff trail update – President Tassarò reported that Harshman has put together the bid proposal package for the walking trail project. A discussion followed. Mr. Green made a motion that council authorize Ms. Falk to advertise the project for bid, subject to the approval of the bid administrator if necessary. Ms. Griffin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Edgecliff fence update – President Tassarò will contact the companies that submitted the two lowest proposals to set up a walk-through of the project.

Truck signs – President Tassarò reported that the signs have been ordered. He will coordinate with public works to have them installed when they arrive.

NEW BUSINESS

Power outages – Ms. Griffin called Duquesne Light to discuss the frequent borough outages. She will follow up with them.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Green made a motion that council adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM. Ms. Becker seconded the motion, which carried.