

ROSSLYN FARMS BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
March 14, 2022

Time: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Vice President David Robb (2025)

Location: Rosslyn Farms Community Center, Calvert Room

Attendees: Council members Lee Griffin (2025), Chad Green (2023), and Jay Lear (2023) were present. Council President Steve Tassaró (2023) participated remotely via phone. Also present were Mayor Isabel Ford (2025), Secretary/Treasurer Dorothy Falk, and Solicitor Emily Mueller.

Regrets: Council members Barbara Becker (2025), Jonathan Glance (2025)

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lear made a motion to accept the minutes from February 14, 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Green and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM

Resident Derek Luke was present to observe.

Residents Susan Battaglia and Kenneth Fisher thanked council for notification of the survey being done along Kings Highway. A discussion was held on property assessment and taxes.

Residents Nick van der Merwe and partner Laura Vincent expressed concern about stormwater runoff and privacy as it relates to the Kings Highway walking trail. Resident Steve George agreed that water management and privacy issues are a concern for the trail. He requested that council put together a plan before continuing. Mr. Robb shared an email he received in January from resident Joe Burgunder expressing concern about the proximity of the path to his property. A discussion followed. Mr. Robb suggested that council members visit the site to consider whether it should be cleared out and whether it would make a viable trail. Discussion will continue at the April meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Mueller reported that she has not heard back from Crafton regarding its proposed public works garage. A discussion followed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Robb shared the report from LSSE. The borough will follow up with Carnegie regarding the televising of the shared sewer line.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ford gave the police report. There was a fatal accident on Kings Highway. An accident reconstruction team will issue a report.

Mayor Ford spoke with PennDOT representative Michael Adams, who indicated that there was significant damage to the on-ramp bridge from the accident in February. Repairs will require several months. Mayor Ford has requested signs on Campbells Run and Baldwin to inform motorists that the ramp is closed.

Mayor Ford has requested additional traffic patrols in Rosslyn Farms with a focus on Kings Highway. Shifts have been scheduled for March 15th, 18th, and 23rd.

Mayor Ford reported that Rosslyn Farms' fire service has improved from 3 to 5 (out of 10 max). She has reviewed hydrant locations with the Fire Chief and discussed fire inspection requirements in the industrial park with the Carnegie borough manager.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Falk provided 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 February 14 meeting. She requested that a check for \$400 to Coraopolis Hardware for the purchase of 50 chairs and a cart be added to the disbursement list. A discussion followed. Ms. Griffin made a motion that council approve the disbursements as presented including the check to Coraopolis Hardware. Mr. Lear seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Franchise license renewals: Ms. Falk informed Council that the franchise fees from Verizon and Comcast are pass throughs charged directly to residents. A discussion followed. Ms. Griffin made a motion that council pass a resolution amending the Verizon renewal to reduce the franchise fees at from 5% to 3%. Mr. Lear seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Council declined to participate in the multi-municipal Comcast franchise negotiation proposed by Cohen Law Group. The current agreement is valid through 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code management (Green) –Mr. Green updated council on the current status of citations and hearings. A discussion was held on a vehicle in the Terrace parking lot. Mayor Ford will talk to the vehicle owner.

Communication/Website (Green) – The agenda and minutes are up on the site.

Community Facilities (Becker) – Mr. Robb reported that the new doors have been ordered. Mayor Ford reported that rentals are picking up.

Finance/Grants (Robb) – No report.

Human Resources (Lear) – Mr. Lear reported that a seasonal employee will be interviewed on Wednesday.

Infrastructure (Tassarò) – No report.

Parks/Recreation (Griffin)

Kings Hwy Park/Trails: This will be discussed further at the April meeting.

Ball fields: Ms. Griffin reported that the truck servicing the portajohn damaged the field. It has been reseeded.

Tennis courts: Carlynton will be using the tennis courts for its spring season.

Master plan – Good feedback from the committee meeting was passed along to Dan MacDowell at LQB. A new drawing has been provided to Mr. Glance. Mayor Ford requested that the plan be reviewed to make sure it meets the needs of very young children.

Waste/Recycling (Glance) – No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Griffin made a motion that council adjourn the meeting at 8:30 PM. Mr. Lear seconded the motion, which carried.