

ROSSLYN FARMS BOROUGH COUNCIL
Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting
September 8, 2019

Meeting time: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Location: Rosslyn Farms Community Center

Attendees: President Steve Tassarò was present. Council members Barbara Becker, Jonathan Glance, Chad Green, and Lee Griffin were present. Council member Nate Prepelka arrived at 7:30 PM. Also present were Mayor Jim Stover, Secretary/Treasurer Dorothy Falk, and Solicitor Daniel Conlon.

Regrets: Tina Bucci Stacy

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC HEARING

President Tassarò opened the public hearing at 7:01 PM to consider the adoption of an ordinance that would add definitions to regulate the parking of recreational vehicles and require a permit for the installation of a fence. Solicitor Conlon summarized the process of how the ordinance arrived at its current form.

Resident Marty O'Toole asked for a reading of the definition of recreational vehicles and trailers. Resident Penny Jones asked for clarification of the open surface area requirement for back and front fences. A discussion followed.

President Tassarò closed the public hearing at 7:15 PM.

APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Becker made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting of August 12, 2019 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Glance and passed 4-0, with Ms. Griffin abstaining.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

President Tassarò invited citizens to speak.

Betsy Tassarò expressed concern about the condition of the garden outside the pool. A discussion followed. Ms. Tassarò will see if the reassembled Garden Club would be interested in maintaining it.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Ordinances advertised for adoption:

Zoning: RVs, Trailers, and Fences: Solicitor Conlon summarized the draft ordinance. A discussion followed. Mr. Glance made a motion that council adopt as presented the ordinance adding definitions to regulate the parking of RVs and trailers and requiring a permit for the installation of a fence. Ms. Becker seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Brush, Grass, & Weeds: Solicitor Conlon summarized the draft ordinance. A discussion followed. Mr. Glance made a motion that council adopt as presented the ordinance regulating the growth of high brush, grass, and weeds. Ms. Becker seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 5-0.

Proposed Ordinance:

Accessory structures – The PA Department of Labor and Industry has responded with a authorization letter allowing the borough to proceed with the public hearing for the proposed ordinance that would require a building permit for structures in excess of 200 sf. Mr. Glance made a motion to advertise a public hearing for 7:00 pm on Monday, October 14, 2019 to discuss the proposed ordinance and to consider the ordinance for adoption at the regular meeting which will immediately follow. Ms. Becker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Gravel drive: Solicitor Conlon found no indication that the borough has adopted the gravel drive off Priscilla. It is considered a private road, and therefore the borough is not responsible for maintaining it.

Council member Nate Prepelka arrived at 7:30 PM.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Angora guard rail bid: President Tassaró reported that no bids were received for the project. A discussion followed. Solicitor Conlon will follow up with Kevin Brett regarding next step options.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Stover gave the police report. There was one animal call for a dead deer.

Mayor Stover indicated that State Representative Anita Kulik is having a shredding event on October 12, from 9a-12p at Pennsbury. She has asked for two volunteers from Rosslyn Farms to assist.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

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

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

Draft 2020 budget: Ms. Falk presented a rough draft to begin discussion of the 2020 budget. A budget committee consisting of Mr. Glance, Ms. Becker, and President Tassaró will meet with Ms. Falk to further refine the draft 2020 budget. Ms. Falk reported that she will be attending a webinar and a classroom training seminar to aid in establishing a capital projects fund.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Works/Sewers: President Tassaró reported that the public works crew found and repaired a storm sewer near the Maccarone property. There is a catch basin that will be cleaned out due to mud.

Consent order: President Tassaró will follow up with LSSE regarding the status of the consent order requirements for the sanitary sewers.

Facilities:

Bell tower dedication: Ms. Becker reported that there will be a dedication of the newly repaired bell tower on November 2.

Community Center Commission: Ms. Becker reported that the Commission has met to discuss its purpose and role. A discussion of the commission's role and council's responsibilities followed. The commission meets next on September 24. Ms. Becker will continue drafting a resolution to accurately reflect the commission's current role and status.

Parks/Rec:

Fees for use of field: A discussion was held regarding charging a fee for use of the field. Council agreed not to implement a fee for this year as they continue to consider the issue. Ms. Griffin and Mr. Prepelka will meet to discuss further.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Prepelka made a motion that council adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM. Ms. Becker seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.