

Borough of Rosslyn Farms

February 12, 2018

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of Council was called to order by President Steve Tassaró on Monday February 12, 2018 at the Rosslyn Farms Community Center. The following members of Council attended: L. Griffin; T. Stacy; G. Ragazzino; B. Gross; S. George; and N. Prepelka. Also present were Mayor Stover, Solicitor Molinaro and Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone.

Announcement by President: President commenced the meeting by reading a prepared statement to Council (see attached).

Minutes:

Council reviewed and approved the minutes of the January 8, 2018 regular meeting of Council as presented, Gross/Ragazzino, unanimous.

Bills:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the bills in January and to-date in February as presented. Gross/Ragazzino, unanimous.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone gave the January financial report.

President Tassaró introduced guests Kevin Brett of LSSE and Chief Secret of Scott Twp. Police Dept.

Opportunity for Citizens to Speak:

Nate Prepelka of 90 Pilgrim Rd. asked to speak on behalf of his wife Lauren who had been delayed. On May 23 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM a Career Fair will be presented at Carlynton HS. Requests are being made for volunteers to speak about their careers to students. Please notify the program by February 23th if you are available to speak.

Isabell Ford of 218 Puritan Road asked to speak and address the truck issues. There appears to be a misconception about the truck problem. As a long-time resident she said that truck issues have been an issue for many years. More so when traffic to the part of the industrial area from Carnegie was blocked by the low train underpass that has since been replaced.

Solicitor Molinaro explained some of the problems facing any municipality trying to restrict truck traffic. A traffic and engineering study must be completed to validate

restricting vehicles by size or weight. President Tassarò commented that there are obvious turns in our Borough that are not maneuverable by large trucks. Councilperson Ragazzino asked why there seems to be a rash of trucks coming through the Borough. Mayor Stover surmised that trucks are mistakenly turning into the Borough off of 365 West when trying to find Interstate 79 N.

Isabell Ford concluded her comments by thanking the Scott Police department for their great work while providing the Borough with 24/7 coverage and at a cost that helped pave our roads.

She also would like Council's consideration of a proposal to turn the shuffle board courts near the tennis courts into bocce courts.

Karen Buzza of 434 Kings Hwy asked to comment on truck traffic. She observed that from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM there are many large trucks coming thru the Borough from a trucking company that she was unable to get the full name. She asked if there are any truck signs from Baldwin Rd. to Kings Highway. Mayor Stover replied that there is a 15 ton limit sign on Kings Highway coming from that direction. It was mentioned that Cellone Bakery, who had been using our roads, will be discontinuing this truck route in May or June.

Bob Nixon of 420 Kings Hwy. asked Council what can be done about truck traffic. He suggested that we give alternate truck routes to companies. He suggested that we speak to dispatchers to make them aware of the problems. Councilperson Ragazzino added that GPS apps are designed to redistribute traffic to alternate routes which may be sending trucks through our Borough. President Tassarò said that he will talk to companies in the area receiving trucks.

Sylvia Bergstedt spoke to council as a new member of the Community Center Committee. She asked if a letter can be sent to the ISP owning the old R/F website to remove its content about Rosslyn Farms. It is confusing to anyone searching for our website. Councilperson Prepelka will work with her to help remove this content.

Chief Seccret was asked to speak on behalf of the police department. He commented that his police are asked to site trucks if and when possible. He gave an example of a legal truck driver that had been confused by GPS directions to turn right but that a sign read "no trucks". He also mentioned of the possibility of a study that might show that the grade of Baldwin Road might be shown to be unsafe for trucks.

The Chief was asked about the discharge of guns in R/F and gave a summary of the response to calls by citizens.

Kevin Brett of LSSE was recognized by Council and commented that one of his firm's Principals recommend a "dimensional study" for trucks.

He commented that Consent Order #2 expires June 2018 and that we have complied with all of the issues other than the ongoing O&M operations and maintenance. CO #2 will be replaced by CO #3 in 2018. He also said that we are waiting for a ruling on the MS4 program to determine if we are exempted.

LSSE is also working on an ongoing problem of run off/collapsed storm sewer along Rosslyn Road known as the Magidson Project.

Ongoing projects for LSSE are:

2018 Road Repaving Program with a Rosslyn Rd. Island at swimming pool.

Garage Construction with HVAC and Electric to bid

They have completed the Waste Load Management Report and submitted as required on behalf of R/F.

Report of Borough Council Committees:

PARKS – Councilperson Lee Griffin commented that since she has been appointed Council’s representative for Parks and Recreation she has been gathering information that would assist her to make recommendations to Council. One such issue is the poor condition of the playground equipment for children at the Community Center. The equipment has become unsafe and should be replaced or removed as soon as possible.

A motion was made to remove the swing set and slide at the Community Center as soon as possible. Griffin/Gross, unanimous.

Councilperson Griffin also recommended the purchase of a trash can for the Park. After a short discussion she rescinded her motion until discussions with Jonathon Glance and overall park planning.

She also talked with the Garden Club about consideration of their becoming a Borough sponsored committee. Solicitor Molinaro commented that Garden Clubs are typically volunteer and not a part of Borough Government.

Council Griffin will follow-up with the parties involved in community beatification including the Community Club to evaluate. She will update Council after attending a Community Club meeting.

ROADS/SEWERS – President Tassaró said road discussion will be deferred until later in the meeting.

Councilperson Gross thanked Charlie Smith and street Dept. for having our roads clear of ice and snow so early in the morning.

COG – Councilperson George reported that the COG meeting this week will be held in the R/F Community this Thursday at 6:30 PM. All Council members are invited.

Items discussed at the last COG meeting included:

Street Opening Permits – some municipalities to not have provisions

Community Blight- homes needing demolishing

Lead Safe (paint) Program sponsored by Allegheny County

COMMUNITY CENTER – Councilperson Stacy reported the 2018 officers of the Community Center are as follows:

Chair

Silvia Bergstedt

Financial
Rentals

Tara Benner
Andrea Harkins

Kathleen Green is reviewing old records for destruction. Solicitor Molinaro will advise.

TENNIS COURTS – Councilperson Griffin said trees at the tennis court area have been pruned. In addition to converting the shuffle board courts to Bocce courts, the sign needs restored. Charlie will be cleaning the courts in preparation for opening. Chris Green is no longer a member of the tennis court committee.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS BEFORE COUNCIL

Garage Construction - A motion was made and seconded to authorize the advertising for the completion of the Borough Garage. Ragazzino/Gross, unanimous. The bids will include the completion of the construction, electrical work and HVAC.

Mayor Stover advised that all costs of construction be tracked. President Tassaro discussed the cost of the garage doors which is included on the original contract at a cost of \$13,000. He has discussed the possibility of removing or deducting from the original contract if agreeable with the contractor. If so, it will be added to the bid specs to be advertised for completion of the contract.

A motion was made and seconded authorizing President Steve Tassaro to execute a deduct change order for removal of the garage door purchase and installation from the original contract if agreeable by Mann Construction. Gross/Ragazzino, unanimous.

Rosslyn Road Storm Sewer Project – President Tassaro gave a history of the water problems. Solicitor Molinaro will need to prepare a plan of easement for both a permanent and temporary construction easement based on the new proposed mitigation by LSSE. Solicitor Molinaro explained to Council the process of obtaining an easement and the possible costs associated with it.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize LSSE to prepare points and bounds for specific easement. Gross/George, unanimous.

2018 Road Project - A motion was made and seconded authorizing LSSE to prepare a plan design for the road project. Ragazzino/Gross, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to remove the proposed Rosslyn Road Island near the swimming pool from the plan design. Griffin/Ragazzino, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize advertising of the approved road design as completed by LSSE for items 1-9 on the list. Griffin/Gross, unanimous.

Speed Monitoring Device - President Tassarò suggested the use of a Traffic Logic Speed Monitoring device for use the Borough. The purpose is to collect traffic data.

Dissemination of Information – Council discussed the need and ability to disseminate information to its citizens. President Tassarò and Councilperson Ragazzino will be reviewing ways to provide information.

A motion was made and seconded to purchase a radar speed control device for an amount not to exceed \$3,500 from Traffic Logic. Gross/Ragazzino, unanimous

Scott Twp. Police Contract – Council has received copies of the draft agreement with services to be provided. Councilperson Gross shared discussions with Chief Secreet. Scott Police will make every effort to include more visibility during certain times of the day, ,i.e. Rush hours and school start and stop times. Citizens had a number of questions about police services.

Solicitor Molinaro pointed out that our annual contract cost of police services is about the cost of ½ of one police officer’s total compensation package. He also expressed complete confidence in Chief Secreet’s character and honesty.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize Solicitor Molinaro to work with the Scott Twp. Solicitor to prepare an agreement that can be presented to both Scot Twp. and Rosslyn Farms. George/Stacy, unanimous.

Garbage Contract – Council reviewed a copy of the current garbage collection contract to prepare for bidding a new Collection contract to be effective July 1, 2018. Councilperson Prepelka will consider new language to strengthen failure to complete services as contracted.

A motion was made and seconded to engage Hosack, Specht, Muetzel and Wood to complete the 2017 Municipal Audit. Griffin/Gross, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the same UPMC health insurance package for Borough employees at the increased cost through December 31, 2018. George/Gross, unanimous.

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

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone.

Steve Tassaro - Council President

Samuel A. Maccarone - Borough Sec./Treas.