

Borough of Rosslyn Farms

March 12, 2018

Regular Meeting

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

Minutes:

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

Bills:

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

Opportunity for Citizens to Speak:

President's Comments:

President Tassaro addressed Council to speak on issues of current interest. Truck Traffic – After gathering information since the last meeting, he composed a draft letter for distribution to local receiving or shipping trucking companies. A copy was circulated to Council. He attached a map showing routes that can be used to avoid driving through our Borough. A few of the Companies that may be using Rosslyn Farms were mentioned from a possible list. They included OK grocery (GE) and Amazon. Amazon indicated that they have their own GPS system which routes trucks. He also asked all concerned citizens to continue to feed Council information which might be of help tracking down the companies that have truck traffic through our Borough. He stressed that the more ammunition we have, the more effective we can be in minimizing truck traffic.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Molinaro said that Scott Twp. has the Rosslyn Farms Police agreement prepared but has not yet advertised the Ordinance to adopt. The only change they made in the agreement was to remove the automatic renewal clause so as not to commit a future Council to a prior Council's contract. Scott Twp. will approve the agreement/Ordinance at their next meeting.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Stover gave a police activity report. He announced that there will be a multi municipal meeting to discuss Active Shooter Alerts. Since Carlynton HS is in Robinson Township, the Robinson Police will be coordinating the meeting.

Report of Borough Council Committees:

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

PARKS – Councilperson Griffin reported that Charlie Smith requested mulch for a fall zone that will not exceed \$1,800 to purchase. She also would like Mulberry tree or trees removed from the Park area at a cost not to exceed \$1,600. She also is proposing the purchase or replacement of trash cans for the Parks that she would like to have on next month's agenda. She will provide information to consider in April.

A motion was made and seconded to approve an expenditure of not more than \$1,800 for the purchase of mulch for fall zones in the borough. Gross/Ragazzino, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to approve not more than \$1,600 for the removal of a tree along Park road as designated by Councilperson Griffin. Griffin/Ragazzino, unanimous.

ROADS/SEWERS – President Tassarò reported to Council that the Borough purchased a zero turn riding mower in 2017 but that a trailer needed to transport the mower was not available at that time. Charlie Smith has found one available at the cost of \$1,795 plus. There may be some funding available from a pledge from David Robb. President Tassarò will contact him to confirm.

A motion was made and seconded to purchase the trailer as selected by Charlie Smith at a cost of \$1,795+. Gross/George, unanimous.

COG – Councilperson George reported on the COG meeting. There were 14 of the 15 communities in the COG represented at the meeting held in our Community Center and hosted by Rosslyn Farms. A few items discussed were:

- Coraopolis Coffee Meetings with Citizens

- Mentoring program coordinated with Big Brothers/Big Sisters

- COG multi-municipal road paving project cancelled

- COG multi-municipal garbage contract discussions cancelled

- COG Annual Dinner will be held at Rockefeller's Restaurant on April 19. All are invited.

- The next COG meeting will be in Carnegie.

COMMUNITY CENTER – No report.

TENNIS COURTS – Councilperson Griffin announced that the proposed seasonal rates for use of the tennis courts are \$95 for a single, \$190 for family and ____ for non-residents.

A motion was made and seconded approving the 2018 tennis court rates as proposed. Ragazzino/Griffin, unanimous.

General discussion of the condition of the tennis courts and possible longer term costs. Councilperson Gross suggested that if the use and revenues generated show little interest in tennis, we might want to consider an alternative use of the area and the current reserves of approximately \$21,000.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Rossllyn Farms Web Site – There have been requests to correct or remove information from our old web site. President Tassarò gave a brief history of the loss of the domain to our original municipal web site. The new owner has not removed the information from the home page which is outdated and confusing to anyone trying to access Rossllyn Farms. The registered manager of the site has not responded to efforts to reach her. We also have a current domain using a different address which has not been updated. Council will explore efforts to remove the old domain information and update or develop a new domain to become the official Municipal Site. The Community Club domain is a separate and independent site and not the official Municipal Site. Councilperson Ragazzino will investigate the possibility of obtaining *Rossllyn Farms.org*. Councilperson Prepelka will meet with Sylvia Bergstedt (Community Center) to discuss options.

Secretary/Treasurer will find out the last time we have paid for services for web site management.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Business before Council:

A motion was made and seconded awarding the contract for the completion of the Borough Maintenance Building Construction to the low bidder Swede Construction for \$67,000; to the low bidder for the HVAC system, Independent Mechanical for \$3,835; and the low bid for the Electrical Work to Independent Mechanical for \$8495. Gross/Griffin, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the proper Borough Officials to sign all of the Borough Maintenance Building Construction Contracts. Griffin/Gross, unanimous

Construction Easement storm sewers at Rossllyn and Revere- President Tassarò discussed the proposed easement and the discussions he has had with the home owner affected.

He also informed council that the speed monitoring device from Traffic Logic previously approved has been purchased for \$2,952 but has not yet arrived.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt Ordinance #396 authorizing the adoption of the Police Services Agreement with Scott Twp. Griffin/Gross, unanimous.

Four originals of the police agreement are to be signed. Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone will have delivered a signed original agreement and a copy of ordinance #396 to the Scott Township Municipal Building tomorrow.

Garbage Contract – Council discussed the content of the contract that will be expiring and whether any language changes should be considered for the new contract before putting it out to bid. A discussion ensued about penalties for under/failed performance of contract requirements. There is currently an escape clause for penalties.

Solicitor Molinaro urged the Borough to notify the hauler immediately after discovery of missed pick-ups. The notification should be in writing.

Councilperson Gross suggested language be changed and will draft new language to send to Solicitor Molinaro for review.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize approval of the rubbish hauler contract with the modifications as discussed. Gross/Ragazzino, unanimous.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the advertising for bids for a new three year rubbish and recycle contract. George/Gross, unanimous.

Truck traffic discussion continued with consideration given to additional signage that could help curb large trucks. Solicitor Molinaro warned council that you must have legal reason to ban trucks.

The following ideas were mentioned to help curb traffic:

- Education of local businesses about truck routes

- Unnavigable roads in the Borough

- Baldwin road slope issues;

- Turning radius study – President Tassarò will contact LLSE to inquire about the cost and probability issues of this type of a survey.

President Tassarò will give Solicitor Molinaro locations for additional stop signs to consider and prepare a new ordinance.

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

Submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Maccarone.

Steve Tassarò - Council President

Samuel A. Maccarone - Borough Sec./Treas.