

Rural Valley Borough Council Minutes
April 14, 2014

Meeting opened by President William Spera with flag pledge.

Present: Anthony Arduini, Randy Arduini, Jeffrey Dorsey, Kathy Fusaro, Tom Krizmanich, Frank Palilla, William Spera, Lillian Bartosiewicz, Linda Ziembicki

Absent: Clifford Nichols

Parker Short, an Eagle Scout, was introduced to Council. Parker was sitting in on the meeting.

Randy Arduini moved to approve the minutes of March 10, 2014. Tony Arduini seconded. Minutes approved.

Solicitor Ziembicki addressed Council concerning the old bank building, 700 Main Street.

- Carl Waugaman, a structural engineer, has deemed the building unsafe.
- Next step is to deem the building in need of demolishing.
- Once done, need to order owner to demolish, giving him 30 to 45 days.
- Owner can appeal decision, but has to have something to base this on.
- If no action is taken, the Borough can take action and then bill the owner.
 - Code official can determine unsafe or
 - Go to Common Pleas Court to determine unsafe.
- Need to show there was a vote on open record and owner was given a chance to demolish.
- Have spoken to Grant Kanish of Bureau Veritas, he can deem structure unsafe and order it boarded up.
- Might be a good idea to have both Waugaman and Bureau Veritas official letters to attach to send owner.
- The demolishing is owner's cost. Borough as right to salvage whatever and collect; can file lien against property.
- If owner does not act, this is an ordinance violation which is a summary offence. Each day is a separate violation. This is the best route if vote to demolish. Go to magistrate for summary offence. Council has right to request demolition. Recoup with fines, if necessary.
- Need to deem the building in need of demolishing.
- Need to contact Bureau Veritas for their study and report on the structure.
- Make sure a time is set for demolition after reports come in.
- As of present time, only deed on record is the repository deed with Wright as owner.

Kathy Fusaro moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Jeff Dorsey seconded. Treasurer's report accepted.

Jeff Dorsey moved to pay the bills presented. Tony Arduini seconded. Motion carried. Need to have Kevin inform Jeff that he is to mark all water time on his time cards.

Correspondence read.

Secretary will contact Intuit that their payroll service is no longer needed. Cost is getting too high.

Received a letter from Melanie (Davidson) asking if the Borough is interested in purchasing the property next to the Borough building. Discussion took place: Previously offered \$10,000. Can tear down and expand park facility, widen road, improve looks.

Frank Palilla moved to authorize Randy Arduini and Tom Krizmanich to proceed with negotiations. Kathy Fusaro seconded. Motion carried.

Committees:

Mayor:

- Police Report and Ordinance Officer Report given.
- Methodist Church requested closing of Main Street from Cemetery Ave. to Kime Rd. on Friday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to Noon. Randy Arduini moved to approve closure. Jeff Dorsey seconded. Motion carried.
- Possibly need to increase cost of mowing for unkept properties. W. Kittanning charges \$100.
- House on Main Street reported for loud music.
- Wall at 919 E. First Street collapsed Kevin and Randy cleaned the road. Ordinance Officer and Mayor need to talk to owner.

- Kathy Fusaro moved to declare the old bank building at 700 Main Street unsafe and to order the owner to have the structure demolished. Jeffrey Dorsey seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Kathy Fusaro moved to have the County building code enforcers, Bureau Veritas, have one of their certified representatives assess the structure at 700 Main Street. Pending the decision of Bureau Veritas, the owner of 700 Main Street will have 30 days to complete the demolition of the building. Randy Arduini seconded. Motion carried.

Water & Sewage:

- Water report.
- Kevin will flush lines on April 22 and 23, weather permitting.
- Clean-up Day will be coordinated with that of the Township.
- Flyers will be distributed to residents. Council needs to decide what needs to be on this flyer.

Communications:

- Windstream has bundled our services. Will save about \$70 month.
- Kevin had some PC issues. Now corrected.
- Tony Arduini recommended giving a stipend of \$9.99-\$10 for reimbursement of use of cell phones. Will finalize next meeting.
- Recycling bins will probably be moved to upper end of parking lot. Will be emptied once a week.

Streets:

- Put in for County Grant: Parkwood by Covola, School by Ken Prugh, Seal coat and tar and chip around the school.
- Hollow Road—will let Township do maintenance.
- Line Street needs patching.

Equipment:

- Need tires on the backhoe--\$1300 to \$1500 estimate.
- Truck battery needs replaced.
- Priced shot gun for police—tactical shot gun, Remington, weather resistant \$429. Check on trading in the old one.

Parks:

- New SV Rec. officers are: Rick Wranich, President; Margie Hayes, Vice; Lillian Bartosiewicz, Sec-Treas.
- Determining price for new lodge roof—probably 2015 project.
- Possible adding vestibule by main door of lodge for Legion/Lions memorabilia.
- Safety chips are ordered for playground.
- Possibly no golf outing this year.
- Linda Ziembicki asked about possibility of installing machine pitch for T-ball. Jason Elkin knows specs. Will check with SV Rec to help with this item.
- Gas is freezing at the lodge. Need to look at regulators.

Other:

- Kathy Fusaro moved to make the ruling that Council acknowledge the deaths of Council members and employees, their immediate family, siblings, parents, and parents-in-law with a book placed in the library of West Shamokin High School at an estimated cost of \$35 taken from the Special Fund. Tony Arduini seconded. Motion carried.

Randy Arduini moved to adjourn. Tony Arduini seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting, Monday, May 12, 2014, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Bartosiewicz, Secretary