

Rural Valley Borough Council Minutes May 12, 2014

Meeting opened by President William Spera with flag pledge.

Present: Anthony Arduini, Randy Arduini, Jeffrey Dorsey, Tom Krizmanich, Clifford Nichols, Frank Palilla, William Spera, Lillian Bartosiewicz, Linda Ziembicki, Ken Howard, Joe Weister, Dwain Craft

Absent: Kathy Fusaro

Joe Weister and Dwain Craft, representatives of the Shannock Valley Festival Committee, addressed Council concerning 1) permission to have the festival at the park 2) permission to move one of the electric poles. Council OK'd both.

Linda Ziembicki addressed Council concerning the old bank, 700 Main Street. Her advice is to now have the Ordinance Officer issue, in writing, an order to demolish the structure with a 30-day time frame. To be safe, also serve the order to the partner and their acclaimed new owner Darl Saunders. Send the order by certified mail and also by regular mail. Once done, if no action is taken, the Borough will begin serving summary offences.

Ken Howard of Bankson Engineers addressed Council with the possibility of applying for a Commonwealth Financing Authority grant for radio-based meters. Application would be due by end of this week; all papers are ready for signatures. Total project cost would be \$148,500. Borough would have to match 15% or \$22,275. Council will discuss.

Tony Arduini moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2014. Jeff Dorsey seconded. Minutes approved.

Randy Arduini moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Clifford Nichols seconded. Treasurer's report accepted.

Randy Arduini moved to pay the bills presented. Jeff Dorsey seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence read.

Received letter from County that the Borough's request for County Aid for seal coat on School and Kime was granted in the amount of \$15,000. Borough needs to submit MS-339 and accept resolution so project may begin. Total estimated project cost and allocation requested is \$30,000. Randy Arduini moved to accept Resolution No. 3-2014, the MS-339 Application for County Aid. Cliff Nichols seconded. Motion carried.

Frank Palilla moved to renew the police professional liability policy with Darwin National Assurance Co. at a premium of \$1,925. Tony Arduini seconded. Motion carried.

Pictures of areas of the park, which are in dire need of repair, were passed around. Resident Deanna Mitchell brought these problems to the attention of Council. She is also willing to try to obtain some volunteers to help with these needed repairs. Secretary is to make a work list with these items for Kevin.

Committees:

Mayor:

- Community Action called informing Borough they should have a couple of workers very soon.
- Police report and Ordinance Officer report given.
- Melony Davidson has asked for names of three real estate agents to appraise her property before making any selling decisions.
- Discussed whether houses are inspected after repairing and before renting. Need to check ordinance.

Water & Sewage:

- Discussion on the application for a grant for the radio-based meters and software upgrade. Seems to be more a luxury. We have committed to sharing cost of replacing guns now used, and the matching funds are just not now available for the Borough. Council decided not to apply for the grant. Secretary will call Bankson.
- Clean-up Day is May 22, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Scrap metal will not be set aside. Add to flyer ordinances on grass, animals, junk vehicles, and house numbers. Secretary will contact Alex Lasslo to distribute.
- Kevin will work his regular hours on clean-up day—7 to 3:30. Jeff will work from 12 noon till 8 p.m.

Communications:

- There are two separate fax lines coming into the building. This is needed, as the police needs a private fax machine.
- Possibly our web page could have local business links.

Streets:

- Three-fourths of the town has been swept.
- The \$30,000 grant requested for seal coating has been approved for \$15,000.
- Kevin has a class tomorrow and will be taking his own vehicle, so he will be reimbursed for mileage.

Equipment:

- After truck pricing, will be better to separate the plow and saltbox from the price of the truck. Right now a Ford 250 is \$24,996, Ford 350 is \$26,341, Chevy is around \$30,000. Definite prices will be given next meeting.
- Jeff Dorsey moved to purchase a police shotgun for \$400. Randy Arduini seconded. Motion carried.
- Possibly need another town meeting for the Community Watch.
- Council all agreed that there will be no lending of Borough equipment.

Parks:

- Dug outs are coming along. Sidewalk layout is going to be changed.
- Porta-John at the park was marred with graffiti. Again we should possibly look into cameras.
- Possibility of adding a shed area to the stage for storage.

Financial:

- Frank Palilla moved to donate \$1,000 from the Special Fund to help defray expenses of the Shannock Valley Festival. Tony Arduini seconded. Motion carried.

Randy Arduini moved to adjourn. Clifford Nichols seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting, Monday, June 9, 2014, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Bartosiewicz, Secretary