

Rural Valley Borough Council Minutes January 13, 2014

Meeting opened by President William Spera with flag pledge.

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

Kathy Fusaro moved to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2012, meeting. Jeff Dorsey seconded. Minutes approved.

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

Jeff Dorsey moved to pay the bills presented. Cliff Nichols seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence read. Secretary will send Lee Calarie a letter informing him of Council's decision to reappoint him to the SV General Services Board.

Jeff Dorsey moved to appoint Rick McGraw as auditor for 2014. Frank Palilla seconded. Motion carried.

Frank Palilla moved to accept Ordinance 2014-1, Approving the Annual Tax for 2014. Kathy Fusaro seconded. Ordinance accepted and approved.

Discussed the LERTA tax relief program. No decisions made.

Committees:

2014 Committees: Streets – Randy, Tony, Jeff; Water & Sewage – Kathy, Cliff, Randy; Finance & Personnel – Frank, Kathy, Cliff; Parks & Recreation – Cliff, Frank, Kathy; Operations – Jeff, Randy, Tony; Communications – Tony, Jeff, Frank; Public Safety – Tom, Jeff, Randy

Mayor:

- Police Report and Ordinance Officer Report given.
- Ordinance report included report on old bank. Condition is a public hazard and owner cannot be contacted. Solicitor has stated Borough can repair/remove at cost of owner to make it publicly safe.
- Randy Arduini moved to obtain a statement in writing from our solicitor, Linda Ziembicki, that the Borough of Rural Valley is permitted by law to hire someone to make the necessary repairs to the old bank, 700 Main Street, without delay to make it as safe as possible for the public with all costs of repairs going to Joseph A. Wright, the owner, putting liens on his properties if necessary. Motion seconded by Jeff Dorsey. Motion approved unanimously.
- Davidson house that burned discussed.
- Discussed panel truck parking on Main Street. Will have to be moved as it is hazard to have it parked on Main.
- Elderton has mentioned wanting to have our Police involved in a mutual aid. Council agreed it did not work in past and to keep our Police Dept. as is.
- Jeff Dorsey moved to give Tom Krizmanich, Mayor, the authority to obtain Community Service employment. Tony Arduini seconded. Roll call: Yes: Anthony Arduini, Randy Arduini, Jeffrey Dorsey, Kathy Fusaro, Clifford Nichols, Frank Palilla, William Spera No: None

Water & Sewage:

- Water report.
- Shaffer house on Main was sold at sheriff's sale, so Borough lost \$300+ on water bills.
- Increase in water rates needs advertised and resolution made.
- Discussed having recycle bin moved into Borough. Tony Arduini will check into it and also if there are any funds to possibly fence it in or have cameras so it is not abused.
- Frank Palilla moved to have Bankson Engineers attend one of Council's meetings to explain water test results. Randy Arduini seconded. Motion carried. Kathy Fusaro will contact Bankson.

- Randy will be checking with Dayton and Wayne about landfill.

Communications:

- Tony Arduini will check on getting WiFi—possibly free from Windstream.
- As of January 1, Tony will not be charging for keeping up WebSite.
- Tony Arduini will redo the website and obtain an email address through Boro.

Operations:

- Windshield of truck needs replaced. Jeff will check on prices.
- Truck needs some other repairs. Will probably take it to Armstrong.
- Discussed need for new pickup and if bids are needed if going through CoStar. New truck would save on wear and tear of the old, give backup for emergency also provide use of two trucks in emergencies.
- Jeff Dorsey moved to look into the purchasing of a pickup with a plow and spreader. Randy Arduini seconded. Roll Call: Yes: Anthony Arduini, Randy Arduini, Jeffrey Dorsey, Kathy Fusaro, Clifford Nichols, William Spera No: Frank Palilla

Parks & Recreation:

- Dugout work on hold because of weather.
- Kevin and Jeff Shondelmyer are beginning work on making a work area in pole barn.
- SV Rec. meeting on Feb. 3. Discussed Lite-Up Nite and will wait for Rec. board's input.

Finance & Personnel:

- Frank Palilla moved:
 - Mayor will schedule Jeff Shondelmyer's work with police being priority.
 - Jeff Shondelmyer will learn everything needed for Borough work.
 - Jeff & Kevin will work flexible hours.
 - Committee Chairpersons will provide 'punch list' when necessary.
 - Expenses will be signed by proper Chairman or Mayor.
 - Code Officer will be working within the Police Department.
 - Kevin Nelson is designated as foreman and will make decisions concerning work in Boro.
 - Kevin Nelson may spend up to \$400 on equipment and/or materials needed for Boro work without approval.
 - Kevin Nelson will train Jeff Shondelmyer in all aspects of Boro work.

Randy seconded motion. Roll call: Yes: Anthony Arduini, Randy Arduini, Jeffrey Dorsey, Kathy Fusaro, Clifford Nichols, Frank Palilla, William Spera No: None

- Frank Palilla moved to list Rural Valley Borough employees as Kevin Nelson, Jeff Shondelmyer, Lillian Bartosiewicz and Louis Bartosiewicz and all previous hires are now not Borough employees. Kathy Fusaro seconded motion. Motion carried.
- Frank Palilla moved to set Secretary Lillian Bartosiewicz's wage for 2014 at \$8,250. Clifford Nichols seconded. Roll call: Yes: Randy Arduini, Jeffrey Dorsey, Kathy Fusaro, Clifford Nichols, Frank Palilla, William Spera No: Anthony Arduini

Other:

- Cliff Nichols moved to permit the loaning of Shannock Valley banners to old SV gym, if wanted. Jeff Dorsey seconded motion. Motion carried.
- Gym is up and running. Elementary basketball is being played there. Rental is \$50 hour.

Jeff Dorsey moved to adjourn the meeting. Tony Arduini seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting, Monday, February 10, 2014, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Bartosiewicz, Secretary