

Rural Valley Borough Council Minutes
April 11, 2016

Meeting opened by President Will Spera with flag pledge.

Present: Randy Arduini, Tony Arduini, Louis Bartosiewicz, Kathy Fusaro, Clifford Nichols, Frank Palilla, William Spera, Larry Walker, Lillian Bartosiewicz, Kevin Nelson, Jeff Shondelmyer, Josh Krizmanich Residents: Tim Watterson and Tonka Crosby
Absent: Clifford Nichols

Resident Tim Watterson of 1010 E. Main complained about his neighbor blocking the right-of-way between houses. Resident Tonka Crosby also complained about her neighbor's use of the same alley. Council will discuss this problem in committee and the two residents will receive a letter concerning the decision.

Borough discussed problem and made the following decision: The unmaintained 12 ft. alley will continue to be an unmaintained Borough alley. The alley can be used by either parties, but it is not to be blocked at any time only with the exception for brief loading and unloading purposes.

Discussion of over-weight trucks in the Borough was discussed, and there is a 10 Ton limit on all Borough streets.

Kathy Fusaro moved to accept the March 14, 2016 minutes. Tony Arduini seconded. Minutes accepted.

Randy Arduini moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Kathy Fusaro seconded. Report accepted.

Randy Arduini moved to pay the bills presented. Larry Walker seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence read:

Kathy Fusaro moved to accept Resolution 2016-1 accepting our updated current emergency operations plan. Tony Arduini seconded. Motion carried.

Committees:

Mayor:

- Police report given.
- West Shamokin Football Parents requested Main Street be closed on August 24, 2016 from 6 p.m. until a parade ends at the park. Frank Palilla moved to grant this closing. Tony Arduini seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussion on what employees to use at park or boro. Decision to keep things as are using the help when and where needed. Also, it was recommended to hire Dave Knepschild part time for park work.
- Would like to see the grass ordinance and info concerning the Borough web page on the flyers that are distributed for clean-up day.
- Solicitor still waiting for hearing with Saunders. Right now they are offering \$500 and turning property over to Borough.

Water:

- Water report given.
- Water line at Nagy's will be redone this month by Tim Fouse.

Building/Maintenance:

- Boro website has been updated.
- Comcast is checking our agreement to see if we can receive free internet.
- Some changes have been suggested for the confidentiality agreement. Will look at next month.

Streets:

- Discussion of Water Street/85 intersection and the need to remove brush. Randy will call Andy Firment.
- Salt is taken care of for next year. Cut back some as we are full now.
- Broom will be rented to clean streets.
- Chris Subula is complaining about parking. She has been directed to talk to Greg DiMaio and/or John DiMaio to see where she can purchase the necessary signs for loading/unloading.
- Rural Valley Construction having an auction. They have road signs, cones, etc. plus other equipment we possibly could use. Kathy Fusaro moved to obtain a letter of credit for \$30,000 from First National so that Kevin can attend auction and see what we could get that we need. Larry Walker seconded. Motion carried.

Parks:

- Mike Bish should begin on the addition to the stage in next few weeks; however, the Borough needs a signed contract.
- Frank Palilla moved to hire Dave Knepshield as a part-time employee at \$15 an hr. Randy Arduini seconded. Motion carried.

Went into executive session at 8:26 to discuss some employee matters.

Financial:

- Randy Arduini moved to give Kevin Nelson an incentive-based bonus contingent on his performance. This move will rescind the \$535.36 per month increase he received at the February 2016 meeting. The bonus will be \$2,670 per quarter, paid at the beginning of each quarter, and retroactive to January 1, 2016. The first quarter of 2016 will be decreased by the \$535.36 he received for February and March. Motion seconded by Tony Arduini. Motion carried.
- No bids received on the old plow. If Jeff Shondelmyer still wants it for \$200, he may purchase it.

Kathy Fusaro moved to adjourn. Randy Arduini seconded. Meeting adjourned.

**Next Meeting:
Monday, May 9, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Bartosiewicz, Secretary