

**Rural Valley Borough Council Minutes**  
**December 11, 2017**

Meeting opened by President Will Spera with flag pledge.

Present: Randy Arduini, Louis Bartosiewicz, Kathy Fusaro, Frank Palilla, William Spera, Larry Walker, Lillian Bartosiewicz, Clifford Nichols, Matt Finotti, Ken Howard

Absent: Tony Arduini

Clifford Nichols was presented with a watch in appreciation of his 12 years on Council.

Ken Howard of Bankson Engineers addressed Council concerning prioritized needs of the Borough's water system:

- Acceptable cover for water basin outside building
- Chlorine pump operation needs updated
- Kime wells need updated
- Chlorine safety
- Possibly reactivate Judson well
- Fix aeration tower on top of basin
- SCATA system update

Randy Arduini moved to accept the November 13 minutes. Kathy Fusaro seconded. Minutes accepted.

Larry Walker moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Randy Arduini seconded. Report accepted.

Frank Palilla moved to pay the bills presented including Highway Aid bills to Cowanshannock Twp. for \$1,343.50; M&M Lime Co invoice for \$447.55; and HEI-WAY LLC invoices for \$148.83 and \$175.66. Kathy Fusaro seconded. Motion carried.

Garbage bid opened from Hugill Sanitation—no other bids. Randy Arduini moved to accept the Hugill Sanitation 3-yr. contract beginning January 1, 2018. Larry Walker seconded. Bid accepted.

Correspondence read.

**Committees:**

**Mayor:**

- Kathy Fusaro moved to accept the resignation of Officer Michael Bartosiewicz, as he accepted a full-time position with Kittanning. Randy Arduini seconded. Motion carried.
- Auditor General notified Mayor that their office will be doing audits of police departments.

**Water:**

- Water report given. All other info was covered with Ken Howard's report.

**Streets:**

- Water/drainage problem corrected at Center Avenue.
- Applying for grant to help with repairs on Line Street and Main Street.

**Building/Maintenance:**

- Kathy Fusaro moved to obtain an estimate of repairing electric needs for Christmas lights. Frank Palilla seconded. Motion carried.

**Finance:**

- Frank Palilla moved to accept the 2018 budget to be funded by 7 mill real estate tax, 1 mill fire protection tax, 1 mill street light tax, .5 per cent wage tax, and .5 percent realty transfer tax and \$5 per capita tax. Randy Arduini seconded. Motion carried.

**Other:**

Kathy Fusaro moved to accept the following dates for the 2018 Borough Council meetings, all to begin at 6:30 p.m.:

January 2 and 8	February 12	March 12	April 9	May 14	June 11
July 9	August 13	September 10	October 8	November 12	December 10

Randy Arduini seconded. Dates accepted.

Frank Palilla requested Council go into Executive Session.

Randy Arduini moved to make Matthew Finotti Chief of Police as of January 1, 2018. Larry Walker seconded. Motion carried.

Frank Palilla moved to approve the following wages for 2018:

Clifford Nichols: Full-time at \$17 per hr., \$250 clothing allowance; 2-weeks' vacation, 5 sick days, 7 paid holidays, 1 hour minimum call out.

Dave Knepshield and Jim Zimmerman: Part-time at \$15 per hour.

Lillian Bartosiewicz: \$800 per month.

Matthew Finotti: Full-time at \$17.50 per hr., 2-weeks' vacation, 5 sick days, 7 paid holidays, 1 hr. minimum call out.

Jose' Pantoja: Part-time at \$16 per hr.

Larry Walker seconded motion. Motion carried.

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

- **Next Meeting: Reorganization, Tuesday, January 2, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**
  - **Regular Meeting, Monday, January 8, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Bartosiewicz, Secretary