

Rural Valley Borough Council Minutes
January 14, 2019

Meeting opened by President Will Spera with flag pledge.

Present: Council: Randy Arduini, , Kathy Fusaro, Jon Nagy, Frank Palilla, William Spera, Larry Walker, Mayor Louis Bartosiewicz, Secretary Lillian Bartosiewicz, Employees Clifford Nichols, Jim Zimmerman, Police Officer Matt Finotti, Future Secretary Jessica Zimmerman, SV Festival Rep. Pam Steffy, Resident Lee Calarie

Absent: Anthony Arduini

Pam Steffy addressed Council for approval of festival dates of July 25, 26, 27. 5K run and bicycle race on Saturday morning. Committee is looking at possibility of parade on Saturday instead of Friday. Council agreed to dates and Saturday morning runs; however, Council not agreeable to Saturday parade.

Lee Calarie addressed Council concerning Shannock Avenue. He cannot find an ordinance on the part of the road already approved by Council. He will get paperwork ready for the other part of the road but needs the old paperwork (deed, dedication, description, ordinance); otherwise, he is willing to work on both. Secretary will try to find info for him.

Frank Palilla moved to accept the minutes of December 10, 2018. Randy Arduini seconded. Minutes accepted.

Randy Arduini moved to accept the treasurer's report. Larry Walker seconded. Motion carried.

Kathy Fusaro moved to pay the bills, which included Highway Aid bills to Cowahshannock Twp. for mowing along roadway--\$498.00, HEI-WAY LLC for bituminous Invoices #81214017-\$160.08, Inv. 90104013-\$167.87. Randy Arduini seconded. Motion carried.

Frank Palilla moved to exonerate Sharon Arduini, tax collector, for 2018 collection. Jon Nagy seconded. Motion carried with one member abstaining.

Committees:

Mayor:

- Police report given.
- Mayor discussed the letter received last month from Ms. Montgomery with Justice Kevin McCullough. Decision was to continue monitoring this situation.
- Need to look into hiring a new solicitor, as Linda Ziembicki has not been answering any of Borough's calls, texts, emails. Mayor has called many local attorneys, Roger Mechling and Ty Heller are interested. Frank Palilla moved that the secretary send a letter to Linda informing her of Council's intention of dismissing her, and have Mayor contact the office of Mechling and Heller to become our new solicitors. Randy Arduini seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussed properties in town needing demolition. For present time, the owner need fined for not following ordinances.
- Eric Knestrick is offering \$800 for the Palmer property. As it received no bids after advertisement, Jon Nagy moved to accept the bid of \$800 plus buyer covering all costs. Larry Walker seconded. Motion carried.

Water:

- Water report given
First National Bank will give Boro a loan for water at 3.45% for 5 yrs. Kathy Fusaro moved to beginning process for this loan to cover our portion of the grant. Randy Arduini seconded. Motion carried.
- Discussed late payments of water bills. Kathy Fusaro moved to enforce the ruling that if a person's water bill reaches \$100 in late fees on the water portion of the bill, water will be turned off and water will not be turned on until the full amount of the bill plus the \$70 turn-on fee is paid in full. Jon Nagy seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Garbage:

- Problem on the dumpsters being too close to streets has been rectified.

Streets:

One more load of salt will be ordered for this winter.

Personnel:

- Frank Palilla moved to hire Jessica Zimmerman as Secretary/Treasurer of Rural Valley Borough at the rate of \$600 per month beginning February 1, 2019, with a probationary period of 6 months. Randy Arduini seconded. Motion carried.
- Police pension discussed. Frank Palilla will discuss it with Matt. Right now looking at a 457B.

Went into Executive Session

Kathy Fusaro moved to adjourn. Jon Nagy seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: February 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Bartosiewicz, Secretary