

**ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**September 29, 2008**

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on September 29, 2008 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited, the roll was called as follows: Mr. Denelsbeck, Mr. Caffrey, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Kain, Mr. Kelleher and Mayor Praediger. Additions: Mr. Casey - Streets Crew - Personnel.  
Mr. Caffrey - Drop Program - Public Safety.

**Law and Planning:** Mr. Caffrey advised that Mr. Beady did not give him anything. Mr. Denelsbeck wanted to know from Mr. Bresnan if the meeting was still scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> of October for the Loney Street Walkway. Yes it is. Mr. Denelsbeck advised on the streetscape program that if the city cannot get their act together, we are going to have to separate. We are going to give them another month. We have all the details on how to separate. Mr. Bresnan will have to write a letter regarding the funding separation. It is a matter of PennDot getting their funding together to go in the spring or separating so we can go in the spring. Mr. Caffrey asked if we separate how much it will cost us. Mr. Denelsbeck doesn't think it will cost us anything. It will cost us the volume of scale to the bid. This will save us the time of having to wait for the city. With the events of today it may take a little longer. This may be a far more reality than Mr. Denelsbeck thought it was going to be.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that Mrs. Metzinger has notified him that the new permit fee scheduled is about 80% complete.

**Finance:** Mr. Casey made a motion to accept the 2009 MMO which is the Minimum Municipal Obligation in the amount of \$36,884.00. Mr. Caffrey 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Mr. Denelsbeck asked if anyone had anything to discuss about this resolution. The resolution will be 2008-02. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that this means the Borough will have to pay \$2,249.00 into the pension fund. We are required to pay \$36,884.00, the officers pay \$16,000 something, and the state paid \$20,000 something that leaves \$2,249.00 which is our balance to pay which is half of what was paid last year. Vote taken, the vote being 5:0. Resolution 2008-02 is adopted.

Mr. Casey had a pension plan update. The pension meeting was held and everyone was in attendance. Kathy Jordan advised that we are down this year because of the stock market. We are better off than most market funds. Mr. Duda was also here and he also agreed that we are in better shape than most of the other boroughs and townships.

**Public Service:** Mrs. Kain advised that we will be receiving a rebate from the Waste System Authority in the amount of \$13, 410.00 and we should be receiving it in early 2009. The purpose of this rebate is to reimburse municipalities with interest who paid \$75.00 a ton in 1997 & 1998 while commercial haulers paid \$58.50 a ton. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that the tipping fee this year has gone down to \$63.00 a ton at the transfer station. Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mr. Bresnan to look into the agreement with Waste System Authority to see if we can get out. The rebate is because they robbed us in 1997 and 1998 by charging us \$75.00 a ton and charging commercial haulers \$58.00 and one of the municipalities must have sued them. Along with that we received a set of new rules. Mr. Bresnan will do.

The newsletter was taken to the post office last week.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mr. Bresnan if bids are needed for things we want to purchase under \$4,000.00. Mr. Bresnan advised no. Mr. Denelsbeck passed around literature about fall banners and will discuss this further at the end of the meeting.

**Public Safety:** Mr. Caffrey would like to motion to name Joseph Metzinger as our new Emergency Management Coordinator. All were in favor.

Mr. Caffrey would like to discuss the DROP Program. He would like to make a motion to advertise the ordinance. Mr. Bresnan advised that we have to amend the pension ordinance to include a drop provision in the ordinance. Vote taken, the vote being 4:1. Mr. Denelsbeck opposed.

Mayor Praediger wanted to mention that the car show went beyond their expectations. Everyone involved in the car show/crime night out are meeting next week to discuss things that they noticed should be changed for next year. There were 217 entrants. Thank you to everyone involved. He will speak about finances at next meeting.

Mr. Kelleher advised Mayor Praediger that they did a great job. Mr. Kelleher asked if Mayor Praediger could talk to Chief Leary. Pipe Services will be out on Tuesday and we may need a little bit of police presence. Mr. Kelleher would like to see a little bit of police presence on the pike when they are working out there around the monuments. We are being reimbursed for the labor of the plaques being taken down.

**Streets, Lights, and Sewers:** Mr. Kelleher had a few updates. The sign at Ciegelkowski has been completed. The crew has been fixing street signs. The islands on the Pike have been an ongoing project. Some of the crosswalks have been painted. The crew has removed some graffiti. The crew has been checking some of the storm water inlets. On Saturday the monument was taken down and the crew helped with that. Normal weeds and yard waste.

Mr. Kelleher wanted to give an update on what happened with Wexler Plumbing. Wexler Plumbing was hired to camera and jet the sewers on certain streets. They went out and jetted Fox, Loney, Borbeck, Chandler, Church, Fillmore and Robbins. They did a great job jetting them. When it came time to camera them, they did not have the right equipment and could not do it. They tried for  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a day. We went back to them and they are only going to charge us for what they did. They are not going to charge us for the attempted camering. We called Pipe Services and they are going to come out to do the camering at half their price to jet and camera. Mr. Kelleher stated maybe next year we might want to have Wexler do what they do and have Pipe Services do what they do. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we do not know yet if Wexler did a good enough job for Pipe Services. Mr. Kelleher stated that he told Mrs. Metzinger to hold off on Wexler payment until we are sure everything is fine. Mr. Denelsbeck stated he thinks we should hold off paying Wexler until we vote on if we are paying them or not. I don't think we honor a contract that they couldn't meet. We do not know if the job that Wexler did was good enough because we have not seen the pictures yet and they did estimate the whole job. Mr. Kelleher advised that Wexler will only be charging us for the work that they did. Mr. Bresnan advised that there could be an adjustment in price. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that before we pay Wexler, we will look at the tapes first to see if what they did was good enough. Mr. Denelsbeck advised the amount of flow out of that section of the borough used to be rated at 117,000 gallons of sewage a year it is actually 117,000,000 gallons of sewage. We were getting estimated bills from the City of Philadelphia. We received a real bill. We are trying to pull all the water bills from every

unit that flows in there to see if it matches, because there is an \$85,000 sewer bill that needs to be paid over and above our budget amount. These cameras are important because if there is infiltration or something wrong we need to know that so it can be corrected.

There was a discussion about the sewer bill, sewer connections, etc.

**Recreation:** Mrs. Kain had nothing at this time. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that the tree was planted at Jarrett Avenue Playground. He was wondering if it could be moved. Mayor Praediger advised that they ran into some concrete so it had to go where it is. It cannot be planted where the other tree was. Mr. Denelsbeck asked if it could be planted on the hill where the kids do not sled. Mayor Praediger will check into this. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that Mr. Casey is leading the Tennis Court charge with Mrs. Metzinger and Mr. Stoneback.

**Property:** Mr. Kelleher advised that Clint will be looking at the Police Station roof.

**Personnel:** Mr. Casey made a motion to hire Keith Jackson and Nicholas Cooney as streets crew employees. Mr. Jackson is a resident and Mr. Cooney was a resident and now lives in Philadelphia. This is contingent on the background check. All were in favor.

Reminder that political signs are not allowed in the borough until the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. They must be removed 2 days after the election.

### **Public Comment:**

Linda Jarow, 128 Church Road, thought that the police did a good job closing the roads during the car show. It was very nice and it was good for the community. She has a community concern. She lives across the street from Montefiore Cemetery. She knows technically it is not in Rockledge. There is a lot of vandalism in there. Although it is not a Rockledge property she was wondering if there is anything that we can do. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that some of the property is in Rockledge. The problem areas are in the back. Maybe Rockledge police can monitor this situation. Someone will talk to the Chief about this concern. Also, if she has any questions about the trash pick up who should she call. Mr. Denelsbeck advised her to call the Borough Office. She was also not sure about the plastic recycling. Mr. Denelsbeck advised her that we only recycle #1 & #2 plastic. Maybe this information can be placed in the next newsletter for people who do not know this. She also had a compliment about the police department. Her mother who has Alzheimer's and lived with Mrs. Jarow, the police did an excellent job whenever there was an incident. Any police officer who has come to her house or her neighbor's houses has been considerate and helpful.

Mr. Kirby had a question about the building on Shady Lane at the end of Montgomery. He was wondering about the parking there. They did knock the building down that was there and Mr. Denelsbeck confirmed that that is going to be their parking lot.

Mr. Denelsbeck gave the quotes for the fall flags for Huntingdon Pike. Display Sales in Minnesota. The price for enough banners to do the Pike with a couple extra is \$3,430.00. About Flags, who we have used before, for the same quantity is \$3,785.00. We can have Grace check for extra brackets. Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to order the fall banners from Display Sales. All were in favor.

Motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Hines  
Borough Clerk