

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
JANUARY 8, 2007

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on January 8, 2007, at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows: Mr. Denelsbeck, Mrs. Walz, Mr. Beady, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. Caffrey, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Kehoe, and Mayor Costello.

Mr. Beady added a meeting announcement to his Law & Planning Agenda. The light pole bid was moved from Finance to Law & Planning.

Mr. Casey made a motion adopt the agenda. All were in favor.

Motion was made to accept the December 11, 2006 minutes. All were in favor.

Law and Planning: Mr. Beady made a motion to accept the monthly Building Inspector's report. All were in favor.

Mr. Beady announced that the Planning Commission would be meeting on January 16, 2007 regarding the subdivision application received by Robert Sawyer, 216 Robbins Avenue.

Mr. Beady announced that he and the Borough Manager would be meeting with Building Inspection Underwriters to discuss permit procedures. Permit fees will also be reviewed.

Mr. Beady made a motion to award the contract to purchase poles and luminaries for Streetscape Project. Mr. Hartey explained that we needed to spend this grant money before the grant runs out. We need to order 45 poles. The lowest bid came from Friedman: \$2,095/pole for a total of \$94,275. They will hold delivery until we need them. All were in favor of awarding the bid to Friedman.

Finance: Mr. Casey made a motion to accept the monthly bills and tax collector's report. All were in favor.

Mr. Casey made a motion to adopt Ordinance #598, amending Ordinance #444 regarding Realty Transfer Tax. Mr. Denelsbeck explained that this was an ordinance adjusting how we collect unpaid transfer tax. Mr. Denelsbeck called the roll and all were in favor. The vote being 7:0, Ordinance #598 is adopted.

Mr. Casey made a motion to adopt Ordinance #599 to establish a deferred compensation plan for the employees of the Borough of Rockledge. Mr. Denelsbeck explained that this ordinance will establish a retirement plan for the employees all at their cost. Mr. Denelsbeck called the roll and all were in favor. The vote being 7:0, Ordinance #599 is adopted.

Mr. Casey made a motion to adopt Ordinance #600 setting the tax rate for 2007 at 4.15 mills. Mr. Denelsbeck stated this is the same tax rate as last year. He then called the roll and all were in favor. The vote being 7:0, Ordinance #600 is adopted.

Mr. Casey announced that the Police Pension Board will be meeting on Thursday, January 18. Mr. Denelsbeck asked if Officer Bittenbusch was aware of this meeting and Mr. Hartey assured him that everyone on the board was aware of the meeting.

Public Service: Mrs. Kehoe had nothing to discuss at this time.

Public Safety: Mr. Caffrey made a motion to accept the Police, Fire Marshal, and Fire Company Reports. All were in favor.

Streets, Lights, and Sewers: Mr. Kelleher made a motion to accept the Streets Department and Streets Opening Reports. All were in favor.

Mr. Kelleher stated the plows are ready should there be a need for them. Mr. Ovack is still pricing trucks.

Recreation: Mrs. Walz stated that three estimates were received to purchase new playground equipment for Ciegelkowsli Playground; 2 from George Ely and one from Summit. Mrs. Walz motioned to purchase the Playmaker Unit from George Ely for \$13,620 with installation of \$3,600. We have a \$14,000 DCED Grant for this and we are waiting to hear back from them regarding using the additional \$3,000 grant money that was originally slated for trash receptacles. Mr. Bresnan stated that since this amount is over \$10,000, it may have to go out to bid. He suggested Mrs. Walz make the motion pending his research into the matter. All were in favor.

Mrs. Walz announced that the Basketball Program started on Saturday and will run through Sunday, March 25 on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00-6:00 p.m. in the gym.

Property: Mr. Beady had nothing to discuss at this time.

Personnel: Mr. Casey made a motion to appoint Barbara Crossin to the Planning Commission for a four-year term to replace Mr. Aungst who recently resigned. All were in favor.

Mr. Casey made a motion to appoint the following to one-year appointments:

- Joseph Bresnan (solicitor)
- Charles Shoemaker, Inc. (engineer)
- Bee, Bergvall (auditor)
- Albert Wartman (treasurer)
- Michael Hartey (secretary)
- Michael Hartey (mercantile tax collector)
- Berkheimer & Assoc., (EIT collection)
- Russell Hellyer (Fire Marshal)
- Timothy Brooks (Assistant Fire Marshall)
- Gene Reinhardt (Emergency Management Coordinator)
- Joseph Costello (Vacancy Board Chair)

All were in favor of the above one year appointments.

Mr. Denelsbeck suggested appointing Building Inspection Underwriters for one month to allow Mr. Beady and Mr. Hartey to meet with them and report back to Council. Mr. Casey motioned to appoint Building Inspection Underwriters for one month. All were in favor.

Mr. Casey made a motion to name the following depository banks:

- Wachovia Bank
- Fox Chase Federal Bank
- Willow Financial
- PNC Bank
- Sovereign Bank

Wachovia Securities
PLGIT (Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust)

All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked for public comment. Mr. Kirby asked if the school district notified the Borough if the bus stops are changed. He recently noticed some children being dropped off at Montgomery & Jarrett, which is not a normal bus stop. Mr. Denelsbeck said that the Borough is not notified, but would check into this issue.

Mr. Denelsbeck announced that a copy of the Abington School District Local Tax Commission Report is available with the Borough Manager for public inspection.

Motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Metzinger
Assistant Borough Manager