

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
JANUARY 29, 2007

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on January 29, 2007, at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited, the roll was called as follows: Mr. Denelsbeck, Mrs. Walz, Mr. Beady, Mr. Kelleher, Mr. Caffrey, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Kehoe, and Mayor Costello.

Agenda Additions: Mr. Beady added something to Law & Planning and Mr. Caffrey added something to Public Safety.

Motion was made to adopt the agenda. All were in favor.

Law and Planning: Mr. Beady announced that Council will hear the subdivision application regarding 216 Robbins Avenue at the next Council meeting, February 12, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mr. Bresnan if this would be a separate hearing requiring a court reporter. Mr. Bresnan stated that this does not require a separate hearing, it is merely an agenda item.

Mr. Beady motioned to have Building Inspection Underwriters appointed for one more month while Mr. Hartey checks out some other building inspection companies. All were in favor.

Finance: Mr. Casey made a motion to obtain a Tax Anticipation Note for \$150,000 from Willow Grove Bank at a rate of 3.8%. Mr. Denelsbeck explained that it is necessary to take this loan and it will be beneficial for us as we make more interest than we pay back in interest. Mr. Denelsbeck called the roll and all were in favor. The vote being 7:0, Resolution 2007-01 is adopted.

Mr. Casey announced that the Pension Board met on January 18. The next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2007. Everyone was in attendance except for the actuary. Changing investment strategies was discussed, and there will be more discussion regarding this at the next meeting.

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

Public Safety: Mr. Caffrey stated that the Rockledge Volunteer Fire Company has requested the Police Department to perform background checks on anyone applying to be volunteer firefighters. Mr. Bresnan has reviewed the application and suggested some changes. Mr. Denelsbeck stated he would like to see the revised application before any background checks are performed. Mr. Caffrey motioned to allow the Police Department to perform background checks on applicants for the fire company. All were in favor.

Streets, Lights, and Sewers: Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the streets have been in great shape all three times that the Streets Crew needed to go out.

Mr. Kelleher stated that the new winter banners have been hung along Huntingdon Pike. The new recycling stations have been installed at the playgrounds. The Crew has been delivering the Community Calendars. The No Parking signs have been installed on Fox Street.

Mr. Caffrey asked about having the Stop bar repainted in the street at the Shady Lane, Rockledge & Sylvania Avenue triangle. This had been painted in the street before the streets were paved. Chief Leary stated that the stop bar is not enforceable; there should be a Stop sign. This will be looked into.

Mr. Caffrey asked about the timing of the traffic light at Sylvania Avenue. Mr. Hartey will call PennDot to see if the timing can be changed.

Mr. Casey asked about parking enforcement on Shady Lane. Chief Leary stated that it is enforced on the Rockledge side, but not on the Abington side.

Recreation: Mrs. Walz made a motion to purchase the Playmaker Play Unit from George Ely for Ciegelkowski Playground; \$13,620 for the set and \$3,600 for installation. The climber will be removed and replaced with steps as there was a feeling that the steps would be safer than the climber. This purchase does not need to go out to bid as George Ely is on the state bid contract list. All were in favor.

Mrs. Walz announced that the Basketball Program is underway Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. through March 25.

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

Personnel: Mr. Casey had nothing to discuss at this time.

Mr. Beady commended Officer Horajecyj and the Police Department for their extremely quick response time to a recent incident at his home where some vandalism occurred.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked for public comment. Mr. Goldberg requested an update on Revitalization. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the package is done and PennDot is moving forward with the bid. It is scheduled to be awarded in April and done in September.

Mrs. Ivey questioned the property at 302 Huntingdon Pike. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that we have been in contact with the owner and it is currently scheduled to be demolished this week.

Mrs. Ploszay, 1002 Burke Street, stated she feels there are traffic problems during rush hour with people making a right on red coming from S. Sylvania. Mr. Denelsbeck asked Chief Leary to look into this. Chief Leary stated a solution to this may be a “No Turn on Red between 4-6:00 p.m. sign.

Mr. Kirby, Jarrett Avenue, commented on the traffic light at Robbins and Church and the timing of the lights changing from red to green. Mr. Denelsbeck stated this light pattern was designed by PennDot.

Motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Metzinger
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