

**ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2007**

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on February 12, 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, and Mrs. Kehoe.

Mr. Casey added instituting a review program for employees under Personnel.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated they would meet in Executive Session after tonight's meeting to discuss a police payroll issue.

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

Motion was made to accept the January 8 and January 29, 2007 minutes. All were in favor.

**Law and Planning: Subdivision Hearing for 216 Robbins Avenue.**

Michael Cassidy stated he would be representing his brother-in-law, Bob Sawyer. Mr. Cassidy stated that they have received their zoning relief from the Zoning Hearing Board. The Planning Commission was also satisfied with their plans for subdivision. Mr. Denelsbeck read from the Borough Planning Commission Minutes: they recommend approval with some shade tree addition and that the porch on the existing house remains open. The Borough Engineer's report outlined property line buffers as required in the code with vegetation which is not shown on the plan. His report addressed street trees, erosion and sediment control, and drainage. The Montgomery County Planning Commission noted impervious coverage which is over 70% of the plan. Mr. Denelsbeck read aloud from the Montgomery County Planning Commission's recommendations.

The original plan called for a 1200 square foot house which would have left about 12% green space. The code says 30%. The plan was amended to build a 711 square foot house (approximately 22'x32') to allow for impervious space. The existing house on the property will be sold. The garages will store Mr. Sawyer's construction equipment. Mr. Sawyer assured Mr. Denelsbeck that he will not be running his business out of the garages. Mr. Denelsbeck voiced his concern regarding the construction equipment being stored in the garages, as he feels this does mean that he is operating his business out of the garages. He also stated that the odd size of this house does not allow room for the addition of front steps, a deck or porch on the back, or a central air conditioning unit. Mr. Cassidy stated he appreciates that they will not be able to obtain a permit to build over the allowable coverage. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the parking pad could be reduced. Mr. Denelsbeck commended Mr. Sawyer on his improvements to the existing house, but stated he feels the improvements to the garage and the repaving is for Mr. Sawyer to run his construction business. Mr. Sawyer reassured Mr. Denelsbeck that this is not his intent. It was agreed that the impervious coverage would be reduced to allow for a larger house. The parking pad would be reduced from 40' to 20'. Less than 67% impervious coverage would be acceptable. Two off-street parking spots for each house must be shown on the plan; the garages cannot be counted as parking spots as Mr. Sawyer previously stated that his business equipment will be stored in these garages. Mr. Denelsbeck moved to approve the subdivision contingent with the recommendations of the Montgomery County Planning Commission and Borough Engineer.

Motion was made to approve the subdivision. All were in favor.

Jerry Smith from Pennoni Associates (Building Inspection Service) gave a presentation regarding the policies and procedures their company follows regarding the issuance of permits and follow-up. This company

currently provides building inspection services for Jenkintown Borough. Mr. Hartey and Mr. Denelsbeck stated that their main concern is the amount of permits not yet finalized that are over six months old. Pennoni stated they would be willing to schedule inspections for outstanding permits when time allows.

Mr. Denelsbeck suggested holding off on restructuring the permit fees until a decision is made on whether we will be switching to another Building Inspection company.

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

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

**Public Service:** Mrs. Kehoe announced that the newsletter should be ready to be mailed shortly.

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

Mr. Caffrey announced that the swearing in of 2 part-time officers scheduled for tonight would be postponed until the next meeting. Mr. Denelsbeck requested that these officers be interviewed by the Personnel Committee, as should any prospective borough employee. Mr. Caffrey concurred.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked when the police car would be purchased. Chief Leary stated they would place the order for the car and submit the bill after March. Mr. Denelsbeck suggested giving the old police car (blue caprice) to the Fire Company for training purposes.

**Streets, Lights, and Sewers:** Mr. Kelleher made a motion to accept the Streets Opening Reports. All were in favor. Mr. Kelleher stated that two members of the Streets Crew would be put on standby as bad weather is expected on Wednesday of this week. The stop bar would be painted on the street at Sylvania and Rockledge Avenues when the weather breaks as the new line striper is better used in warmer weather.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the light posts cannot be put back into the grant. We adjusted our application for this year's revitalization project for \$75,000 for light posts. Bidding information will not be shared regarding this project as this information is to be advertised in the newspaper.

**Recreation:**

Mrs. Walz announced that the Basketball Program is running every Saturday and Sunday, through March 25 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. in the gym.

Mrs. Walz made a motion to hire two additional basketball aides, Michael Liberatore and Seamus Slavin. Both Mr. Casey and Mrs. Walz know these gentlemen. Mr. Denelsbeck asked that a list of instructions be given to each aide regarding their duties. All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked that the new recycling cans in the Rockledge Park be moved to another spot in the park away from the entrance.

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

**Personnel:** Mr. Casey made a motion to institute a review program for employees to include the Borough Manager, Assistant Borough Manager, Fire Marshal, and Streets Crew Foreman. All were in favor.

Mr. Kirby, Blake Avenue, thanked the Police Department and Officer Horajeckyj for responding quickly and professionally to a friend of his who needed some help recently.

John Wynne, 32 Blake Avenue, asked the hours of the Building Inspector with respect to when inspections can be scheduled. Mr. Hartey informed Mr. Wynne that the Building Inspector is in the office on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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