

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
FEBRUARY 26, 2007

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on February 26, 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. (Mr. Bresnan was unable to attend).

Agenda Additions: Mr. Casey added a motion to support the FoxRok Athletic Association to the Finance Agenda. Mr. Denelsbeck added the adoption of Resolution of 2007-02 approving the contract with PennDot for the revitalization of Huntingdon Pike.

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

Public Safety: Mr. Caffrey made a motion to hire 2 part-time police officers, Patrick Haney and Brian Pontarelli. Chief Leary spoke about the qualifications of both officers. Mr. Caffrey and Mr. Casey interviewed both of these officers. All were in favor. Mayor Costello swore in both officers.

Law and Planning: 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.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that a motion is in order to adopt Resolution 2007-02, approving the contract with PennDot for the revitalization of Huntingdon Pike. Mr. Denelsbeck read the resolution aloud. This agreement is to fund the project known as the Revitalization of Huntingdon Pike and Oxford Avenue. Motion was made to adopt Resolution 2007-02. All were in favor.

Finance: Mr. Casey made a motion for Rockledge Borough to support the FoxRok Athletic Association by donating \$1,000. Mr. Denelsbeck suggested the Borough give FoxRok \$2,000 per year (\$500.00 each quarter of the year). This would come out of the General Fund balance. **A shocked Mr. Caffrey asked Mr. Denelsbeck “How in the name of God were you (referring to Mr. Denelsbeck as the Grinch) convinced of this!!??”** Mr. Denelsbeck answered that there were 950 children who played baseball for FoxRok; 223 of them resided in the Borough. Mr. Kelleher stated that about 250 boys play football and about half of them live in Rockledge. Mr. Casey stated there are 56 basketball teams and at least one or two kids on each team live in Rockledge. Mr. Caffrey went on to explain that several years ago when he served on this board and was also involved in FoxRok, that no matter how many times a request was made of the Borough for a donation to RoxRok, that **“he couldn’t get two nickels out of this town!”** The vote being 6:1, **with Mr. Caffrey giving the nay vote,** FoxRok Athletic Association will be given a \$500.00 appropriation per quarter. Mr. Denelsbeck assured everyone that Mr. Caffrey is certainly not against this donation, it is just because of past precedent.

Public Service: Mrs. Kehoe stated the newsletter will be mailed this week.

Public Safety: Mr. Caffrey stated that the new police car has been ordered and should arrive in about three months.

Mayor Costello announced that he, Chief Leary and Jim Rayhill attended an informational meeting in Horsham with Eastern Montgomery County Emergency Management. Chief Leary also commented on his attendance at this meeting.

Mayor Costello commented that the Fire Company had a successful pancake breakfast yesterday.

Streets, Lights, and Sewers: Mr. Kelleher stated that the Streets Crew plowed and salted yesterday and this morning. Residents are again throwing snow in the street after the streets have been plowed. Chief Leary stated that the police officers will be looking out for this and will issue citations. Mr. Casey asked if they are still plowing both sides of the street. Mr. Kelleher stated this is done as best they can.

Recreation: Mrs. Walz made a motion to allow FoxRok to use the S. Sylvania ball field from March 27 through August 30; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 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.

The Easter Egg Hunt will be held March 31, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at Ciegelkowski Playground; the rain date is April 1 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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

Mr. Casey thanked Chief Leary for helping him out with a raccoon problem earlier in the day.

Mr. Caffrey asked about the tenant registration lists. Mrs. Metzinger stated that these would be sent out again in March. Mr. Denelsbeck suggested that these forms be put in three separate binders; one should be kept in the Borough Office, one for the Fire Company and one for the Police Department.

On behalf of the FoxRok Athletic Association, Mr. Casey thanked Borough Council for their support.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the Fire Company's trash is too voluminous for the dumpster they have. A request was made (one of the few sane e-mails we have ever gotten from the individual who sent it to us) for a second dumpster. Mr. Hartey stated for the record that the request came from Mr. Metzinger. No one had a problem with this request.

Motion was made to recess to Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Metzinger
Assistant Borough Manager