

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
August 13, 2007

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on August 13, 2007, at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows: Mr. Denelsbeck, Mrs. Walz, Mr. Caffrey, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Kehoe, and Mayor Praediger.

Personnel meeting after the meeting.

Motion was made to accept the July 9, 2007 and July 30, 2007 minutes. All were in favor.

Law & Planning: Mrs. Kehoe 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. Mr. Caffrey noted that on a few of the bills the name of the borough manager was not changed and that there were a couple of addresses that needed to be changed (still had 402B Huntingdon Pike). Also, on some of the bills he could not tell who signed for them. Mr. Denelsbeck suggested that all borough employees have an ID card with an ID number. This way when they sign for anything, whether it is street supplies or gas they will need to use their individual ID number not their signature. Will work on a system to get all the employees their own ID cards and numbers. Mr. Denelsbeck wants council members to look at the budget reports in their packets, please take a look at them. Specifically the expenses. Overall the budget is relatively good. There are some categories that need a few explanations.

Public Service: Mrs. Kehoe had nothing to report.

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

Streets, Lights, and Sewers: Mr. Caffrey made a motion to accept the Streets Opening Report. All were in favor. Mr. Denelsbeck has a couple of updates. The truck is underway, there was some debate about its height, its 9 ft 3 in, the I-beam is 10 foot. We have received the resignation of Mr. Ovac as the foreman of the crew. Mr. Hartey will send a letter to each member of the crew inviting them for applications to be the foreman. This will be an internal posting first. Temporarily, Bill and Mike with Steve's input, decided that as interim until that is done, they are going to ask James Salanik to be the foreman for a couple of weeks.

Recreation: Mrs. Walz had nothing to report. Mr. Denelsbeck wants Mrs. Walz to check the budget report for recreation.

Property: Mr. Casey had nothing to report. Everything is ok with the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that we have not instituted any of the things that are in the open space plan. The time to apply for money expires in April of 2008. They have to have the application as approved. We had discussed here last month and the month before our primary objectives as spelled out in the open space plan. The walkway on Loney Street connecting what some people call the gardens at S. Sylvania playground, a pocket park in Strockville, and a greenway connecting Mill Park, 29 Robbins park, Jarrett Avenue Park, Rockledge Avenue park and into Lorimar park. Because Mike is focusing on the revitalization, Mr. Denelsbeck has moved the process of getting those applications in order before we bring them here for approval so that we can go forward. One of the things that Mr. Denelsbeck has recently learned is that the program will not allow us to purchase a home in Strockvill to create a pocket park. They will only reimburse us for the cost of the property not the house. They will pay for the acquisition of the property, whatever the value of the ground is and they will pay for the demolition of the house to make the pocket park and then the installation of the play equipment or whatever. They will not pay for the value of the home, which Mr. Denelsbeck was unaware of. That will put a little crammer there on that piece of the pie. Mr. Casey will volunteer to talk to Mr. Breen about the land behind his parking lot.

Personnel: Mr. Casey had nothing at this time. There will be personnel meeting to discuss 3 personnel issues, Streets Foreman, Managers Contract, and Police Contract.

Mr. Goldberg had a question about putting up temporary street signs. Since the revitalization project started, there are no street signs. Also, the one way sign on the dance studio side of Park avenue is bent in half. This will be replaced.

Mrs. Ivy commented on how nice the granite curbs looks. Mrs. Ivy also asked about the culbert's. Mr. Denelsbeck told her that all of the culverts are going to be replaced.

Mr. Kirby advised that out of all Montgomery County, Rockledge was the only Borough that they took out all of the mailboxes. There is one now on Sylvania Avenue.

Motion was made to recess to Executive Session. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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