

**ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**October 8, 2007**

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on October 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. Kelleher, Mr. Caffrey, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Kehoe and Mayor Praediger.

Additions to the Agenda: Personnel – A tentative agreement with the Police.

Motion was made to accept the September 10, and September 24, 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.

Mr. Denelsbeck updated everyone on the Berkheimer 1% Earned Income Tax issue. At the last meeting there was a conversation about some residents who received a late notice's, which we attempted to blame on the school district, and technically it is the school districts fault to some extent. The law says that you have to pay your tax quarterly. We did not in-force the paying of the tax quarterly. We did not penalize anybody. But the school district wants their money, they have asked for that to be done. The school district started collecting in the middle of 2005, they let it go until the end of the year and in 2006 they started inforcing the rule. However, the rule might not apply until you hit the \$100.00 mark. This is the trigger that fires it off. Some people evidently have either through 2<sup>nd</sup> jobs or 2<sup>nd</sup> businesses triggered that fire. Our ordinance says that Berkheimer can charge a \$20.00 flat fee for collecting that delinquent tax. If you received a bill for this \$20.00 fee, you need to pay it. If not you will have to pay it at the end when you settle.

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

Mr. Denelsbeck informed everyone that after the meeting, we will start the budget.

**Public Service:** Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to prepare and advertise bid specifications for a new waste collection contract. All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that in the council packets, you received a copy of the last contract bid specifications. This is the bid package that does ask for it to be broken down into 1 year or 3 year and to the specific disposables at either the Abington Transfer Station or Montenay Waste Disposal Facility, in Plymouth Township, also included is Companion Recycling. Mr. Hartey will check Wachovia. We also need to check into the business in the parish house, 200 Huntingdon Pike needs to be on the exclusion list. The contract we have now expires December 31, 2007.

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

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

Mr. Kelleher wanted to give some Streets Department Updates:

- The new streets truck should be in the early part of next week.

- The old Streets truck is getting inspected. This needs to be done before it can be sold. It should only cost about \$500.00 to fix it. Once this is done and everything is ok, an advertisement needs to be done in order to sell it.
- The streets crew are doing a lot of tree trimming.
- There was a water heater leak in the gym this past weekend. The crew took care of this.
- The streets crew has cleaned out the salt bin.
- Clint is checking the sewers.
- The Banner across the pike came down.

Mr. Keller asked Mr. Hartey about the sewer video. Mr. Hartey advised Mr. Kelleher that Mr. Rick Stoneback still has the video and is working on this. Mr. Hartey advised Mr. Stoneback, that council is preparing the budget for next year, so they would like to know if anything needs to be done.

**Recreation:** Mrs. Walz advised that the Cheltenham/Rockledge Rotary Day will be Saturday, October 20, 2007 from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Rockledge Park. Chief Leary advised that the Police will make their presence.

**Property:** Mr. Casey had nothing at this time.

Mr. Caffrey asked Mr. Hartey if Mr. Beady had met with him regarding the permit fees. Mr. Hartey advised Mr. Caffrey that Mr. Beady has not met with him. Mr. Hartey advised that he is having better communication with the new Building Inspector, and that he does drive around and does check for permits.

**Personnel:** Mr. Casey made a motion to accept a Tentative Agreement between Rockledge Borough and the Rockledge Borough Police Department, regarding their 2008 contract proposal. The details of the contract are: 4 years, calls for 4% wage increase each year and calls for the officers to make contributions to their health care benefit package. Mr. Bresnan advised that we should not motion the contract until it is made into a contract.

**Public Comment:**

Mrs. Basken: Wanted to know where the Black Eyed Susan's were planted. Mr. Denelsbeck advised her that they were planted at Rockledge Park around the gazebo.

Mr. Ploszay: Wanted an update on the issue of the traffic light at Huntingdon Pike and Sylvania. Mr. Denelsbeck state there are no louvers on the light and that we have to look in the contract to see if they should be there. If not they will have to price out louvers.

She also asked about a no turn on red sign on S. Sylvania. Too many cars are blocking the intersection. Mr. Kelleher advised that the lights are timed with Rhawn Street. There is not enough movement of traffic and it just backs up. Mr. Praediger advised that along with the revitalization they are going to look into the timing of the lights.

Mr. Wynne: He would like to put some life into the Parks Commission. The engineer and a landscape architect drawing a plan for a connective walking trail through the mill park, Mr. Mori's private park on Robbins Avenue and a greenway down Jarrett Avenue to connect it. We have to proceed with this, so there is not a tremendous amount of time to wait for a parks commission to get together.

Mr. Denelsbeck announced that they would take a 5-minute recess and then reconvene to begin work on the 2008 budget. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

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