

**ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**JANUARY 14, 2008**

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on January 14, 2008, at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows: Mr. Denelsbeck, Mr. Caffrey, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Kain, Mrs. Kehoe and Mr. Kelleher.

Additions to the Agenda: Mr. Casey – Finance – Ordinance 603.

Motion was made to accept the December 10, 2007 minutes and the January 7, 2008 reorganization meeting minutes. All were in favor.

**Law and 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 stated that he had a question and he has spoken with Mr. Hartey about it.

Mr. Casey: Ordinance 603, Borough of Rockledge, An Ordinance of the Borough of Rockledge renaming and revising ordinance number 592, which adopted and imposed an emergency and municipal services tax, now to be called a "Local Services Tax"; Providing details related to the manner of collection; clarifying and adding exemptions, leaving the rate unchanged; effective upon adoption.

This change was not made by Berkheimer. The law changed. The \$52.00 tax that we collected all at once is now being collected \$2.00 a pay.

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to advertise bid for adoption in February. All were in favor.

**Public Service:** Mrs. Kain advised council that Fox Chase Cancer is requesting permission to hang a sign across the pike advertising their Plain & Fancy event. Mrs. Kain made a motion to allow Fox Chase Cancer Center to hang a banner across Huntingdon Pike. All were in favor.

**Public Safety:** Mr. Caffrey made a motion to accept the Police, Fire Marshal, Second Alarmers' Report (November) and Fire Company Reports.

Mr. Denelsbeck would like to know out of the 572 traffic citations for last year, how many were for running the stop signs at Montgomery and Abington Avenues. Chief Leary will get that information for Mr. Denelsbeck. The vote being 5 to 1. Mr. Caffrey stated that he sent an e-mail to the Chief after he received Mr. Denelsbeck's e-mail regarding this.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that we talked enough about this, people have complained. This is a pretty common situation. Mr. Denelsbeck does not think we are enforcing the stop signs. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that we almost got hit twice from people rolling through the signs at Robbins Avenue and Jarrett Avenue. There are people rolling through the stop signs along Montgomery Avenue. We need to give tickets, even to residents. He is all for being nice to the residents, but when they run over a kid, what are we supposed to do then? At what point are we going to stop it? What we promised when we put that light on Sylvania Avenue, that we were going to be diligent about making sure that cars would not shoot up Sylvania Avenue. They are speeding up, there is a louver on the green light, which Mrs. Plosay pointed out, but there is not one on the yellow or red. Mr. Denelsbeck can see the yellow and green from his front step. Mr. Denelsbeck wants this done. We pay a lot of money and he expects it done. He is not voting for these reports. If he gets hit, he will be suing the Borough, because we are being delinquent in enforcing the rules. He has asked many times about this. He is not used to being refused.

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

Mr. Kelleher gave some street updates: The Leaf Collection is done. The wreaths and garland are down. There was some maintenance to be done at the Maintenance Building and the Police Station. The Banners are down. The Gator is ready to go (if it ever snows). Also, Mr. Kelleher talked to Clint Snyder and has him doing some sewer checks. Clint is doing a great job.

Mr. Kelleher asked about the sewer DVD's. Not that we can do anything about it now, he would like Mr. Stoneback to be able to tell us in the spring where we need to look.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that if there is a problem with Mr. Stoneback, then we replace him. There are 1,000 engineering companies. We have run through this periodically, we get into this little lull where he refuses to do things. Either he needs to do it, or we get rid of him. Call him in. Have Mr. Caffrey talk to him. It worked last time. There is no reason why we can't have a report in the winter that says where we need to focus on.

**Recreation:** Mr. Kehoe advised that the Basketball Camp is going very well. We have had an average of 15 – 20 kids every weekend.

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

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

Public Comment: Mr. Wynne had a question about a construction sign on Blake Avenue. Is it going to be moved? Mr. Hartey advised Mr. Wynne that they still have most of their signs still on the streets, because they are not done. As soon as the weather breaks, they will be back for milling, paving and putting the crosswalks in. They did remove some of the signs, but they have left some. PennDot has certain rules. Mr. Kelleher asked when Phase 2 was going to begin. Mr. Hartey advised him that they are waiting for the weather to break.

There was some discussion about the circle that Abington put in up by the Hollywood Tavern. If you have any questions, you can call the Township Manager and express your opinions, or Representative O'Connor.

Mr. Kirby had a question about the street lights at Robbins & Huntingdon Pike. PennDot controls the lights, it is their road. We have done everything we can to change those heads so that it is difficult for you to see them as you are coming down the Pike towards them. That is all we can do. We have louvers on them, we are at the LCD Level we are supposed, we have changed those heads twice. It is a PennDot design, and if they say to leave alone, we are going to leave it alone. Mr. Kirby stated that he is not talking about the heads; he is talking about the light itself. Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mr. Kirby that he understands that. This is something we told them when they designed the light in the 1<sup>st</sup> place. Mr. Kirby is afraid that someone is going to get hurt. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that Rockledge has made its concerns known to PennDot, and he thinks that is all we can do.

Mr. Kirby also had a question about people putting their trash, yard waste out too early. He noticed that someone was putting their yard waste out on Saturday for Monday pickup. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the ordinance says 8:00 the night before the pickup. We will instruct the police department to give friendly warnings about that.

Motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hines  
Borough Clerk