

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
April 14, 2008

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on April 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, Mr. Kelleher and Mayor Praediger.

Additions to the Agenda: Mr. Caffrey would like to discuss the Bike Shop, and a proposed handicapped parking space at 214 Rockledge Avenue.

Motion was made to accept the March 10, 2008 minutes and the March 31, 2008 minutes. All were in favor.

Law and Planning: Mr. Caffrey 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 had a question about the bills submitted by Joyce Gallagher. He would like 1 bill per month, not 1 every week.

Mr. Casey asked about the Keystone bill. There is a charge for a different inspector. Mrs. Metzinger advised him that certain plans need to be seen by another inspector.

Mr. Caffrey wanted to know how we did with the municipal audit. Mrs. Metzinger advised him we are waiting for the exit interview to be scheduled.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we are going to get spanked for a couple of things. We do not have an asset catalog for our fixed assets.

Mr. Caffrey asked if we get a copy of the fire company's audit. We will get a copy of the fire company's audit of the Rockledge Volunteer Fire Company and Relief Association because that is state money and it runs through us. We get a loose copy of their internal audit because it is a loose internal audit of their own funds, done by two people in their fire company. Mr. Caffrey wanted to know who ISO is. Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mr. Caffrey that they are the people who make sure that they have the stuff that they need and the equipment that they need to have their rating maintained.

Public Service: Mrs. Kain has nothing at this time.

Public Safety: Mr. Caffrey made a motion to accept the Police, Fire Marshal and Fire Company Reports. The vote was 5:1. Mr. Denelsbeck voted no, because he has not received an answer to his question.

The bids for the 2001 Expedition were opened. The 1st bid opened was from James Goodwin for a 2001 Ford Crown Victoria. This bid cannot be included. The 2nd bid was from the West Group in the amount of \$2878.00. The 3rd Bid was from Rogers Auto Sales in the amount of \$1526.00. The 4th Bid was from Mark's Motors – Police Car Headquarters in the amount of \$1,015.00. Mr. Caffrey advised that the average number that he saw based on the condition, miles and etc. was higher than the bids received. Mr. Caffrey made a motion to not accept the bids and to re-advertise. The vote was 5:1. Mr. Denelsbeck voted no. He thinks we should keep the Expedition.

Chief Leary advised council that Rockledge was a participant and contributor in the recent Emergency Management Planning Drill this past Saturday. The drill itself was a success and an extremely good learning tool.

Mr. Caffrey stated that at one of the last council meetings, the owner of Cycle Sonic was present and asked about loading and unloading zones on S. Jarrett Avenue. The chief and Mr. Caffrey went over and looked at the area. Mr. Caffrey stated that he doesn't think it is going to impact anyone over there maybe just one car. He would like to know what direction to go to get an ordinance started. Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mr. Caffrey that he would have to go with the borough crew to measure, mark it off with paint and send the dimensions to Mr. Bresnan so he can write the ordinance for the loading zone. This will be a loading zone for 2 spots.

Mr. Caffrey advised he has a request for a handicapped parking space at 214 Rockledge Avenue. Mr. Caffrey and the Chief went over and looked at it. The issue is not necessarily a handicapped parking spot, but with the business across the street parking in front of her home. They have a driveway and he doesn't think it qualifies for handicapped parking. Mr. Denelsbeck wanted to know if we have the request in writing. Mr. Caffrey stated that he has a copy of the complaint about people parking there but the request is their intent. They do not like the employees from the company across the street parking in front of their house. They have their own driveway and it would probably be easier for them to get out of the car in their driveway. Mr. Kelleher asked if they just want a handicapped parking spot for the luxury of having a spot in front of their house. Mr. Caffrey stated that they do have a driveway and the way he reads into this is that they do not want people from across the street parking in front of their house. They are handicapped and they do have a driveway. The front door is the side door. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that if we entertain this any further anyone who does not want someone parking in front of their house is going to want a handicapped parking spot. We do not have a written request and the answer is that if you want council to discuss this further, we need a written request.

Chief Leary advised that he did stop by the drapery factory across the street. He spoke to them about the employees parking and they took immediate steps to fix this. They said they would cooperate as best as they could.

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

Mr. Kelleher discussed some of the streets crew updates: Normal maintenance, yard waste is continuing, getting ready for grass cutting season, cleaning out a few sewer pits. The diesel tank has arrived and the crew will be working on the pad – weather permitting. Mr. Kelleher spoke to Clint and they are going to the Chandler inlet and the bathrooms they are going to do in house. The priorities right now are the pad, diesel tank and the Chandler street inlet. Once these are done, they will start the bathrooms. Clint will meet with Bob Beady, Mr. Kelleher and Grace to let him know what needs to be done.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe has received a recreation permit from Fox Rok to use the South Sylvania Field on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sunday no hours. Motion was made to allow Fox Rok to use the field on the specified days. All were in favor.

Mrs. Kehoe has also received a recreation permit from The Hollywood Tavern to use the field on Tuesdays 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. through September. Motion was made to allow The Hollywood Tavern to use the field on specified day. All were in favor.

Property: Nothing was discussed in Mr. Beady's absence.

Personnel: Mr. Casey advised council that there are 6 interviews scheduled for this week regarding the summer camp counselor positions.

Mr. Caffrey wants to remind everyone to keep an eye on their budgets.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that there have been some preliminary discussions with Fox Chase Cancer Center to develop some parking spaces on the Robbins Avenue parking lot. This a very preliminary conversation with them, about erecting a fence and creating some parking spaces along the driveway to alleviate some

of Robbins avenue parking. If it is ever going to be developed as a park there would need to be parking anyway.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that there also was a preliminary discussion with the property owner on Huntingdon Pike about the willingness to sell a vacant lot on the pike to create a Municipal Parking Lot. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that he sent out a questionnaire and he got one positive and one negative. When there are more facts, the discussion will continue.

Public Comment:

Mr. Goldberg: Stated that Mr. Denelsbeck already answered one of his questions regarding Robbins Ave. He noticed that the hedges were gone and wanted to know if that is where the parking spots would go. Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mr. Goldberg, that Mr. Snyder asked to take the hedges out.

He also asked if there was a start up date for the revitalization program this year. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that no there is not. We are still waiting. There is an island debate now.

Mr. Creveling: The Borough ladder fell on his car. The bill for the damage is \$256.00. Mr. Kelleher made a motion to pay the bill in the amount of \$256.00. All were in favor.

Mr. Goldberg: Reminder, next Tuesday, April 22, 2008, primary election day and he and Mr. Diegel will be looking forward to seeing everyone out there at the poll.

Mr. Casey asked when they are going to start repaving the Pike. Mr. Denelsbeck advised him that we are debating an island. Phase 3 plans are just about done. Phase 3 is to start in the fall. The island debate is not settled. The issue in front of Ackers is settled, but the island at Church Road is not.

Abington is looking for comments on the zoning application regarding putting an outside café outside of the Hollywood Tavern.

Mr. Caffrey stated that Abington should have asked for public comment regarding the circle that they put in outside of the Hollywood Tavern.

Motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk