

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
May 12, 2008

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on May 12, 2008 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows: Mr. Denelsbeck, Mr. Caffrey, Mr. Beady, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Kain, Mrs. Kehoe, Mr. Kelleher and Mayor Praediger.

Additions to the Agenda: Mr. Casey would like to add something to personnel.

Motion was made to accept the April 14, 2008 minutes and the April 28, 2008 minutes. All were in favor.

Law and Planning: Mr. Beady made a motion to accept the monthly building inspector's report. All were in favor.

Mr. Beady made a motion to adopt Ordinance #604. An ordinance of the Borough of Rockledge establishing an appeals board for appeals from code enforcement officer determinations, to achieve compliance with state laws relating to the uniform construction code; effective upon adoption. Mr. Beady asked if we have the 3 volunteers needed for this. Per Mr. Denelsbeck, we have not. The vote being 7:0, Ordinance #604 is adopted.

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

Mr. Caffrey stated that the questions he had were fixed and revised.

Mr. Caffrey had a question for Mr. Bresnan regarding a bill. A vendor wants to start charging an extra cost for fuel. Mr. Bresnan will look into this.

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. All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck opened the bids for the 2001 Ford Expedition. The 1st bid was from PCS Auto Sales in the amount of \$759.00. The 2nd bid was from Modern Classics, Inc. Auto Sales in the amount of \$2,688.00. Mr. Kelleher made a motion to sell. The vote was 4 to sell and 3 not to sell. The 2001 Expedition will be sold to Modern Classics in the amount of \$2,688.00.

Mayor Praediger, nothing at this time.

Chief James Leary, nothing at this time.

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

Mr. Kelleher would like to table the purchase of a 40 gallon water sprayer for the gator, because we have 1 price here. He would like to look into further options.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the poles on the pike can hold flower pots. We went and priced flower pots from a Geerlings Nursery on Rt. 413 and a price from the local hardware store and the prices are \$3200.00 from Geerlings and the local price, including planting and hung is \$1980.00. We cannot go forward until we figure out how we are going to water them. Mr. Denelsbeck asked if we can make a motion to purchase the appropriate tank as decided by the council person in charge of streets and the manager at less than \$541.00. Mr. Kelleher would like to see if we could get a little cheaper price. This information will be needed by the end of the week. All were in favor.

Mr. Kelleher has some street updates: The crew is still doing yard waste, grass cutting. He had the crew check the sewer pits and they did the concrete pad for the diesel tank. Have been doing some pothole repairs, and planted the trees on N. Sylvania Avenue. He also had them check the generator at the police station. He is still waiting on an estimate for the fencing around the diesel tank. The storm inlet at Church & Chandler has been started. Mr. Kelleher advised Chief Leary that he did receive the list of the trees hanging in the streets and as soon as the crew is done with the storm inlet, they will take care of this.

Mr. Kelleher had a question for Mrs. Metzinger. In her updates on Friday, May 9, the streetscape project states that they have us paying for some of the paving. What we have to pay for is the manhole resets, because we own them. When PennDOT paves, they contact the utility who handles the sewers and then they bill the utility who handles the sewers for the manhole resetting, so we handle our sewers.

There are some communication issues between different branches of PennDOT. The Thermo plastic sidewalks have to be done on new blacktop. If they are not, they do not come out looking as nice. Branch A of PennDOT assumed that the tops of the streets would be repaved, but Branch B is now saying they only pave curb to curb. So we are in a little bit of a battle with PennDOT now. The loops could have been running, because they have no intention of digging up Robbins Avenue to pave. They had every intention of leaving those temporary cold patch fillers between the handicapped ramp and the street until we asked them for a letter covering our liability. The paving may be delayed a few days.

Mr. Caffrey made a motion to purchase flowers and flower pots in the amount of \$1980.00, depending on the purchase of a sprayer. All were in favor. Next year the price will be cheaper, because we will already have the pots.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mr. Kelleher that he needs to figure how to hold the pots on the poles. Might have to use cable ties.

Mr. Caffrey asked Mr. Kelleher, why we purchased a back up alarm. There was a bill in this month's bills for a back up alarm for the dump truck. The new dump truck did not have one.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to allow St. Timothy's Christian Preschool to use Jarrett Avenue Playground on Friday, June 6 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with a rain date of Monday, June 9 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The permit fee is waived as a courtesy. All were in favor.

Mrs. Kehoe advised that Mr. Denelsbeck would like to discuss possibly adding another ball field to S. Sylvania Playground and fixing the existing drainage problem. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that according to Mr. Casey, there may be some funds available (grant) for this. We did have the people who did the field work last year give us a price for this and everyone has a copy of this. It is \$16,000 for the new field and \$9,000 to solve some of the drainage problems. The backstop should be included in this for funding. Mr. Denelsbeck would like permission to pursue if we can get funding. All were in favor.

Mayor Praediger asked about the sign for Ciegelkowski Playground. He heard that the sign was going to be metal and be hung on the fence with bolts. He does not feel this is appropriate and nice for the park to have that. A nice wooden sign would be nice and Jules deserves that. Mrs. Metzinger received prices for both metal and wood signs that would hang on the fence. If we want we would have to include pricing for posts.

Property: Mr. Beady had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Mr. Casey made a motion to hire Mark Welsh as a new part time police officer. All were in favor.

Mayor Praediger swore in Mr. Welsh.

Mr. Kelleher wanted to know if we were doing anything with 29 Robbins. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we were going to put a little foot trail through 29 Robbins and connect it to 20 Jarrett Ave., put a foot trail in there, plant some trees and connect that to Rockledge Avenue. The plan to develop is \$40,000 and we have another year and a half to get our grant money from the county because they extended the grant

money, so we were not pushing it. One of the other issues that are on the table is that the cancer center upstairs had approached Mr. Hartey during his tenure and asked if we would consider making some parking over there. We had scheduled 2 meetings to see what kind of money Fox Chase would put out with the envision that you could put a fence up.

Update on 100 Sylvania: thanks to the crew for planting the trees. There was a court date today, May 12, 2008 for the sidewalks and windows and the owner did not feel the need to attend the hearing with District Court. He was fined and found guilty. He needs to fix his curbs and we will continue to pursue this.

Public Comment:

Mr. Goldberg stated that in a previous meeting, Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mr. Bresnan about announcing the businesses/property owners who are not current with their Mercantile. Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mr. Goldberg, that this is still being worked on.

Mrs. Ploszay asked about Verizon Fios. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that he thinks we are going to get wired when the city does.

Mr. Kirby asked if anything was ever done about getting another mailbox in the borough, because we only have one. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we wrote to the postmaster in Jenkintown and he does not want another one here. Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mr. Kirby to go see the postmaster in Jenkintown about this.

Mr. Wynne wanted an update on the travel agency at 9 Huntingdon Pike. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we are working on this. His permit requires bigger windows, so you may get your wish. The cement work is on hold right now until the building inspector can go out there. The ramp does meet the code.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that Mr. Breen did a nice job on the front of his property.

Mr. Caffrey asked about the permit increase schedule. It was supposed to be received in 60 days.

Motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk