

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
June 30, 2008

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

The Borough Solicitor is not here tonight. Any legal questions come to the next council meeting.

Motion was made to adopt the agenda. All were in favor.

Law and Planning: Mr. Beady made a motion to hire BIU as the new building Inspection Company as of 7-21-08. The inspection company we have now no longer would like to business with Rockledge because we had questioned a bill. We had 2 comparisons done and BIU is \$48.00 an hour and Pennoni was \$72.00 an hour for a senior code official. All were in favor.

Mr. Beady made a motion to use BIU for all of our zoning. We would only use them on a minimum basis to keep the cost down. We would probably only use them once or twice a month. The fee is also \$48.00 an hour. All were in favor.

Mr. Caffrey asked how many zonings do we have a week? Mrs. Metzinger advised Mr. Caffrey that it depends. Sometimes we may have 1, 2 or none.

Mr. Beady advised that we would only use them maybe every other week or every three weeks.

Mr. Casey asked if we would wait three weeks if we have a zoning application. Mr. Beady advised Mr. Casey that we would not wait three weeks for approval.

Mr. Caffrey stated that we would be saving \$4.00 an hour compared to what we pay the current inspection company. Mr. Caffrey also asked about a permit fee schedule. Mrs. Metzinger advised Mr. Caffrey that yes, they would supply a schedule. The vice president of BIU advised Mrs. Metzinger that he would work with her to get a new fee schedule.

Finance: Mr. Casey advised that Bee, Bergvall & Company, the auditors who did the recent audit has sent their schedule of findings. There are 7 new findings, and these will be discussed at a later date. The findings from the previous year have all been taken care of.

Public Service: Mrs. Kain advised that the newsletter was taken to the printer on Saturday, June 27 and it should be mailed next week.

Public Safety: Mr. Caffrey advised that there has been a request received regarding a handicapped parking space for the business at 9 Huntingdon Pike.

Mr. Caffrey advised of a request for a handicapped parking space for the business at 9 Huntingdon Pike. Mr. Caffrey advised that he has seen the print but he has not gotten any information back from the Chief to see if this is viable. Mr. Caffrey asked Chief Leary if he has been over to look at this and Chief Leary told Mr. Caffrey that he has but he was not prepared to give a report tonight. Mr. Caffrey told Chief Leary that he can give him a verbal report if he would like to. Chief Leary advised that he was over there and paced it off and took a look at some different angles but he is not prepared to give a report. Mr. Caffrey asked Mr. Roseman if this was his business, and Mr. Roseman answered yes it is. Mr. Caffrey asked how many people work there. Mr. Roseman replied that there are 8 employees. Mr. Casey asked if they are all there at one time and Mr. Roseman answered yes. Mayor Praediger asked Mr. Roseman if the 8 included him. Mr. Roseman answered that there will be 9 employees. Mr. Casey asked if there are any handicapped people working for him and Mr. Roseman replied no. But that he has a handicapped plaque

but nobody else. Mr. Caffrey asked if this space would be exclusively for Mr. Roseman and he replied no. It would be for any handicapped person. Mr. Caffrey asked if he has a driveway on the property and Mr. Roseman answered yes. Mrs. Kehoe asked how many cars could fit in the driveway. Mr. Roseman answered that it could fit 2. Mr. Roseman stated that the end of the ramp comes to the edge of one of the driveways. The ramp curves around the building and ends at the door. Chief Leary stated that just past that there is some new construction going on. Mr. Roseman answered, exactly. He stated that the ramp will be done tomorrow. Mr. Caffrey stated that council will not be making this decision tonight. Council will wait until they get the report back from Chief Leary. Mr. Caffrey stated that he would also like to look at it again. Nine employees is a lot to be working there. He thinks when Mr. Roseman first moved in he should have looked at the parking issues, handicapped or not handicapped. There are going to be 8, 9 vehicles there. Mr. Roseman advised there will only be 6 vehicles there. They will tie up the whole street. Mr. Praediger also advised that there will also be people coming in to do business there. Mr. Roseman advised that there will be no one coming in to do business. Mr. Caffrey asked nobody comes in, but you need a handicapped parking space there for someone who comes in, but I asked you if this was going to be exclusive to you and you said no. Mr. Roseman answered, that's right. Mr. Caffrey asked, so it is going to be exclusive to you (please note Mr. Roseman nodded yes). Mr. Casey stated that you also have the driveway too. Mr. Roseman stated we do have the driveway. Mr. Casey stated you have the driveway for 2 cars and Mr. Casey stated that you don't have anyone coming in, its just an internet service, Mr. Roseman stated that it is all internet service. Mr. Casey stated to Mr. Roseman, that he has 2 driveway parking spots, and you have no one coming in for business. Mr. Roseman stated very little. Mr. Caffrey stated that we will bring this up at next months meeting when the rest of council is here and the recommendation from the chief is received.

Mr. Caffrey asked Chief Leary if he could tell the kids that ride their bikes on his block to please make sure that they wear bike helmets. Kids must wear a helmet until the age of 12. Chief Leary and Mrs. Kain have put this in the summer newsletter.

Chief Leary advised that the fraternal order of police have put together a picnic at Dorney Park on July 15, 2008, the tickets are remarkably cheap. You can see any member of the Rockledge Police Department if you would like to get any tickets.

The 4th of July Parade is scheduled for this Friday, and the committee has done a remarkable job once again. The permit for the 4th of July Parade has been received.

The Strawberry Festival was a few weeks ago at Holy Nativity and it was the best attended festival and car show in recent history.

Chief Leary would like to remind everyone that Crime Night Out is September 7, 2008. It is a large event and was well attended last year and expects it to be even bigger this year.

Mr. Caffrey stated that he spoke about limited use of the Expedition. Chief Leary advised that he has come up with a couple other options that may be discussed. Mr. Caffrey advised Chief Leary, that they are at 59% of the police budget for fuel.

The posts around the diesel tank were installed today.

Streets, Lights, and Sewers: Nothing was discussed in Mr. Kelleher's absence.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to let Mr. Denelsbeck purchase flowers/bushes for the islands. The cost would be around \$400.00 - \$600.00. All were in favor.

Property: Mr. Beady had nothing at this time.

Mr. Caffrey asked Chief Leary if there have been any leaks etc. at the police station. Chief Leary advised that there have been no leaks, but still need to replace some of the ceiling tiles. We have ceiling tiles here

at the Borough Hall. Mr. Casey asked if we do this or are they under warranty. Mrs. Metzinger advised that the warranty had expired, and the crew can replace them.

Personnel: Mr. Casey had nothing at this time.

Public Comment:

Mr. Naudascher asked if the trash company is supposed to pick up the brown lawn/leaf bags. If they do, does this go against our tonnage? Mr. Caffrey advised that yes this would go against our tonnage. Council advised that no, the trash company is not supposed to be picking them up. He also asked if the zoning officer BIU sends would be available to come to any zoning hearings we have. Mrs. Metzinger advised Mr. Naudascher that yes, he would have to be.

Mr. Kirby asked about the white lines in the middle of the street on Blake (from Huntingdon Pike up to Montgomery) and over Mongtomery. Council advised that that was paint and not concrete and the person responsible did paint over it with black paint to cover it, but it is now showing again. There is nothing that can be done about it.

Mr. Wynne wanted to know if the flowers Mr. Denelsbeck was going to purchase are perennials. Mrs. Metzinger advised Mr. Wynne that yes, they are perennials.

Mr. Bill Roseman, CEO Rose Tours and Travel introduced himself to Council. He stated he has been in business for 29 years and this is his 4th move. He will be a good neighbor and he is doing his best to beautify the property. Mr. Casey and Mr. Caffrey welcomed him.

Mr. Wynne also wanted to know if the motorcycle club that performs on the pike at the 4th of July parade is aware of the islands? Yes they are aware.

Motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk