

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
July 14, 2008

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

Additions: Mr. Denelsbeck would like to discuss a couple of issues with HA Thompson Insurance. Mr. Denelsbeck would also like to discuss a grant regarding the tennis courts under finance. Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to adopt the agenda. All were in favor.

Mr. Caffrey had a question about the July 30, 2008 minutes. He would like the record checked with Rose Tours and Travel based on handicapped parking space at 9 Huntingdon Pike. The question was asked, who is going to utilize the space, and the answer was it was going to be strictly Mr. Roseman. Mr. Roseman said it was going to be him. Mr. Caffrey would like the tape checked and if it is that Mr. Roseman said this, he would like it put in the July 30 minutes. Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mr. Caffrey that at the June 9, 2008 meeting he was the chair, and if you are the chair, you cannot make motions. Mr. Caffrey motioned to accept the Police, Fire Marshals, Fire Company and Second Alarmers Reports. Mr. Caffrey advised that we will find out who was the person who 2nd the motion and we will change. Mr. Casey 2nd the motion for the Police, Fire Marshal and Fire Company Reports. Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to accept errors & corrections in the 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.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised of Ordinance 590 establishing a parking zone on S. Jarrett Avenue. This is in regards to the loading and unloading zone for Cycle Sonic. This is not the correct ordinance number. The correct number is 605. Mr. Caffrey made a motion to lie this on the table for 30 days. All were in favor. Mr. Bresnan advised Mr. Denelsbeck that you can adopt subject to that change, you don't have to lay it on the table to do that. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we did not advertise it. Mr. Bresnan advised Mr. Denelsbeck that the memo he received from Chief Leary regarding the loading and unloading zone for Jarrett Avenue also include information for S. Sylvania which is why they were both referred to. Mr. Denelsbeck asked Chief Leary what is the Sylvania Avenue issue. Chief Leary advised that is from last year. It was the no parking zone immediately adjacent to Blockbuster. The ordinances should be done separately not done together. Mr. Bresnan advised that because they came in one memo, he put them together in the ordinance. Mr. Bresnan asked if the South Sylvania still needs to be done. Mr. Denelsbeck asked Chief Leary to revisit South Sylvania. The ordinance should be separate.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we are down to two people who have not paid their mercantile, and they are making payment this week. All our mercantile is closed for 2006 and 2007 and we are cleaning up 2008.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we received a grant in the award of \$75,000 from George Kenney for the reconstruction of the tennis courts. We need to start to figure out how we are going to accomplish this project. We do not have a drawing, contractor or an estimate or anything like that. Mr. Kelleher asked if we had done anything with the tennis courts before. Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mr. Kelleher that we had a price from a paving company to pave over them. Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mrs. Metzinger that she needs to contact a sports company to find out what we need to do. Mr. Casey advised Mrs. Metzinger, that he will contact her tomorrow.

Finance: Mr. Casey made a motion to accept the monthly bills and tax collector's report. General Fund \$71,954.55; Highway Aid Fund \$715.45; Capital Reserve Fund \$100.00; Police Pension Fund \$462.29. All were in favor.

Mr. Caffrey advised that all of his questions were resolved. There was one bill from Abington that just came in today, and Mr. Caffrey gave this to Mr. Kelleher to look into. This was not included in the above

amounts. The bill for the flowers will be paid by the 4th of July Committee. This is also not included in the above amounts.

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

Public Safety: Mr. Caffrey made a motion to accept the Police, Fire Marshal and Fire Company and Second Alarmers Reports. All were in favor.

Mr. Caffrey wanted to discuss the handicapped parking space request for 9 Huntingdon Pike. Chief Leary sent a memo to Mr. Caffrey. Mr. Caffrey wanted to bring Mr. Denelsbeck up to speed on this request. The new travel agent has asked for a handicapped parking space right outside of his building. Our discussion was about how much parking was there, the time of day he would be there, the amount of walk-in traffic and obviously the handicapped spot and his 2 off street parking spots. The reason Mr. Caffrey wanted the tape checked from the June 30 meeting is because he wanted to see what Mr. Roseman had said about utilizing the spot. The question was asked by Mr. Casey is how much walk-in travel does he get and he answered none. He has 8 employees and 6 cars. Mr. Casey stated that he works a few hours a week also. Mrs. Metzinger advised she thinks he is there every day. Mr. Caffrey stated he asked the Chief to do a cursory check of that. Mr. Denelsbeck asked a question, before we get into a long conversation about this. Is anyone at the table inclined to give him a handicapped space? Mr. Caffrey made a motion to deny the handicapped parking for 9 Huntingdon Pike for Rose Tours and Travel. All were in favor.

Chief Leary advised that the 4th of July Parade Committee did a great job. He also advised that he applied and received a grant from Montgomery County Public Safety division and in that grant we were delivered several weeks ago, Forward Infrared Technology. The Technology was given to us at zero cost. The installation cost was around \$80.00. The 3102 Expedition is equipped with Forward Infrared Technology. Virtually no cost to the community. There are only 3 granted in the county and we received one.

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

Mr. Kelleher wanted to give some updates: The crew is still doing yard waste collection, they are watering the flowers, doing some sewer pit inspections, truck maintenance, the gator was sent back, we were having some problems with it, before they do anything to the gator, they will let Mrs. Metzinger know and hopefully it will be covered under the warranty. Rick Stoneback got back to us and Mrs. Metzinger advised Mr. Kelleher that when she gets back from vacation we will meet with him regarding the sewer tapes. The crew planted some flowers for the parade. Mr. Denelsbeck wanted to thank them very much. The diesel tank at S. Sylvania is almost done. Mr. Kelleher would like to talk about the Penndot Punch List. Mr. Kelleher and Mrs. Metzinger went out along the Pike last week. In his opinion there is still a lot of work to be done out there. A lot of the street signs are loose on the bottom. There are quite a few cracks in the concrete. DePaul knows about this. It looks like they patched some of them. There are cracks in the handicapped ramps outside the Austrian Village. Mr. Denelsbeck, stated they did that when they saw cut for the loops. Concrete splashed on the curbs, there is tar splashed on the concrete, there is an issue with Mr. Fowler regarding his stones. The curbs looked like they just put the previous one next to the next one. They are not grouted. There are gaps between them. It looks like some of them were grouted. In Mr. Kelleher's opinion the concrete where there are cracks, the whole block should be replaced. Mr. Denelsbeck advised DePaul, that they could not saw cut the concrete blocks.

Recreation: Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mrs. Metzinger if we have been taking attendance at the playgrounds. Yes, we are. We need to take a look at staffing for next year.

Property: Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we did get an offer to purchase 29 Robbins Avenue to build a house. This is not going to happen.

Personnel: Mr. Casey had nothing at this time.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we received a letter from HA Thompson about some control loss issues: Clear Line of sight for stop signs. The crew worked on that on Saturday. Provide additional playground surfacing material: this is just more wood chips. Conduct motor vehicle records checks: Per Chief Leary

for the insurance agency is anybody that operates a vehicle for the municipality, has to have a driver's license and it is the responsibility of the municipality to ensure that the driver's licenses are valid and that would usually fall under his job. Motor Vehicle Record Check: MVR should be conducted for all employees qualified to operate the boroughs vehicles, a copy should be placed in the employees personnel file. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that if we are doing this in 2008 it will be done again in 2011. It is every 3 years. Personnel policy & procedures manual updated everyone including the police. Then we have to respond in writing what we have done.

Public Comment:

Mr. Goldberg: Wants an update on the war memorials. Mr. Denelsbeck advised him that there is 1 there and there is 1 going to be put on the Fillmore side. It will look like the old one.

Mr. Diegel: Wanted to talk about the pole in front of the old Yettters Place (Spectacles Unlimited) someone hit it and the crew found it bent. They tried to bend it back and it cracked. The borough office was notified. The borough crew can fix this one. Mr. Diegel would like to say that everyone did a great job on the parade. He also would like to thank Mr. Denelsbeck for a great job.

Mr. Kirby: Wanted to speak about the paint in the middle of the street on Blake Avenue. He was reading the previous meeting minutes and it says that nothing can be done to remove the paint. He spoke to a friend of his who is a contractor and he was told that the paint can be power washed off. If concrete can be power washed off so can paint. He asked what if paint had been splashed up against the police station or the borough hall; this would be considered graffiti and what would be done about it then? In his opinion something should be done about it. He wanted to tell Mrs. Metzinger that if she ever has any trouble with DePaul, please let Mr. Kirby know because he is a very good friend of Mr. DePaul.

Mrs. Plozay: She asked about the turning lanes on the Pike. If you are going Northbound on the Pike can you turn left into the shopping center? Mr. Denelsbeck advised that you cannot turn left into the shopping center. It is the same as going southbound going into the Rockledge Vet. Mr. Denelsbeck advised her that it is not in the traffic pattern by the PennDot designers. When the traffic light was placed at Sylvania Avenue there was an agreement with Mr. Acker that they would not be making the left in there.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that he would need a brief personnel issue.

Motion was made to recess to executive session. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk