

**ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**August 11, 2008**

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on August 11, 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: Mr. Denelsbeck advised that there will be a personnel meeting after the council meeting.

**Law and Planning:** Mr. Beady made a motion to accept the monthly building inspector's report. All were in favor. Mr. Denelsbeck asked about the new inspection company. Mrs. Metzinger advised him that everything is going fine.

Mr. Beady made a motion to advise Mr. Joseph Bresnan to make offers for the properties involved in the Loney Street Walkway. Mr. Bresnan asked if the motion includes to make offers or to take the steps to acquire if necessary. Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mr. Bresnan to take the necessary steps to acquire if necessary. Mr. Caffrey asked if this was in reason, are we flexible? Mr. Bresnan advised Mr. Caffrey that if there is no agreement reached, we file a declaration of taking and paying the court the amount we offered. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that this is the 1<sup>st</sup> step in the process.

Mr. Beady made a motion for Mr. Bresnan to do the resolution to acquire or take them. This will be resolution 2008-01. All were in favor. The addresses are 7940 Church Road, 212 Lynnwood, 307 Loney, 24 S. Sylvania and 210 Loney.

Mr. Beady made a motion to adopt Ordinance #605. An ordinance of the Borough of Rockledge amending Ordinance 590, as codified at 15-407, creating a loading/unloading zone on a section of Jarrett Avenue; Leaving the remainder of the ordinance in full force and effect; effective immediately. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that this was discussed at length and that it is for the bicycle shop. Roll was called. The vote being 7:0. Ordinance 605 is adopted.

Mr. Beady advised that there is a zoning hearing scheduled for August 27, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. regarding the sign at 9 Huntingdon Pike (Rose Tours & Travel). Applicant is seeking a variance to allow 87.78 square feet of signage instead of the allowed 35 square feet.

**Finance:** Mr. Casey made a motion to accept the monthly bills and tax collector's report. General Fund \$102,709.61; Highway Aid Fund \$1,973.58; Capital Reserve Fund \$6,472.50; Police Pension Fund \$3,145.89.

Mr. Caffrey had a question about the Hopkins Ford Bill. One of the police vehicles was taken up to Hopkins Ford and that was something that had been discussed not to do. Chief Leary advised that the car had actually been taken to Browns Automotive on Rockledge Avenue, but Browns could not fix a sensor. Browns Automotive advised that the vehicle should be taken to the dealer. Mr. Caffrey advised that he is not happy with the cost that is on the bill and the things that were done to the vehicle. Mr. Caffrey advised that looking at the breakdown on the bill he would have had the routine maintenance done in house, fix the breaks wherever you had to get them fixed, bring it back to Hopkins to fix what they had to fix. It would probably have been about a third of the cost we would have put out. In the future tell them to get an estimate first. Chief Leary advised that we will do everything we can to stay with Mr. Brown, and if Mr. Brown

cannot handle the repair, Chief Leary will get it in a written estimate that it may have to go to the dealer. Mr. Caffrey advised that he is not looking at something critical, but some of the routine maintenance charges from Hopkins are absolutely high. Chief Leary advised that he did negotiate some of the prices down. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that it cost \$97.00 to change the oil and Chief Leary advised that that is unacceptable. Mr. Denelsbeck also advised the sensor issue was not even on the bill. If the instructions in March were to not go to the dealer, unless it was something that could not be done, why was the oil change not done at Browns? Chief Leary advised that the oil change could have been done by Mr. Brown, he does not have an answer for each individual item, but he will get an answer. Mr. Praediger advised that on page 3 it does talk about a sensor issue. It talks about an ABS Light coming on. This charge was \$482.00 alone. They replaced the ABS module. This must have been an issue that Dave could not handle. Mr. Praediger does agree with the other issues. Mr. Caffrey still believes they could have gotten a cheaper price for the ABS module. Mr. Praediger disagrees with him. Mr. Caffrey advised Mr. Praediger that he is not here to debate him. Mr. Denelsbeck asked if there were any other questions, and Mr. Caffrey advised him that there was one other bill that he had a question on from Abington that Mr. Kelleher looked in to. This was for replacing some of the rings to raise the sewer inlets and this has been resolved. Mr. Denelsbeck asked if this was coming out of Capital Reserve, and Mr. Denelsbeck asked if this was for the paving on the Pike. Mrs. Metzinger advised that this was not for the paving on the Pike, but the manhole at Sylvania and Abington Avenues. This was for the manhole cover that kept on popping up. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that this comes out of highway maintenance. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that there was a motion to pay the bills. All were in favor.

**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. Praediger stated that the car show is coming up and has the permit ready to go to the state (Penndot) to close the Pike. There is a change in the closure of the pike. The closure is from Shady Lane to Fillmore Street. They are expecting a large amount of cars and they wanted to make sure that there is enough room. The detour will be discussed with the Chief later. Mrs. Kehoe asked about the fire company. They are aware and will be placing trucks in different areas along the pike. There will be much less inconvenience to people in the Borough.

Chief Leary stated that Mr. Praediger actually covered what he was going to talk about.

Chief Leary does have some things to go over regarding Emergency Management. There are some communications coming into the police department on some Emergency Management Requirements and also some Emergency Management meetings and some Emergency Management training that is coming up in the very near future. Mr. Denelsbeck asked Chief Leary if he is the assistant leader. Chief Leary advised that he is a worker bee. Mr. Denelsbeck asked who the deputy commander is. Mr. Denelsbeck asked Chief Leary what his title is and Chief Leary advised him that he is a team member. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that until Kenny Costello is replaced, that Chief Leary is to handle it.

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

Mr. Kelleher stated that Mrs. Metzinger, Clint Snyder and he had met with Rick Stoneback. We have no problems in the borough. Any roots we had have been cut away as they are camered. There are some spots where they see minor cracks, but there is nothing Mr. Stoneback says that

needs to be done. This is 85% of the borough that was videoed. There are still some streets that need to be videoed. They are Robbins Avenue, Shady Lane, Fox Street, Loney Street, Borbeck Street, Chandler Street and Church Road.

Mr. Kelleher told Mr. Denelsbeck that he has some good news. Mr. Kelleher budgeted \$25,000 for the videoing of the streets that are left and it will not cost that much so there will be excess at the end of the year. Mr. Kelleher advised that what Mr. Stoneback advised is that each year we take a certain section and just keep doing it over and over. Not the same spot, but keep videoing every year and root cutting if necessary. Mr. Kelleher advised that as they video, they cut the roots. When we finish the Borough, we start over. Mr. Stoneback has a print with everything mapped out so that we can start a baseline of what we have.

Mr. Kelleher made a motion to have Robbins, Shady, Fox, Loney, Borbeck, Fillmore, Chandler and Church videoed. We will get a couple prices. All were in favor.

Mr. Kelleher wanted to know if we heard anything on the Gator. Mrs. Metzinger advised Mr. Kelleher, that it is coming back on Tuesday, 8-12. They fixed whatever was wrong with the brake. Most of the work except for 2 hours was under warranty, so we will get billed for 2 hours worth of work. Gas pumps are done and we are waiting for the electric. The fire chief is going to take care of this.

**Recreation:** Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to hire Jessica Salicondro as supervisor along with the current counselors (Erin Metzinger, Kristin Hector, Jess Heinz, and Beth Crossin) for the 2009 summer recreation program. All were in favor. Mr. Praediger asked if there were enough counselors for the amount of kids that attended. Mrs. Kehoe advised that there were. Our lowest amount of children was 12. Our highest was 36. Mrs. Kehoe advised that she did some research ratios from camps in the area and the ratios go anywhere from 3-1 and the highest was 6-1. Mrs. Kehoe advised that 2 counselors are definitely needed. Mr. Denelsbeck asked if we took attendance. He would like to make sure that next year we take attendance every day. Mrs. Kehoe advised that yes we can, that the problem is that Jess was calling at 9:00, but then 20 kids would show up after 10:00 a.m. Mr. Denelsbeck asked if we could pick a morning time and an afternoon time. Jess will submit this at the end of the week.

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to hire the supervisor and camp counselors for the 2009 summer recreation program. All were in favor.

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to allow the 7900 block of Fillmore Street to have a block party on Saturday, August 30 from 12 noon to 8:00 pm. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that he does not have a problem with it except he thinks the streets are the city. Mrs. Kehoe advised that they got the permit from the city and just need one from Rockledge. All were in favor.

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to allow the unit block of Sylvania Avenue to have a block party on Saturday, September 27 from 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm. All were in favor. Mr. Naudascher wanted to know why the unit block of Sylvania can go to 10:00, but the 7900 block of Fillmore only goes to 8:00 pm. These are the times that the residents asked for.

Jessica Salicondro, supervisor for the summer camp wanted to give some updates regarding this year's summer recreation program. She advised that this year we had a very successful camp and we had a lot more kids than previously and we had a lot of different age groups. Some days we had 36 kids just at one camp site and that was usually Jarrett Avenue. South Sylvania has the regulars down there, but Jarrett really attracted a lot of new kids this year. S. Sylvania had about a consistent to 15-20. They range in age from 10-14. Some of the changes Jess would like

to make for next year are: Would like to have camp start a week later than it usually does. This year she felt like it was rushed because it started the Monday after the kids got out of school. It would give her and counselors more time to plan. It would go a little bit later so the camp wouldn't end so soon into the summer. At S. Sylvania there is a gap around the cage at the top that the kids could get into. Even though she locks the doors, they still could get in and out of the cage. She said that the grounds crew had been keeping things in there and would not want anything to happen. She just wanted it to bring to someone's attention. Jess would like to budget a raise for the counselors for next year. They did a lot of work this year and planning. Last year when Jess was hired she was supposed to have an assistant supervisor, but she did not accept the position, so Jess took on a lot of responsibility herself last year and this year had to delegate more responsibilities and the counselors have helped her a lot with getting supplies for the camp, planning and cleaning up camp. When they went bowling, they had between 50 & 60 people and they only had 4 counselors and her. They did a great job of keeping track of all the kids. Mrs. Kehoe asked what kind of a raise was she thinking and Jess told her a \$1.00 more. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we will take that up in October. Jess would like to open a camp checking account. She has money left from the sale of water, huggies and freeze pops. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that the auditors would say no. If there is money left at the end of camp, buy supplies needed for next year such as balls, bats etc. There were no major issues with any of the kids. Nice job Jess. Mrs. Kehoe has an agenda for the things that we might want to change for next year. Mrs. Kehoe asked if Jess was going to accept and she said yes. Maybe start camp next year towards the end of June.

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

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

### **Public Comment:**

Vic and Joanne Szwanki, 16 S. Sylvania Avenue had an ongoing major quality of life issue with 18 S. Sylvania. Mr. Szwanki brought this to the attention of Grace and Chief Leary. He would like to thank Grace and Jim. They still have some issues, but the resident is cutting the grass and is taking care of the pool. He also wanted to let the borough know that the same people have purchased the house on Loney Street. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we are aware of this and they are on the radar. Mr. Denelsbeck wanted to thank the Szwankis for their patience.

Mr. Kirby, had a question about the brown tree on the property at 100 N. Sylvania. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we have suggested to the owner that he provide another tree to be planted. Mr. Kirby also had a question about the paint on Blake Avenue. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we are going to get someone to come in with a power washer.

Mrs. Baskin advised that the brown tree is being watered.

Motion was made to recess to discuss a personnel matter. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hines  
Borough Clerk