

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
October 13, 2008

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on October 13, 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: None

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to accept minutes from September 8, 2008 and September 29, 2008. 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 advised that we received a petition to change the zoning at 226-228 Robbins Avenue from ROR to LI. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that he would prefer it to go through the Planning Commission so they can have a hearing. Once we make it Limited Industrial there is no real control. That would be the district that they could have whatever they want. He would feel more comfortable if this is sent to the Planning Commission and allowed the Planning Commission to have their input, and have the residents to have an input. Per Mr. Bresnan, this is a change to the zoning map and that requires a hearing with the Planning Commission and then Council. Council has the option that if they are going to deny it that they can do so and not send it to the Planning Commission. All were ok with sending it through the Planning Commission. Mr. Bresnan is the Planning Commission Solicitor. Mrs. Metzinger and Mr. Bresnan will work out the details of this.

Mr. Beady made a motion to approve resolution 2008-03 to authorize the grant application for the Loney Street Walkway. All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck is going to take this next issue because it might be a conflict of interest for Mr. Beady. Mr. Denelsbeck would like Borough Council to adopt resolution 2008-04. This resolution disapproves of the Abington School District's use of school property for political purposes. There was discussion between Mr. Kelleher and Mr. Denelsbeck. Mr. Denelsbeck spoke of his views on this topic. No one from Rockledge Council was invited to attend. There was a discussion about the cost of the rally. The children were out of class from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There was no assessment of attendance. The school did not know where all the children were.

Mr. Goldberg is in total agreement with everything that Mr. Denelsbeck has said.

Mr. Kirby wanted to know if Mr. Denelsbeck is speaking for himself or the whole council. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that he is personally speaking for himself. The members of council, who vote for Resolution 2008-04, would then be agreeing with Mr. Denelsbeck. The vote was taken. The vote being 6:0 with 1 abstained (Mr. Beady).

Finance: Mr. Casey made a motion to accept the monthly bills and tax collector's report. General Fund \$70,278.28; Highway Aid Fund \$4,772.03; Capital Reserve Fund \$0. Police Pension Fund \$480. 94. All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck would like to adjust the General Fund amount to \$80,278.28. He would like to transfer \$10,000 from the General Fund into Capital Reserve.

Mr. Casey advised that at the end of the meeting work will begin on the 2009 budget.

Mr. Casey advised that a request was received from Mr. Roemhild, 114 Church Road, Rockledge, requesting a real estate tax exemption due to Veterans disabled status. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that this is extremely hard to get. He has complied with all of the Veterans requirements and if the school district is waiving their taxes he must have qualified for the exemption. The school district is waiving their taxes. Mr. Bresnan has not seen this before. Mr. Bresnan advised council that they can motion and approve this request contingent upon Mr. Bresnan's review of this. Mr. Roemhild would still have to pay his trash and sewer fees at the discounted senior rate. Mr. Casey made a motion to allow this request contingent upon Mr. Bresnan's review. All were in favor.

Public Service: Mrs. Kain had nothing at this time. Nice Newsletter. Good job. Mrs. Kain thanked Mrs. Metzinger for a good job on the Fall Newsletter.

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

Mr. Caffrey advised that Mr. Joseph Metzinger, the Emergency Management Coordinator was here to discuss a few items.

Mr. Metzinger advised that he met with the county. He received the templates to complete to get us compliant with our Emergency Management Plan. Council will have to pass a resolution for the County to accept. In the next newsletter, he would like to include some websites that were given to him. There are websites that residents can go to if you are a resident with special needs such as bed ridden, oxygen or dialysis etc. As Emergency Management Coordinator Mr. Metzinger receives access to this site so he can modify our plan for those residents with special needs. He would like to meet quarterly with the police department, fire department and the Mayor.

As President of the Fire Company, Mr. Metzinger asked President of Council if he would order the wall lights for outside the fire house. President Denelsbeck advised him that he would. These are sconces that will match the streetlights.

Mr. Metzinger would also like to remind everyone that the Pancake Breakfast is this Sunday, October 19, 2008.

Mayor Praediger gave an update on the finances of the Crime Night Out. Crime Night Out has a bank balance of \$3,479.49. Mayor Praediger gave Mrs. Metzinger copies of the Bank Statement and reports.

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 give some updates: The Diesel Tank is completed; the sewer camering is completed except Shady Lane; we have not gotten any bills from Wexler or Pipe Services yet, and there is a discrepancy with something that Wexler did that will be brought up at the next meeting, Mr. Kelleher wants to see their bill first; the painting for the loading zone on S. Jarrett Avenue is completed and Mrs. Metzinger advised Mr. Kelleher that the sign came in

today; the salt bin is cleaned out, and a quote was received for the roof on the police station for \$1100.00 from Cymbulka & McCormick.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked if we have any salt. Mr. Kelleher advised that we do. Mayor Praediger advised that he has been told by his suppliers, that salt is hard to come by because of the hurricanes. He asked Mr. Kelleher if he could fit a load. Mr. Kelleher advised him that he would talk to Clint.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe had nothing at this time.

There was a tree planted at Jarrett Avenue playground in memory of child who passed and lived in Rockledge. The tree will need to be moved because it is in an area where children play. Rockledge Borough will buy another tree in case the one that was planted does not survive. The family has been contacted about moving the tree, and they are ok with it. Mr. Wynne objects to having the tree moved.

Property: Mr. Beady had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Mr. Casey had nothing at this time.

Mrs. Kehoe added that we will be hiring a new basketball counselor this year. They have someone in mind.

Public Comment:

Mr. Goldberg asked who is in 226-228 Robbins Avenue. One part is storage for Jeanes and the other is vacant. The issue is with the vacancy part.

Mr. Conrad Krause would like to thank the Borough and the Police for their help while the monuments are being worked on. The granite should be done by the end of the week. The lights are finished and they should be able to be hung next week. Thank you to Mayor Praediger for contacting the electrician to do the electrical work on the monuments. The Chief has been there a couple of times Saturday to help with traffic.

Mr. Kirby advised that he ran into Mr. DePaul. He said if there is anything to discuss, give him a call. Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mr. Kirby that the next time he sees Mr. DePaul, to ask him to finish the punch list. Give Mr. DePaul Mr. Denelsbeck's phone number. There are a number of issues to be taken care of.

Motion to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk