

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
December 8, 2008

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on December 8, 2008 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows: Mr. Caffrey, Mr. Beady, Mr. Casey, Mr. Denelsbeck, Mrs. Kain, Mrs. Kehoe and Mr. Kelleher.

Additions to the Agenda: Mr. Casey would like to add an item to Personnel.

Mr. Caffrey made a motion to accept minutes from November 10, 2008 and November 24, 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 made a motion to adopt Resolution 2008-06 Access to Public Records. Mr. Bresnan gave a brief description of this ordinance. All were in favor. The vote was 7:0.

Mr. Beady advised that Mr. Paul Buchhofer was in attendance to discuss and answer any questions regarding the new proposed permit fee schedule.

Mr. Buchhofer explained how he came up with proposed fees. Mr. Kelleher and Mr. Beady had a few questions that Mr. Buchhofer explained.

Mr. Caffrey advised that this will be discussed at a later time.

Mr. Bresnan asked how we would vote on this. Would it be a resolution or an ordinance? Mrs. Metzinger state that she thought it would be an amendment to the ordinance. Mr. Bresnan stated that for the future, he would include language that states the fees can be changed by resolution rather than an ordinance.

Finance: Mr. Casey made a motion to accept the monthly bills and tax collector's report. General Fund \$53,920.83; Highway Aid Fund \$3,822.47; Capital Reserve Fund \$30.94 and the Police Pension Fund \$2,848.30. All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck had a few questions regarding the bills and they were taken care of.

Mr. Caffrey advised that there will be a special council meeting on December 15, 2008. There will only need to be 4 council members present. The only items being adopted are the 2009 Budget, Sewer Fee Rent increase and the 2009 Tax Rate. The reason for this is because there was a problem with advertising and these items were not advertised when they should have been.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mrs. Metzinger if she could include the Fund Balance on the monthly reports.

Public Service: Mrs. Kain advised that Mrs. Metzinger would like to get the winter Newsletter out by early January, so please have your completed articles given to her as soon as possible.

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

Chief Leary had 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 gave some updates: The leaf vacuuming is almost completed, the wreaths were hung, the trucks are ready for snow and the Wexler bill is being revised.

Mr. Caffrey advised that the new safety jackets have been ordered from Insight Promotional Marketing here in Rockledge. The T-Shirts and Sweatshirts will be purchased after January.

A motion was made to allow Mrs. Metzinger to pay the Sam Wexler bill. All were in favor.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe advised that the Basketball Camp will start on January 10, 2009.

Property: Mr. Beady had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Mr. Casey made a motion to hire Kevin Toner as a basketball counselor pending his background check that Chief Leary will complete. All were in favor.

Managers Report: Mrs. Metzinger gave an update on the streetscape project. Rockledge was able to split from Philadelphia so we can continue our portion of the project. The grant has been extended until 2010.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that she still has heard nothing from the owner of 100 Sylvania Avenue regarding the concrete work that needs to be done. The Borough gave the property owner 30 days to complete the work. Per Mr. Bresnan, we can pay to have the work done and lien his property. Mr. Denelsbeck moved to start the work on March 1, 2009 if the property owner does not complete before that time. Mrs. Metzinger will send a letter to the owner. All were in favor.

Public Comment:

Mr. Goldberg asked if this year is a re-organization meeting. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that it is not a re-organization year. This is the in-between year.

Mr. George Wrigley from Burke Avenue asked about the high sewer bill that was received this year. Mr. Wrigley advised council that he does sanitary sewer work for a living and he would like to help in any way he could. He was concerned about the bill that was received being double of what it usually is. Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mr. Wrigley, that in the past we were billed for estimates and this year the bill that was received, was an actual bill not an estimate. Maybe in the spring Mr. Wrigley could be of assistance to the streets crew to look at it, or to give us some idea on what kind of meter we should get.

A motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk

