

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
January 12, 2009

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on January 12, 2009 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows: Mr. Caffrey, Mr. Casey, Mr. Denelsbeck, Mrs. Kain, Mrs. Kehoe, Mr. Beady, Mr. Kelleher and Mayor Praediger.

Before the Council Meeting there is going to be a Zoning Map Change Hearing regarding the property at 226-228 Robbins Avenue.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to accept minutes from December 8, 2008 and minutes from a special council meeting held on December 15, 2008. All were in favor.

Mr. Casey has requested that Finance and Personnel be discussed first as he has to leave. Finance and Personnel were discussed first.

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 Ordinance No. 610 amending Ordinance No. 518 – setting a new permit fee schedule. Mr. Denelsbeck would like to change the electrical permit fee to \$35.00. All were in favor. Ordinance No. 610 is adopted.

Mr. Beady made a motion to submit preliminary application to Montgomery County to request funding for two revitalization grants for 2009.

1. \$50,000 additional funding for Phase III. This has no match.

2. Funding to purchase open lot and construct municipal parking lot located at 302 Huntingdon Pike. This will have a 20% match.
All were in favor.

Finance: Mr. Casey made a motion to accept the monthly bills and tax collector's report. General Fund \$47,666.81; Highway Aid Fund \$6,258.50; Capital Reserve Fund \$0. Police Pension Fund \$2,830.94. All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck had some questions about the bills and Mrs. Kehoe has discussed them with Mrs. Metzinger.

Mr. Casey advised of a discussion regarding the Treasurer recommendation to take a \$100,000 Tax Anticipation Note for a three-month term.

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to take the \$100,000 Tax Anticipation Note. All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck discussed a change to the Tax Collector Position regarding the compensation. On the 2010 budget, he would like to increase the compensation by \$750.00. All were in favor.

Public Service: Mrs. Kain advised that the Winter Newsletter was sent to the printer.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mrs. Metzinger if the order form for the Rockledge Flag was included in the newsletter and Mrs. Metzinger advised him that it was included.

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

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to adopt Resolution 2009-01 adopting the Montgomery County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised council that he is getting prices on police packages for a new police car.

Mayor Praediger had nothing at this time.

In Chief Leary's absence Officer Bittenbusch attended tonight's meeting. He advised Council and the residents that if they see anything strange or suspicious to call 911. Be mindful that 215-379-8801 is only a voice recording line and there are times when there are no officers in the station.

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 crew has taken down the garland and wreaths.
- Sign was replaced at Daly and Loney.
- The crew salted on Christmas Eve Morning and on January 11.
- He would like to have some prices regarding new T- Shirts and new barricades.
- There was a sewer backup at 140 N. Sylvania. There were rags pulled from the main. Mr. Denelsbeck would like a letter sent to all the residents on N. Sylvania Avenue. We are waiting for our insurance company to find out what would be covered.
- Borough Hall Bathrooms – the decision on the bathrooms was to do just cosmetic alterations.

Mr. Kelleher would like to discuss raises for the street crew. He would like to increase them \$.50 an hour. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that this would be about \$7500.00 and where are we going to get the money for this increase? Mr. Denelsbeck advised that maybe we could institute this increase in June and the cost would only be around \$3200.00. Mr. Caffrey advised that council would look at the numbers. This was ok with Mr. Kelleher.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe advised that the basketball camp has started and will run until March 15 every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. She would also like to thank Officer Bittenbusch for stopping in.

Property: Mr. Beady had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Mr. Casey made a motion to reappoint the following:

Joseph Bresnan, Solicitor
Charles Shoemaker, Inc., Engineer
Bee, Bergvall & Co., Auditor
Albert Wartman, Treasurer
Grace Metzinger, Secretary

Grace Metzinger, Mercantile Tax Collector
Berkheimer Associates, Earned Income Tax Collector
Building Inspection Underwriters, Building Inspector
Russell Hellyer, Fire Marshal
Timothy Brooks, Assistant Fire Marshal
Joseph Metzinger, Emergency Management Coordinator
Joseph Costello, Vacancy Board Chair

All were in favor.

Mr. Casey also made a motion to name the following as Depository Banks:

Wachovia Bank
Fox Chase Federal Bank
Harleysville National Bank
PNC Bank
Sovereign Bank
Summit Bank
Wachovia Securities
PA Local Government Investment Trust

All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck announced the passing of Mr. Chuck Aungst. Mr. Aungst was a longtime resident who gave many years of service to Rockledge Borough. He would like to do something in his memory.

Public Comment:

Mr. Kirby asked Mr. Caffrey if it was ok that the John Deere Gator that the crew uses has no tag. Mr. Caffrey advised that according to the insurance company it does not need one.

Mrs. Karen Paulus, 117 Borbeck. She was reading the Monthly Police Report from December and noticed that there were 30 under age drinking arrests. Mrs. Paulus wanted to know what the cause for this many arrests. Mr. Denelsbeck advised the cause of this was New Years Eve. They were all Holiday related.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk