

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
February 9, 2009

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on February 9, 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. Kehoe, Mr. Beady, Mr. Kelleher and Mayor Praediger.

Additions to the Agenda: There will be an executive session after the meeting.

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to accept minutes from January 12, 2009 and minutes from January 26, 2009. 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 requested a discussion regarding the ordinances prepared by Joseph Bresnan for PODS and Dumpsters. Mr. Bresnan advised that he also prepared these ordinances for Ambler Borough and he followed the state guideline and if council would like to change something they can if it would work better for Rockledge.

Mr. Caffrey asked why you need a \$100,000 certificate for a POD. Per Mr. Bresnan, this is an insurance requirement and would be provided by the POD Company.

Mr. Caffrey asked Mr. Beady if we had a fee for this and Mr. Beady advised that we do not.

Mr. Caffrey had a question about the dumpster ordinance, Section 1 number 3 & 4. It states you should have a reflector or reflective area of not less than thirty-six (36) square inches at each end and prior to that it states it shall have a flashing yellow light attached to it. He has never seen this before and asked if we could just place cones around it. Mr. Bresnan stated that this is what Ambler wanted because they have a lot of narrow streets and just wanted to make sure that the dumpsters are visible. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that this would be the responsibility of the dumpster company.

Mr. Caffrey also had a question about Section F; the permit shall be displayed in a weather proof fashion on the dumpster and or residential window. He also questioned Section C, #4; a full dumpster shall be removed from the property within two (2) days. This will be changed to two (2) business days.

Mr. Denelsbeck is concerned about the number of days a dumpster may remain on a public street. He would agree to 14 days if the resident was encouraged to not place it in the street. Mr. Kelleher and Mayor Praediger did not agree. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the purpose of this ordinance is to regulate them on the street. Members of council would like to change the amount of days a dumpster can stay on the street from 14 to 21.

Mr. Caffrey asked about the fees for the permits. Per Mr. Bresnan this does not have to be done now. This will be discussed later. When this is decided, Mr. Bresnan will change the permit fee schedule by Resolution.

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to advertise Ordinances 612 & 613. The vote was 5:1. Mr. Denelsbeck voted no. He thinks 14 days is too long.

Mr. Beady advised that there is a hearing scheduled for February 23, 2009 regarding the zoning text change reducing the required buffer for cemeteries.

Mr. John Wynne, 32 Blake Avenue, stated with regard to the PODS the Planning Commission thinks that the driveway should be the 1st rule.

Mr. Don Goldberg wanted to know if there will be a fine if there is a violation of the time frame. Mr. Denelsbeck advised him that the standard violation/fine will apply.

Mr. Bruce Naudasher stated that if the dumpster is on his property he should not have to pay for a permit.

Finance: Mr. Casey made a motion to accept the monthly bills and tax collector's report. All were in favor.

General Fund - \$56,314.45
Highway Aid - \$4,258.33
Capital Reserve - \$0
Police Pension Fund - \$2,636.42

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that he has flagged a number of bills. There were two bills from H.A. Thompson (Insurance) one was received in January and then 10 days later another was received (they were not duplicates - they were for the 1st installment and 2nd installment) he only wants to pay the one received in January.

Mr. Casey gave an update on the Pension Plan. We took a good hit and this is because of the stock market. We are going to stay on course. The MMO for 2011 will be about \$40,000 opposed to the 2500.00 or so we have been paying. Back in 2003 when this happened, we were allowed to amortize it over 30 years instead of 15.

Mr. Denelsbeck would like Mrs. Metzinger to consult with the auditors to see about setting up another account for the 2011 MMO. We could put money away to help pay for the 2011 MMO from the Fund Balance. All were in favor.

Public Service: Mrs. Kehoe advised she had nothing at this time.

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

Mr. Caffrey asked Chief Leary about the snow. He wanted to know how many warnings were handed out. Chief Leary advised that after the last snow, with the exception of 4 people he had 100% compliance.

Mayor Praediger had nothing at this time.

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.

Streets Department Updates:

Mr. Kelleher, Mrs. Metzinger & Mr. Snyder are going to meet Monday morning to discuss, the barricades, spring clothing order and the borough hall bathrooms.

In the last few weeks there has been a lot of ice and snow removal and the procedures set up for this year worked.

Abington has notified us that they will be paving their portion of Church Road and has asked us if we were going to pave our portion up to Huntingdon Pike. Mrs. Metzinger is meeting with Ed Miccolo on Thursday to discuss a price to maybe have Abington pave our portion.

Mr. Denelsbeck would like a letter to go out to the residents, Austrian Village and Rockledge Veterinary informing them of the sewage backup at 140 N. Sylvania Avenue. They need to be made aware of this situation.

Mr. Caffrey advised that a packet of bills was received from Mary and George Wrigley, 900 Burke Street concerning some sewer problems they have had. Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to only pay the \$400.00 Pipe Services Bill. All were in favor.

Mr. Caffrey made a motion to purchase 500 recycling buckets. Mrs. Metzinger checked with Abington about having us change to the new buckets and we are not going to change. All were in favor.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe had nothing at this time. Mr. Caffrey asked Mrs. Kehoe how the count was for the Basketball Camp. She advised him that the average is about 20 children each day.

Property: Mr. Beady had nothing at this time.
Mr. Kelleher wanted an update on the grant for the parking lot on Huntingdon Pike.

Mrs. Metzinger stated that she has submitted a grant for an additional amount of \$50,000 for the Streetscape Revitalization. The county does not foresee any problems because we had to separate from Philadelphia.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that she has submitted a preliminary application for the parking lot grant. She met with the county on Friday and was told that it is a good project. They advised that when she goes to submit the final grant application that Rockledge Borough has an agreement of sale. They also advised that we need to show where our \$70,000 match will be coming from. Either we have matching grant money or we will budget this money. The county has been allotted 4 million dollars in grant money for this year. So far they have received applications in the amount of 8 million dollars.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that we did get approval from the county for the Loney Street Trail. Mr. Bresnan will file the Declaration of Taking.

Personnel: Mr. Casey had nothing at this time.

Public Comment:

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to proceed with the computer proposal, but would like Dell Computers. He would like 1 laptop and 1 work station system. All were in favor.

The resident of 140 N. Sylvania wanted to speak about the sewage backup that occurred in his basement on January 7, 2009. He stated that he was not happy with ServPro. ServPro is a cleaning company that sanitizes after there has been a sewage leak. Council advised Mrs. Metzinger to call ServPro in the morning to request that they return to Mr. Salicondro's house to pull up the tack strips and sanitize the area again and to not pay the bill until this is completed. He has had estimates for the repairs needed to get his basement back to the way it was. The least expensive estimate he received was for about \$8,000 to take the walls down and put them back up. Mr. Salicondro also stated that he will be installing a Back Flo Device to prevent this from happening again. Sewage damage is not covered by most Insurance carriers unless you have a sewage rider on your policy. Mr. Salicondro received an estimate of \$1,000 for installation of the backflow device. Mr. Denelsbeck stated perhaps the Borough should cover this expense. Mr. Bresnan advised against this, since he felt that if the Borough covered this expense then the Borough would be liable if a backup occurred at the next door residence.

Mr. Kelleher asked Mrs. Metzinger to contact Mr. Stoneback, our building inspector and our insurance carrier and also check our ordinance to see if there would be any problems or concerns with Mr. Salicondro installing a Back Flo Device to prevent another backup from coming into his basement again.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk

