

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
March 9, 2009

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on March 9, 2009 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows:

Mr. Caffrey, Mr. Denelsbeck, Mrs. Kain, Mrs. Kehoe, Mr. Beady, Mr. Kelleher and Mayor Praediger.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to accept minutes from February 9, 2009 and minutes from February 23, 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.

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

General Fund - \$45,942.03
Highway Aid - \$3,660.68
Capital Reserve - \$4,029.00
Police Pension Fund - \$480.94

Public Service: Mrs. Kain advised that a letter was received from State Representative Boyle regarding a request to use the borough hall for constituent services. The letter states he would like to use the hall every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Kain advised that previously it was used two times a month for 3 hours each time.

Mrs. Kain advised that her recommendation would be to allow Representative Boyle use the Borough Hall two times a month for 3 hours each time.

Mr. Caffrey made a motion to allow State Representative Boyle to use the Borough Hall two times a month for 3 hours each time. All were in favor.

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

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

Streets Department Updates:

- It has been decided that the streets crew will make 10 barricades for right now. It is cheaper to buy the material and make them.
- Uniforms - We are ordering the hoodies for the spring time
- Bathrooms - everybody received a price list from True Value. We will not be putting a drop ceiling into the men's room bathroom. The ceiling that is there will just be painted.
- The crew and the police did a good job with the last snow storm.
- Signs at Chandler, Huntingdon Pike, Sylvania and Jarrett have been worked on.

Mr. Kelleher wanted to discuss the estimates for the Church Road Paving. Out of all the estimates, Abington is the cheapest.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mr. Bresnan if this is a continuation of an Abington project, would we have to bid the job.

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to use Abington to repave Church Road to Abington's border stopping short of the crosswalk unless Mr. Bresnan says otherwise. Mr. Bresnan will let us know. The cost will be \$70,083.00. We budgeted \$25,000 in Highway Aid. We will use the \$25,000 out of general and \$75,000 out of reserve. All were in favor.

After some thought Mr. Bresnan advised that it is ok to have Abington pave Church Road.

Mr. Caffrey wanted to clarify the work on the men's room bathroom.

- New floor – we have some floor tiles left over from the borough hall renovations that we will be using.
- New metal partitions. This is the biggest expense.
- Replace, sink, drain and faucets.
- No drop ceiling.

We budgeted \$3500.00 and the cost of these renovations will cost around \$2500.00.

Mr. Kelleher also advised that Mr. Wartmans office is being worked on as well because of the mold issue. All the yellow tiles are being taken down and will be dry walled over. Next year we will budget for the ladies room.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe wanted to remind everyone that the Easter Egg Hunt is on April 4, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. with a rain date of April 5, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. She also advised that the basketball camp is over on March 15, 2009. Mrs. Kehoe advised that average was 20 kids each day. Mrs. Kehoe asked Sergeant Miller if there were any problems that he was aware of. He stated no, except a few times the door was left open.

Property: Mr. Beady had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Mr. Kain had nothing at this time.

Manager's Report: Mrs. Metzinger advised that the bids for the Tennis Courts were advertised and will be opened at the March 30, 2009 Council Meeting and hopefully the work will start in April.

Mr. Denelsbeck would like a copy of the bid specifications.

Mr. Kelleher asked if we have heard anything regarding the zoning hearing from a couple of weeks ago for 226-228 Robbins Avenue. No we have not.

Mayor Praediger advised that a Rockledge Student, Theresa Regan was awarded a \$500.00 CAPT (Citizens and Police Together) scholarship.

Mayor Praediger also advised that part time police officer, Michael Benningfield was struck by a car and has a broken leg and will be out of work for a few months. We will open up the pool to obtain another part time officer for coverage. We have 5-7 part time officers. The problem is that Michael Benningfield was very dependable. The other officers have other jobs.

Sergeant Miller advised that on February 16, 2009 a Residential Traffic Law Enforcement Program started. This means that in the back areas of the borough, officers will be set up at different intersections for an hour or so. Since February 16, there have been 45 citations issued. These are for stop sign violations.

Mr. Caffrey asked Sergeant Miller where the worst area is. Sergeant Miller advised that it is Montgomery and Shady Lane along Montgomery from Jarrett and Shady Lane coming up from Jarrett Ave.

Mr. Caffrey asked if this has been in existence for awhile. Sergeant Miller advised only since the 16th of February.

Mr. Beady advised that he will be resigning. His last meeting will be March 30, 2009. He is relocating out of the area.

Public Comment: None.

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to adjourn to a brief executive session.

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Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk