

**ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**March 30, 2009**

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on March 30, 2009 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited, the roll was called as follows: Mr. Caffrey, Mr. Casey (will be late), Mr. Denelsbeck, Mrs. Kain, Mrs. Kehoe, Mr. Beady, Mr. Kelleher and Mayor Praediger.

Mr. Caffrey asked if anyone had any objections to opening the Tennis Court bids first. No one did. 10 bids were received.

1<sup>st</sup> Bid – Kehoe Construction, 221 Mill Street Bridgeport PA, in the amount of \$116,974.00.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bid – Gessler Construction of Media PA, in the amount of \$111,848.00.

3<sup>rd</sup> Bid – Harris Blacktopping, Inc. of Yardley PA in the amount of \$139,164.30.

4<sup>th</sup> Bid – H.A. McMaster, of Limerick, PA in the amount of \$88,870.00.

5<sup>th</sup> Bid – Custom Surface Company, Inc. of New Britain, PA, in the amount of \$145,639.00.

6<sup>th</sup> Bid – Top – A Court Tennis Company, of Hatfield PA, in the amount of \$105,300.00

7<sup>th</sup> Bid – S & H Landscaping Contractor, of Chalfont, PA, in the amount of \$92,268.00.

8<sup>th</sup> Bid – Polaris Construction Company, Inc, of Warminster, PA, in the amount of \$94,658.90.

9<sup>th</sup> Bid – R & S General Contractors, Inc, of Bristol PA, in the amount of \$114,114.29.

10<sup>th</sup> Bid – Associated Paving of Warminster, PA, in the amount of \$101,750.00.

The lowest bid was H.A. McMaster. Mrs. Kehoe had a question for Mr. Bresnan. If one bid is significantly lower than the others, how do you that they did not miss something? Mr. Bresnan advised her that you go through each bid line item by line item to make sure that they did account for everything. Also, you don't have to award to the lowest bidder if you have a legitimate reason to reject the lowest one. A legitimate reason might be checking out their reference and they really don't pan out or if one company uses a process or something that we believe to be better than the lowest bidder uses, etc.

Mrs. Kehoe asked if this is something that needs to be voted on tonight or can this be voted on in the beginning of April. Mr. Bresnan stated that with bid openings, we have 90 or 120 days to give notice to proceed. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that the lowest bidder is actually \$14,000 over the budget for this project. Mr. Bresnan stated that we could reject all of them. Mr. Beady suggested that maybe we could take something out of the specs. Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mrs. Metzinger, when Mr. Stoneback specked this out does it include both the Tennis Courts and Hockey Rink. Mrs. Metzinger advised Mr. Denelsbeck that he did include the Tennis Court and the Hockey rink.

Ms. Laura Butler, 128 Elm Avenue, wanted to know if all the bids received were all looking at the same specs. Mr. Caffrey advised yes, they all have the same specs, bid package.

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to have Mrs. Metzinger to check the references of H. A. McMaster, S & H Landscaping and Polaris Construction. All were in favor.

Additions: None.

**Law and Planning:** Mr. Beady advised of Resolution 2009-04. A resolution to apply for a Montgomery Count Revitalization Grant. All were in favor.

Mr. Beady made a motion to hold off on applying for the revitalization grant for the parking lot until next year. The vote was taken. The vote being 6:1. Mr. Denelsbeck voted no.

**Finance:** Mr. Denelsbeck advised that there is nothing to report at this time except that he would like to make a motion to instruct the manager to create a separate account within the fund to put some fund balance away for the MMO. He would like to move \$15,000. All were in favor.

**Public Service:** Mrs. Kain had nothing at this time.

**Public Safety:** Mr. Denelsbeck had nothing at this time.

Mayor Praediger had nothing at this time.

Chief Leary advised that he will have extra officers on duty at the Easter Egg Hunt. He will also have extra officers at the opening day parade on April 18, 2009.

**Streets, Lights, and Sewers:** Mr. Kelleher gave some updates:

1. Church Road paving will take place. The price is \$70,000. We budgeted \$25,000, so the rest will come out of the fund balance.
2. Uniforms have been ordered.
3. Recycling buckets have been ordered and should be here next week.
4. Men's Bathroom at the Borough Office – they have been started, and this will be filler work.
5. There was another sewer back up at 144 N. Sylvania. Not as bad as last one. There were roots. The whole street will be camered again in a few months. Mr. Denelsbeck asked if this was the sewer on Sylvania. It is not. It is the sewer on Abington.
6. Church road project will start soon, just not sure when. They are not going to cut up the crosswalks.

**Recreation:** Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to approve the recreation permit received from Jo Anne Bennis (Hollywood Tavern Softball) to use the S. Sylvania fields on Tuesday nights, 6:00 pm. To 8:30 p.m. through September. All were in favor.

Mrs. Kehoe also wanted to remind everyone that the Easter Egg Hunt is on April 4, 2009, 10:00 a.m. at Cegiolkowski Playground with a rain date of April 5, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at Cegiolkowski Playground.

**Property:** Mr. Beady had nothing at this time.

**Personnel:** Mrs. Kehoe had nothing at this time.

**Managers Report:** Mrs. Metzinger advised that she received an e-mail from PennDot's Bureau of Planning and Research; Transportation Planning Division will be collecting traffic counts at approximately 7,200 randomly selected locations on municipally owned roads throughout Pennsylvania. The counts will be starting March 2, 2009 through June 30, 2009. This data will be used to update the PennDot database.

**Public Comment:** None.

Mr. Caffrey stated that last month we were informed that Mr. Beady would be resigning his position on council and we need a motion to accept his resignation. The vote was 6:1

Mr. Caffrey advised anyone wishing to apply for the open council seat should contact Mr. Caffrey before the next council meeting which is on April 13, 2009.

Mr. Caffrey advised that Mr. Beady began his service on council in 2003 as chair of the Property Committee. He was involved in the renovations of the police station and the current borough hall building. As chair of the Law and Planning Committee he worked on the current permit fee schedule that was recently adopted. Also, served on the Rockledge 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee and has been a huge advocate of youth sports. We thank you for many years of service and we wish you the best.

Mayor Praediger presented Mr. Beady with a Certificate of Recognition for his outstanding contributions and dedicated service to Rockledge Borough Council.

Mr. Beady wanted to thank everyone. It has been a privilege to be on Council. Mr. Beady said that it felt great to be a part of a lot of good things that happened in Rockledge and meeting a lot of good people. He advised that it is great to have a good team working together and hopefully the person that takes Bob's place will be part of the team. Thank you for all of your support.

Mr. Kelleher advised that a Rockledge boy will be fighting Friday night for the title of Philadelphia Golden Gloves. This is his son Scott.

Public Comment: Ms. Laura Butler, 128 Elm Avenue would like to request the use of the old mill lot, located at the top block of Jarrett Avenue on Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a flea market and bake sale. All proceeds from the bake sale would be donated to the Summer Camp Program. Each vending space for the flea market would be at a cost of \$15.00 which would go directly to the borough for the use of the lot.

The property will be left just as it is found. Advertisement of the event will be handled by the committee. Professional vendors will not be invited to participate. The committee will be working on supplying additional parking.

Mr. Caffrey asked Mr. Bresnan if we have to get insurance. Mr. Bresnan advised that we have to contact our insurance company to see about a rider. All were in favor.

Mrs. Linda Jarow, 128 Church Road, she would like to thank the police for doing such a good job. She asked if there could be a little more police presence now that Rita's is open with kids crossing the streets.

Mrs. Jarow also made a comment about the recycling bins. She said that people like her that work from 9-5 do not have a chance to pick up new recycling buckets at the borough hall. Mrs. Metzinger advised her that on Saturday's the crew will place some recycling buckets outside of the garage on S. Sylvania Ave. Mr. Denelsbeck also advised Mrs. Jarow, that this information is in the newsletter.

Mr. Kirby asked about the bid. He could not hear one bid. Was it for \$14,000? No one of the bids was for \$114,000.

Motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hines  
Borough Clerk