

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
April 13, 2009

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on April 13, 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. Kelleher and Mayor Praediger.

Additions to the Agenda: Mrs. Kehoe would like to add a Fox Rok recreational permit approval.

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to accept minutes from March 9, 2009 and minutes from March 30, 2009. All were in favor.

Mr. Caffrey would like to move to Personnel. As of 7:30 p.m. tonight, there has been only 1 letter of interest received to fill the vacant council seat. This letter of interest was received by Mr. Jason Showmaker.

Mr. Casey made a motion to appoint Mr. Showmaker to the open council seat. All were in favor.

Mayor Praediger swore in Mr. Showmaker. Welcome to Council!

Law and Planning: Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to accept the monthly building inspector's report. All were in favor.

Mr. Caffrey would like to proceed with the work at 100 N. Sylvania Avenue. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we would need a motion to accept the price quote that we notified the property owner that we would proceed with. We sent the property owner a letter stating that in April we would proceed to have the work completed. The 2nd letter was sent to the property owner via certified mail. Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to proceed to have the curbing and sidewalk fixed at 100 N. Sylvania Avenue and to not exceed \$5,000.00. The lien documents will be prepared by the solicitor.

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

General Fund - \$149,658.54
Highway Aid - \$2,517.11
Capital Reserve - \$6,890.00
Police Pension Fund - \$480.94

Mr. Denelsbeck wanted to speak about ACT 32. ACT 32 states that in January 2012, we will no longer be able to collect our own Earned Income Tax. By September 15, of this year we have to appoint a delegate and an alternate delegate to the Tax Collection Committee of the County of Montgomery. Each county in the state of Pennsylvania with the exception of Lancaster and Allegheny will become the new authority to collect any earned income tax collected by any of those municipalities or school districts and each municipality and school district that collects the earned income tax and we are one of them. We need to appoint one voting delegate to this tax commission which has to meet by the 15th of November in order to decide how they are going to collect the earned income tax and how they will give it back to us and decide how much they are going to take off the top to administer this new bureaucracy that the state of Pennsylvania has created for us. Mr. Kelleher asked if they are doing away with Berkheimer. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that he does not know if they are doing away with Berkheimer. He thinks that the tax commission can pick Berkheimer as our collector. We do not have the say anymore to call Berkheimer and say collect it.

Mr. Bresnan stated that doing it this way is an advantage. It will clear up a lot of confusion because of different zip codes etc.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated again that we have to appoint a delegate before the 15th of September of this year, because the meeting has to be by the 15th of November of this year to establish the rules of this commission, because the state decided that they may be able to collect \$270 million more dollars. At some point, we have to decide who the delegate is going to be. It has to be someone on council and an alternate.

Mr. Caffrey stated that this does not sound like a benefit. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that we are going to get the short end of the stick. Mr. Denelsbeck does not think we will collect as much, unless Jenkintown is getting some of our money because some people think 19046 is Jenkintown. Again, just so you know that by the 15th of September we have to have a delegate and an alternate. Mr. Showmaker asked Mr. Denelsbeck how they are getting to that number of \$270 million. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that it is \$237 million. It was a guess on what they don't think they collected.

Public Service: Mrs. Kain advised of a request that was received from the Sisters of Holy Redeemer to hang a banner across Huntingdon Pike for their Oktoberfest event. The banner would be hung from August 1, and removed by October 5.

There is a conflict as we hang our Crime Night out Banner. Mr. Kelleher thought that we do not hang up any banners except for Rockledge. Last year we did approve for Fox Chase Cancer to hang a banner up. We went against our own policy. In our policy we do have the right to approve a request if we want to. Council approved for the Sisters of Holy Redeemer to hang their banner up September 11 to October 5. In their letter, it states that their staff will put the banner up. The vote was taken and the vote was 6:1 with Mr. Kelleher voting no.

Upon doing the minutes, it was realized, that Crime Night Out is on September 13, so the letter that was sent to the Sisters approved them to hang their banner up on September 14, 2009.

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

Mayor Praediger had nothing at this time.

Chief Leary advised that the opening day parade for FoxRok baseball is on Saturday, April 18, at 8:00 a.m.

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

Streets Department Updates:

- The Crew helped out with the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4, 2009.
- The barricade project has started – will get prices on the wood.
- We did not hear anything about when the Church Road paving may begin.
- The clean-up at the tennis courts is about 75 % completed.
- Mrs. Kehoe asked about the gazebo at Rockledge Park. Mr. Kelleher will look into it.
- Men's bathroom – Demolition is done.
- Yard waste pick up is continuing.

Mr. Caffrey advised that FoxRok wants to use the field on Saturday. Mr. Caffrey spoke to Mr. Snyder to see if they can clean that up some. Mr. Snyder told Mr. Caffrey that he will take care of it.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked if we lost a crew member and Mr. Kelleher advised him that Tom Gauss has resigned. Mr. Kelleher said he spoke to Mr. Snyder and they feel they do not have to replace him. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the number of employees affects workers compensation, so Mrs. Metzinger will have to take him off.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to award the Tennis Court Bid to H.A. McMaster in the amount of \$88,852.94. Mr. Caffrey advised that Mrs. Metzinger along with the borough engineer checked their references and was told that they are very reputable and do a nice job. The last 5 municipalities he worked for all said they would hire him back. All were in favor.

Mr. Kehoe would like approve FoxRok's request to use the S. Sylvania ball field on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and on Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. April, May and June. Insurance was received. All were in favor.

Mrs. Kehoe will also like to thank the businesses for their donations and everyone involved. It was a huge success. Thank you to the streets crews and Mr. Showmaker.

Property: Mr. Kelleher had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Was done at the beginning of the meeting.

Manager's Report:

Public Comment: Mr. John Wynne, 32 Blake. Spoke about ACT 32. Mr. Wynne and Mr. Denelsbeck had a conversation about the how this will affect renters who reside in the borough.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk