

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
April 27, 2009

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on April 27, 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, Mr. Denelsbeck and Mr. Showmaker.

Additions: None.

Law and Planning: Mr. Denelsbeck advised that the appeal of James and Margaret Dominic, 221 Jarrett Avenue dated December 5, 2007 was denied by Court of Common Pleas on April 21, 2009. The Dominic's have 30 days in which to file an appeal.

Mrs. Laura Butler wanted to know what the zoning appeal was for. Mr. Denelsbeck advised her that the Dominic's wanted to sub divide their property.

Finance: Mr. Showmaker advised that the resolution for the 2008 Minimum Municipal Obligation was overlooked back in 2007. The MMO was paid on December 9, 2008 in the amount of \$2,249.00. Mr. Denelsbeck motioned to adopt resolution 2009-05. All were in favor.

Public Service: Mr. Showmaker stated that we received a request from Eileen Himes regarding a Rotary Club Sign. Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to allow Eileen Himes to place a sign in the medium on Huntingdon Pike at Sylvania. All were in favor.

Mr. Showmaker stated that Mrs. Kain would like to remind everyone to give your articles to Mrs. Metzinger by May 4, 2009 for the spring newsletter.

Mr. Showmaker stated that a request was received from Laura Butler regarding the Flea market on May 2. She would like to use some of the parking spaces at the Borough Hall for vendors to park their cars once they unload their belongings. She is also requesting permission to place signs on the Church Road and Sylvania Avenue islands. The signs will be removed after the event. She would also like to spray paint the grass for the tables. The Flea Market is 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mr. Denelsbeck advised Laura that on Saturdays, there are people that use this building so they will be using some of the parking spots also.

Ms. Butler also stated that in her 1st proposal, she is getting \$15.00 per table. She would like to amend that because of the cost for ink for the flyers. It has cost her more than she imagined.

She would like to thank the businesses for allowing her to place flyers in their windows.

She also wanted to advise council that while working on this project, she has heard complaints from residents. Issue number 1 is "why did I not get a 2009 calendar". At the flea market, Ms. Butler would like to have some calendars. She will also put flyers on the table stating that if you want a calendar and did not receive one, come to the Borough Office. Mrs. Metzinger said that people should check the website for any information they may need. Issue number 2 is about people not picking up after their dogs.

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to allow Ms. Butler to use the parking lot and to place signs on the islands at Church Road and Sylvania Avenue. All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that recently he received a copy of a trash survey. We were required years ago to join the Eastern District of the Waste System Authority. We had to buy into that beautiful plant in Norristown/Conshohocken/Plymouth Township. We were sold an extraordinary large bill of goods about how wonderful it was going to be for our cost control and all of the wonderful things about it and how much money people were going to give us for electricity etc. Right after the 20 or so municipalities signed in the four fathers of the county gave Waste Management a 40 year extension on their permit which

allowed them also to double the size of their landfill in Pottstown so that they could continue to dump trash for everybody else in the county except us. Mr. Denelsbeck believes that at one point, the tonnage was \$92.00 a ton that we had to pay to go in there. At one point, they told us that we had to tell all the commercial properties that did not have Rockledge Borough trash that we had to bill them to collect the trash on top of the bill they were paying. This survey that we received basically wants us to re-up. Mr. Denelsbeck's recommendation is that we sit on the sidelines and see what happens. Tulleytown still exists and has extended permits, Falls still exists and has extended permits and the dump at Pottstown still exists and has extended permits so this great fear that there would be no landfills in Montgomery County or anywhere near where our trash could be was not truth. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that he is all for burning it, because it is environmentally sounder, but to dump it for \$22.00 or to burn it for \$75.00 does not make any sense to him. In the survey, there is this section about the condition about the Abington Transfer station. Mr. Denelsbeck thinks that part of this deal will be that all the members will pay for a refurbishing of the Abington Transfer station. Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to send a letter that says to call us when it is done and we will tell you what we are going to do. Mrs. Metzinger asked Mr. Denelsbeck if she is to just send a letter stating that we are not going to complete this survey and that we are not going to participate until we see all the details. Yes, that is correct.

Public Safety: Mr. Denelsbeck stated that there appears to be a motion to appoint Mr. Matt Reinhardt as Emergency Management Coordinator and Mr. Joseph Metzinger as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator. Mrs. Metzinger stated that Mr. Metzinger cannot be Emergency Management Coordinator because of a conflict with his job.

Mr. Casey asked if we could get some information on Mr. Reinhardt. Mrs. Metzinger advised that he is Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator now. He is taking classes at Community College and this is what he is doing. Mr. Caffrey did speak to Mr. Reinhardt. Mr. Showmaker wanted to know what would happen if there was an issue and Mr. Reinhardt was on the fire truck. Mr. Caffrey stated that if there was an issue Mr. Reinhardt probably would not be on the truck he would be at the police station along with the Chief, the Manager and Mr. Metzinger. Mr. Denelsbeck made the motion and all were in favor.

Chief Leary had nothing at this time.

Mr. Caffrey has one question regarding motorcycles on pavements. Chief Leary advised that motorcycles cannot be operated or parked on pavements.

Streets, Lights, and Sewers: There was nothing to discuss in Mr. Kelleher's absence.

Mr. Naudascher wanted to know why the yard waste was not picked up today. Mrs. Metzinger advised Mr. Naudascher that Mr. Diegel was away. The yard waste will be picked up on Tuesday.

Recreation: Mr. Denelsbeck had nothing at this time.

Mr. Denelsbeck had a question about the wood blanket for the playgrounds. Mrs. Metzinger advised that it is being delivered this weekend.

Property: Mr. Casey had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Mr. Casey had nothing at this time.

Managers Report: Mrs. Metzinger advised that the contract was signed with the contractor for the Tennis Court project. The contractor hopefully will be starting by the beginning of next week or early May. The contractor stated that it should be done by July 1, 2009. Mr. Denelsbeck asked if the streets crew completed all the tree removal that needed to be done. Mrs. Metzinger stated yes they did. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that he and Mr. Caffrey at one point talked about clearing that entire hill and planting grass. Mr. Caffrey stated that it would be a nice idea. It would look so much better.

Mr. Casey wanted to thank Mrs. Metzinger and Mrs. Hines for a great job with the Borough's Association Dinner.

Public Comment: Mr. Kirby wanted to thank the Police Department for doing a super job with helping the children in this building crossing the street.

Mr. Naudascher stated that people coming in to the council meetings should silence their phone and maybe we can post a sign on the door. Mr. Caffrey said that we can do that.

Motion was made to adjourn. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk