

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
May 11, 2009

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on May 11, 2009 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows:
Mr. Caffrey, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Kain, Mrs. Kehoe, Mr. Showmaker and Mr. Kelleher.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to accept minutes from April 13, 2009 and minutes from April 27, 2009. All were in favor.

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

Mr. Kelleher wanted to know what happened with the appeal for 220 Jarrett Avenue. Mrs. Kehoe stated that he was denied.

Mr. Caffrey wanted to clarify an issue. There are some properties that need their grass cut. Mr. Caffrey gave a list of addresses to Mrs. Metzinger and she will look into these addresses.

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

General Fund - \$83,784.26
Highway Aid - \$3,066.73
Capital Reserve - \$19,335.00
Police Pension Fund - \$2,344.20

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

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

Chief Leary had one small issue to discuss. Later this week there is a possibility that Abington will start paving Church Road. Mr. Caffrey advised that we will talk about that under streets.

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

Streets Department Updates:

- Continuing with the Men's bathroom
- Yard Waste and grass cutting is continuing
- The crew tried to work on the infield at the ball field, but the rain is not helping
- Mr. Kelleher advised that he spoke to Mr. Snyder about checking some of the sewer inlets and Mr. Snyder advised him that everything seems to be ok
- Church Road Paving - The police drew a diagram including some new arrows for the turning lanes. Milling should start Thursday afternoon. Mr. Kelleher wanted to know if Abington intended to be out there at rush hour. Mrs. Metzinger will check out. She

advised that Abington said that they would come out the day before and place signs about no parking.

- There was a discussion about the turning arrows in the left and right hand lanes.
- Mrs. Metzinger, Mr. Kelleher, Chief Leary and Mr. Caffrey will set up a meeting on Church Road to discuss the issue of the arrows.
- Per Chief Leary when Abington does the paving, there will be a police presence.

Mr. Caffrey wanted to advise the public about the issue of Church Road. The Chief and the police did a traffic study on Church Road. Now that we are going to pave, we need to make some adjustments on the traffic pattern coming up Church Road to Huntingdon Pike. The police made a drawing of the whole area stating what they think we should do and how we should change it. One of their recommendations is to move the center line that separates the left turn lane from the right turn lane. We would like to put 2 arrows in each lane, one at the driveway to the Fox Hunt Building and one closer to the Pike. This will extend the turning lanes. Mr. Kelleher asked if you are coming out of Rita's or The Fox Hunt Building is there a sign that says no left turn onto Church Road. Mr. Kelleher suggested maybe we should put a no left turn onto Church Road. Maybe this would alleviate some of the problem. Mr. Caffrey will look at the signage. Chief Leary stated that most accidents occur at Church and Loney. Mr. Casey asked Chief Leary if the accidents at Church and Loney are separate from the left hand turn out of the Fox Hunt and Rita's parking lots. Chief Leary stated that yes it is a separate issue. Mrs. Metzinger, Mr. Kelleher, Chief Leary and Mr. Caffrey will set up a meeting to go out on Church Road to discuss these issues. Mr. Showmaker stated that if you cannot make a left out of Rita's, you would have to make a right onto Church, a right onto the Pike, a right onto Fox Street, a right onto Loney and the cars would be directed to the accident area. Mr. Casey asked that if there are no accidents, why we would change it. Chief Leary stated that any time you put up a restrictive lane; it will be diverted to another area. Mr. Showmaker stated that you would be diverting to an area where the higher rate of accidents occur.

Mr. Kirby stated that maybe the driveway should only be 1 way. Maybe make Church Road entrance to Fox Hunt Building driveway one way, entrance only and make the exit on Fox Street, exit only. Mr. Caffrey stated that he is not sure if we can do that, because it is not our property. Mr. Bresnan stated that generally, you can control how traffic enters into one of our streets, but we cannot tell people what to do within their private property but you can dictate how it enters or leaves one of our streets. If we wanted to change the direction it would be like a taking. Mr. Caffrey will take a look at it. Mr. Caffrey stated based on the recommendation of the Police Department, that changing of some of the signage and markings on Huntingdon Pike should be accepted. All were in favor.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe advised that she has received a few requests for use of the playgrounds.

One request was from Mayor Praediger asking for exclusive use of S. Sylvania Playground on July 12, 2009, 12:00 – 4:00 for his granddaughters first birthday. Approximate amount of people attending will be 100. All rules will be followed and the park will be cleaned up after use.

Mr. Casey asked if other children come to the park, can they use it. We have never done this before. Mr. Bresnan stated that usually park permits with the exclusive part is something within the park that there is only one of, the barbecue pit, or horseshoe pit and your party gets the reservation to use that, but if the park itself can accommodate more than 100 people at a time closing the whole park would be difficult. Mr. Caffrey suggested to Mrs. Kehoe maybe to table this request. Mr. Caffrey would like to know what "exclusive" use means. Mrs. Kehoe will talk to Mayor Praediger. Mr. Casey would like Mrs. Kehoe to ask Mr. Praediger what would happen if a

mother came down with four kids. Maybe Mayor Praediger would just like to reserve the ball field. Any kids at the party would be able to use the playground, but he cannot stop anyone else from coming in. Mr. Caffrey made a motion to table this request until more information is attained. Mrs. Kehoe stated that she thinks June 8 may be too late to vote on the Mayors request. Mr. Caffrey stated that if Mayor Praediger eliminates the word "exclusive" use and he is only going to use the ball field it's ok. Mrs. Kehoe asked if it can then be approved. Mr. Caffrey answered yes, but that we cannot let him have the whole facility; the ball field is ok. Mrs. Kehoe asked what if Mayor Praediger wants the playground part. Mr. Casey stated that we give permits to other schools, but other kids are allowed to play there, we cannot tell a resident that they have to leave the playground. Mrs. Kehoe will tell Mayor Praediger that he can have exclusive use of the ball field, but if someone comes down and wants to use everything else, they are allowed. Motion was made and all were in favor.

The second request was received from St. Timothy's Preschool. They would like to use Jarrett Playground on Friday, May 29 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with a rain date of June 1. Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to allow St. Timothy's Preschool to use Jarrett Ave. Playground on May 29 from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with a rain date of June 1. All were in favor.

The third request received was from Memorial Presbyterian Church of Fox Chase. They would like to use Jarrett Avenue Playground on Friday, May 22 from 10:00 – 12:00 with a rain date of Wednesday, May 27. Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to allow St. Timothy's Preschool to use Jarrett Avenue Playground on May 22, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with a rain date of Wednesday, May 27. All were in favor.

Mr. Naudascher asked about insurance for St. Timothy's and Memorial Presbyterian Church. Certificates of insurance have been received for both.

Property: Mr. Casey had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Mr. Casey had nothing at this time.

Mr. Caffrey asked if we have all of the camp counselors for the summer camp. Mrs. Kehoe advised that she is still waiting to hear from one of the counselors from last year. If the counselor from last year does not come back she will have to hire another counselor but she has someone in mind that Mrs. Kehoe and Beth will interview. Mr. Caffrey said don't forget about Mr. Casey. Mrs. Kehoe advised that it may be a conflict of interest.

Manager's Report:

Mrs. Metzinger advised that she and Mrs. Kehoe will be attending a meeting that Senator Leanna Washington has invited them to regarding how the borough may benefit from Economic Stimulus Funding, this Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at Arcadia University.

The next council meeting will be June 8, as there is only one meeting in May.

The week of Memorial Day, yard waste is going to be collected on Wednesday, May 27 because we will not have anyone to collect on Tuesday.

Public Comment:

Mr. Kirby had one more thing about the Church Road paving. He thinks that when the bank was there; the majority of the people would come in the entrance on Fox Street, go to the bank and

then leave back out on Fox Street. He thinks 75-80% of all traffic went down Fox Street. Mr. Caffrey stated that he will look at it.

Mr. Goldberg wants to remind everyone that the Primary Election is on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Please stop in and say hello.

Mrs. Ploszay asked if we know how the flea market went. Mr. Caffrey said that there was no representation at the meeting. With all the rain we had, he does not think it did all that well. She also wanted to know if they took all their signs down. Yes, they did. There were signs on the telephone poles. They were not for the flea market on Jarrett Ave.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk