

**ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**January 11, 2010**

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on January 11, 2010 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows: Mr. Denelsbeck, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Kain, Mrs. Kehoe, Mr. Praediger, Mr. Showmaker and Mayor Praediger.

Additions to the Agenda: Mrs. Kehoe has two additions to the Personnel agenda. Mrs. Kain has an addition under Law and Planning.

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to adopt the agenda. All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that he has a couple of announcements. He stated that Borough Council met briefly after the reorganization meeting about a personnel issue and council met again this evening to interview candidates for the streets crew foreman position. At the reorganization meeting council accepted the resignation of Mr. Kelleher. Anyone who is interested in this vacant council seat, please direct your letter to Mr. Denelsbeck.

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to accept the minutes from December 14, 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.

Mrs. Kain stated that the program manager, Mr. Raj Patel from PennDot requested that during Phase III would it be possible to use some office space here at the borough hall to set up his laptop. This would save the project money because any office space rented would be taken from the cost of the project. Mrs. Kain made a motion to allow Mr. Patel to use the borough hall to set up his laptop. All were in favor.

Mrs. Kain asked Mrs. Metzinger if we have heard from the county regarding the Loney Street Trail. Mrs. Metzinger advised that she was told that the county now has a solicitor in their office that can review the ordinance that we need them to look at to see if our ordinance covers the whole deed restriction that they are requiring that we have on Cegielkowski Playground. Mrs. Metzinger was also told that hopefully this would be looked at this week. We should be able to move forward in the next couple of months with this.

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

General Fund - \$52,509.71  
Highway Aid - \$2,462.20  
Capital Reserve - \$237.38  
Police Pension Fund - \$2,686.34

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the Tax Collector/Treasurer Mr. Albert Wartman is here to give an update of the borough funds.

- **General Fund:** The beginning balance in December was \$268,966.09; receipts for the month were \$34,205.74, disbursements for the month were \$109,337.50 leaving us a balance of \$193,834.33.
- **Highway Aid Fund:** The beginning balance in December was 31,498.24; receipts for the month were \$295.02, disbursements for the month were \$5,201.48 leaving us a balance of \$26,591.78.
- **Capital Reserve:** The beginning balance in December was \$49,662.25; receipts for the month were \$31.54, disbursements for the month were \$9,523.32 leaving us a balance of \$40,170.47.

Mr. Showmaker made a motion to take a \$150,000.00 Tax Anticipation Note from Harleysville National Bank. All were in favor.

Mr. Showmaker advised that a fund balance account was opened at Harleysville National Bank so that at year end the General Fund balance can be moved. This is more of a savings account.

**Public Service:** Mr. Praediger had nothing at this time.

**Public Safety:** Mr. Casey made a motion to accept the Police, Fire Marshal, Fire Company and Second Alarmer's Rescue Squad Reports. All were in favor.

Mayor Praediger wanted to let everyone know that this Wednesday, January 13, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. District Attorney Risa Ferman will be at the Hook and Ladder Room. She will be speaking about Town Watch and the topic will be "Crime and how it relates to Town Watch". If there is an emergency there is a chance that she will not make it. If she does not make it one of her associates will be in attendance.

If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Kevin Fries because there is limited seating available.

Sergeant Miller advised that stop sign violations are slowly decreasing. There were 66 citations and 11 parking tickets written. Sergeant Miller advised that he did a 10 hour study an hour in the morning and an hour in the evening for a week at the light at Huntingdon Pike and Robbins Avenue. In his opinion it would be best to leave as is.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the "curb your dog" signs have been hung along Montgomery Avenue.

Mayor Praediger also stated that the "Town Watch" signs have been placed in various locations throughout the borough.

Mrs. Kehoe asked Sergeant Miller if the officers can check on the Basketball Camp on Saturdays and Sundays through the 14<sup>th</sup> of March.

Mrs. Kain had a question regarding Nixel. Nixel is an alert system, traffic, snow emergencies, etc. Sergeant Miller advised that if any one signs up for it you need to be careful because a lot of times they will send you unnecessary information. He advised that if you do sign up for this stick to the alerts and traffic.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that council has taken Streets Lights and Sewers and Property and put them into a committee called Public Works/Property.

**Public Works/Property:** Mr. Casey made a motion to accept the Streets Opening Report. All were in favor.

Streets Department Updates:

- The crew placed the "pick up after your dog" signs along Montgomery Avenue and the "Town Watch" signs at various locations throughout the borough.
- The wreaths and garland were taken down.
- There were some potholes that were repaired.
- There were 4 days of salting and snow clean up last month.
- The second salt delivery was delivered last week.
- Yard Waste was collected.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked how the crew did today with the trees. Mrs. Metzinger advised that they are not done and will be back out on Tuesday.

**Recreation:** Mrs. Kehoe advised that the Basketball Camp started on Saturday, January 9 and will end on March 14, 2010. It runs every Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. ages 6 and up. There was an average of about 10 kids each day.

Mr. Casey asked if this will be in the upcoming Newsletter. Mrs. Kehoe advised that yes it will be in the newsletter.

**Personnel:** Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to hire Nick Ruhl as a replacement basketball counselor. Mrs. Kehoe advised that she was running into scheduling issues. Mrs. Kehoe stated that Mrs. Metzinger was one of his references. He has been interviewed and a background check has been completed. All were in favor.

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to hire John Hopper as the new full-time crew foreman. All were in favor.

### **Manager's Report:**

Mrs. Metzinger advised that she is in the process of getting quotes for the painting of the gym. She has 2 quotes and is waiting for two other quotes.

We are still looking at a notice to proceed date in February for Phase III.

Mr. Casey asked Mrs. Metzinger if there has been any information regarding the water issue near the War monuments at Huntingdon Pike and Fillmore Street. Mrs. Metzinger advised that she spoke to Harold Windisch from PennDot regarding this and he said he would have to work with Philadelphia on this as the Monuments are on the Philadelphia side.

Mr. Casey was concerned because there has been ice there.

Mrs. Kehoe asked Mrs. Metzinger if she has heard anything from Rick Stoneback, regarding the start date on the Cegielkowski Ballfield Project.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that Mr. Stoneback was out of the office on Thursday and Friday of last week. She will contact him tomorrow, Tuesday, January 12.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Kirby wanted to know about the dog signs that have been placed throughout the borough. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that the signs have been placed up and down Montgomery Avenue. Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mr. Kirby that Sergeant Miller has advised that it would be best to leave the lights at Huntingdon Pike, Robbins and Church as they are.

Mr. Goldberg wanted to thank everyone that was involved in purchasing and installing and enforcing the stop sign violations that are now on the poles around the borough. He wanted to know if there were plans to purchase and install more stop sign violations. Sergeant advised that it would cost around \$250.00 for 20 signs. Mr. Goldberg advised that there should be another sign on the opposite side of the street at Abington and Park. He sees people gliding through the stop sign at his corner. He would also like to see one at Sylvania Avenue. Mr. Denelsbeck asked Sergeant Miller to order the signs.

Mr. Clint Snyder wanted to thank council for giving him the opportunity to be the crew foreman. He stated he learned a lot and greatly appreciated the opportunity. He stated that he will meet with Mr. Hopper to go everything and to give Mr. Hopper as much help as he can.

Council thanked Mr. Snyder.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Hines, Borough Cler