

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
February 8, 2010

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on February 8, 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: None.

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

Mr. Denelsbeck made a motion to accept the minutes from January 4, 2010 Reorganization meeting, January 11, 2010 and January 25, 2010. 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 made a motion to adopt Resolution 2010-01, a Resolution authorizing the execution of all necessary documents in connection with the Huntingdon Pike Revitalization Project. The vote was taken. The vote being 6:0. Resolution 2010-01 is adopted.

Finance: Mr. Showmaker made a motion to accept the monthly bills. All were in favor.

General Fund - \$42,118.31
Highway Aid - \$3,941.18
Capital Reserve - \$0
Police Pension Fund - \$3,825.81

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurers Report:

General Fund – Receipts of \$258,195.00, \$150,000 Tax Anticipation Note, \$75,000 Transferred out of reserve to the general fund, disbursements total \$304,274.44 of this \$193,849.79 was set up in a reserve fund. Total balance 1-31-10 is \$153,957.69.

Highway Aid - \$28, 554.73 the balance for end of the year, \$115.97 receipts, disbursements of \$125.15, balance of \$24,245.55.

Capital Reserve - \$45,143.79 at the end of the year, receipts \$31.40, disbursements \$5,210.68, balance of \$39,964.51.

MMO Fund – There is a balance of \$15,000.00.

Mr. Showmaker advised that Mr. Joe Duda is here to give an explanation of the 3 options for the 2011 MMO.

Mr. Joseph Duda gave an explanation of all 3 options for the 2011 MMO. Mr. Duda's recommendation is to go with Option B. He needs a decision so he can finish the 1-1-09 evaluation.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that there is a Pension Meeting scheduled this week. This information will be presented to Kathy Jordan from Wachovia Securities.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that council will discuss and make a decision before the next council meeting.

Mr. Showmaker advised that there was a request from Filler Machine (Packaging Enterprises) regarding the issue of penalties and interest on back taxes. They are requesting that this amount be waived. Mr. Showmaker asked if we do give them a discount on this, does this set a precedence for everyone else. Mr. Denelsbeck stated no, this is on a case by case basis. Mr. Casey made a motion to only waive 50% of the interest and penalties. All were in favor.

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.

Chief Miller advised that Office Lukashaunas participated in training last week in Reading Pennsylvania. This was for U. S. Department of Commercial Motor Vehicle Criminal Investigations.

Officer Lukashaunus gave an update. The course was sponsored by the United States Department of Transportation. He stated that he is a motor carrier enforcement officer and can enforce federal regulations pertaining to commercial vehicles. It was 3 days of training regarding narcotics investigations, drug trafficking, weapons of mass destruction, terrorism and basically anything related to a commercial vehicle. There were about 50 officers in attendance and there was no cost to the department for this.

Thank you to the police department and the streets department for doing a wonderful job with the snow. There were 13 tickets issued.

Mayor Praediger wanted to thank the Police and the Streets Department who did a great job with the snow removal.

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

Mr. Casey would also like to thank the Police and Streets Department for a job well done.

Streets Department Updates:

Mr. Hopper had no updates.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mr. Hopper if we have salt for the upcoming storm. Mr. Hopper advised that it has been ordered and should be delivered Wednesday.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe advised of a request from the Fox-Rok Athletic Association requesting to use the South Sylvania softball field on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the months of April, May and June. All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked if Fox Rok knows that there will be two fields there. Mr. Casey stated that no they do not, but he will let the person in charge know this.

Mrs. Kehoe advised that Mr. Hopper is looking into prices for a machine that can be used on the fields.

Personnel: Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to appoint Sergeant Miller as Police Chief. All were in favor.

Mayor Praediger swore in Sergeant Miller as the new Police Chief.

Sergeant Miller wanted to thank everyone. He hopes he will live up to everyone's expectations.

Mr. Denelsbeck and Council wanted to say thank you to Mr. Clint Snyder who has been the crew foreman. He was given a certificate of recognition.

Mr. Denelsbeck and Council would like to welcome John Hopper as the new Crew Foreman.

Manager's Report:

Mrs. Metzinger advised that the contractor will be given his notice to proceed next Monday. She advised that she will be meeting with the project manager and the contractor in the next two weeks and that work should begin the beginning of March.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that at the last council meeting Mr. Kirby wanted to know who was responsible for the island at Church Road. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that he is to blame.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that there is a vacancy on council. This vacancy will be filled at the next meeting on February 22. Mr. Costello will be here to preside over the next meeting.

Mr. Casey asked about the ball field. Mrs. Metzinger advised that she received an email from the contractor and stated he was getting ready to do the submittals for the infield and the backstop and the stand. She said that she received a guarantee from the contractor that everything except the germinating of the grass should be ready to be used by April 1.

Public Comment:

Mr. Kirby asked about the comment made by Mr. Denelsbeck regarding the islands. He asked if anyone had a say in this. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the planners put the islands in and PennDot approved them. Council wanted them to stay in. Mr. Kirby stated that in his opinion the islands are a disaster. Mrs. Kehoe advised Mr. Kirby that when these kinds of decisions are made, council needs the opinions of the residents.

Mr. Kirby would like to thank the crew with the plowing.

Mr. Praediger asked Mr. Kirby if it is the function or the appearance of the islands that he does not like. Mr. Kirby stated both and that he thinks they are a disaster and an eyesore.

Mr. Goldberg asked if council has any plans to replace or hire another full time police officer. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that personnel issues are discussed at personnel meetings.

Mrs. Baskin stated that she thought the crew did a great job with the snow.

Mrs. Kehoe wanted to thank the residents for following the snow emergency.

Mr. Richard Flanagan from 6 Loney Street stated that he recently moved into the borough. He stated that when we had the storm in December the streets were great. He stated that this past storm was terrible. His street was a mess. The salt job was terrible. Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mr. Flanagan exactly where he is and Mr. Flanagan stated Loney and Fillmore Streets.

Mrs. Kehoe asked if Mr. Hopper if he has noticed anything. Mr. Hopper said that they did their best. There were some cars that were not moved. Mr. Flanagan stated that he did see trucks out. Mr. Hopper stated that the salt was not put down until Sunday morning.

Mr. Hopper will look at this tomorrow.

Mr. Flanagan stated that he currently rents and is in the process of buying his house. He wanted to know how long you have to shovel your property. You have 24 hours after the last flake. He stated that the owner told him that it was 48 hours.

Mr. Kevin Fries stated that he thinks the problem on Loney Street is that it is on an incline.

Mr. Kevin Fries from the Town Watch organization gave an update. There was a Town Watch meeting at the fire house on January 13, 2010, assistant district attorney, John Walko was in attendance. Mr. Walko spoke about drugs in Montgomery County. Mr. Fries stated that there was an incident in the cemetery. There was a positive outcome to the situation.

Mr. Kirby stated that the manhole on Jarrett and the Pike is sinking. Mr. Hopper will check this out.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Hines, Borough Clerk