

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
February 22, 2010

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on February 22, 2010 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited, the roll was called as follows: Mr. Denelsbeck, Mr. Casey, Mrs. Kain, Mrs. Kehoe, Mr. Praediger, Mr. Showmaker and Mayor Praediger.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that Mr. Joseph Costello is here tonight as the vacancy chair because we have passed over our time for filling the vacant council seat.

Mr. Costello asked for nominations for the vacancy council seat.

Mrs. Kehoe nominated Mrs. Robin Morris. Mr. Denelsbeck made the 2nd nomination.

Mr. Costello asked for any additional nominations. There were none.

All were in favor to have Mrs. Morris as a new member of council.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that council extends their sympathy to him on his mothers passing.

Mayor Praediger swore in Mrs. Morris as a new council member.

Additions: Mrs. Kehoe as an item under recreation.

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

Law and Planning: Mrs. Kain advised that Mrs. Metzinger, Mayor Praediger and Mr. Hopper met with the PennDot project manager and the contractor today regarding Phase III.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that she met with the project manager, the contractor and two people from Abington because we were discussing the intersection at Shady and the Pike. The contractor is looking to start next week. Mr. Denelsbeck asked if they know that they need to be completed by the 3rd of July. Mrs. Metzinger advised that yes, they do know that they need to be done. They actually brought this up today. They said they would be done by June 15.

Finance: Mr. Showmaker advised that there was a meeting on Wednesday with Kathy Jordan. The police pension fund is back up over a million dollars. One recommendation from Kathy Jordan is that in our cash account we have \$64,000 and she is recommending that we take about \$14,000 - \$15,000 and invest it.

If it is ok with council Mr. Showmaker will talk to Kathy Jordan to see where it would best be allocated sometime this week.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mr. Showmaker if he wants to proceed this week. If he does than he needs a motion to allow Kathy Jordan to invest that \$15,000 where she feels is best.

Mr. Showmaker made the motion to allow Kathy Jordan invest \$15,000. All were in favor.

Mr. Showmaker also stated that there was a discussion for the 2011 MMO. Mr. Duda, Al Wartman and Kathy Jordan all recommend option B.

Mr. Showmaker made a motion to go with Option B. The vote was taken and was 6:1. Mr. Denelsbeck voted no.

Mr. Casey asked Mr. Showmaker to let council know what Kathy Jordan is going to invest it in.

Public Service: Mr. Denelsbeck advised that Sister Frankie and Sister Denise are here from the Medical Mission Sisters to talk to us about the development of their property and a letter of support.

Sister Frankie gave a presentation regarding their property. They would like to build a 61 unit apartment building for seniors and the Sisters returning from overseas. Also, they would like to include a Life Center (adult daycare facility).

A portion of the property is in Abington, not Rockledge but Sister Frankie would like the support from borough council.

Mr. Showmaker and Mr. Casey wanted to know about the impact this would have on traffic. Sister Frankie advised him that there would probably be the same amount of traffic that there is now.

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to support the Medical Mission Sisters in their development plan. All were in favor.

Public Safety: Mr. Casey had nothing at this time. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that at the next meeting this will be Mrs. Morris committee.

Chief Miller wanted to thank the residents for their cooperation during the snow emergencies. There were some citations written.

Chief Miller advised that there are two officers in school this week.

Mayor Praediger had nothing at this time.

Mr. Casey thanked the streets crew for a job well done even though there were some complaints.

Mrs. Kehoe asked Mr. Casey if we could look into getting the metal for the plows. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the metal pulls up the manholes. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that we should take the feet off the plows. Mr. Denelsbeck would like to try removing the feet first. Mr. Hopper will take a look at. When we pave next time, we need to remember to keep the manholes low.

Public Works/Property:

Streets Department Updates:

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe advised that a request was received from St. Cecilia's school requesting to use S. Sylvania field on Monday & Wednesday's from 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

There will be a little over-lap with Fox-Rok. There was a discussion about parking spaces. If you have two teams on one field and two teams on the other field there is not enough parking for everyone.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mrs. Kehoe and Mr. Praediger to see if we can do some expanding for more parking spaces and let council know by next meeting. They can speak to Mrs. Herzig about maybe opening the gates to the cemetery.

Mrs. Kehoe advised that there was a request from Ackers Hardware to use the S. Sylvania field on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. from April 11 – May 23. Mrs. Kehoe made the motion and all were in favor.

Personnel: Mr. Denelsbeck advised that Mr. Clint Snyder is resigning from the Streets Crew.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mrs. Kehoe to request applications for streets crew employees.

Mrs. Kehoe asked Mrs. Metzinger to talk to Mr. Hopper about this.

Managers Report: Mrs. Metzinger advised that Governor Rendell has requested that all Liquid Fuels payments be released by early March instead of April.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that she will be submitting a request for federal assistance for snow removal costs.

Mrs., Metzinger advised that we received approval for our 902 recycling grant in the amount of \$32,000.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mr. Casey to instruct Mr. Hopper to meet with the manager to look into a vacuum on the back of the white truck.

Public Comment:

Mr. Snyder wanted to know what the procedures are for applying for a vacant council seat. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the process is that council looks at the letters of submission and makes a decision. Mr. Snyder wanted to know if there are interviews. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that it is up to council's discretion what policy they want to follow.

Mr. Eric Whitaker, 138 Blake Avenue wanted to discuss the snow protocol of odd and even days. He asked if council could take a look at the procedures. Mr. Casey stated that he also lives on the even side of the street and also had a lot of snow, but he does not know of another solution. We will take this into consideration for next year.

Mr. Kirby stated that there is a hole on the Pike in front of the Danish Bakery. Mr. Hopper will take a look at it. Mayor Praediger advised that it is not a manhole. It is either gas or water.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk