

**ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**April 26, 2010**

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on April 26, 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, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Praediger, Mr. Showmaker and Mayor Praediger.

Mr. Denelsbeck wanted to remind everyone if a committee is going to decide on an issue those 3 people on the committee are the only people voting. They are voting to place the item on the next regular meeting agenda for May 10, 2010.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

**Law and Planning:** Mrs. Kain made a motion to adopt Ordinance #616 amending ordinance 599 to modify the employee's deferred compensation plan to provide for employer matching up to a maximum of 5%. The vote was taken and was 7:0. Ordinance #616 will be adopted.

Mrs. Kain wanted to discuss the model Stormwater Ordinance which needs to be adopted by the end of May.

Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Kain and Mr. Praediger have many questions regarding this. Mr. Praediger asked if there was someone we can have come to borough council to explain in detail. Mr. Bresnan advised that ultimately, we will have to adopt the Stormwater Ordinance. Mr. Bresnan advised that the state has supremacy of this issue because it is an environmental regulatory issue. He stated that larger municipalities face regulations from the state all the time and are enforced to adopt lengthy sewer ordinances, discharge ordinances that go on for pages and pages of technical jargon in detail. He said that we largely escape this because the size of Rockledge Borough. This situation is an example of where the state is applying it to everyone. Mr. Praediger asked Mr. Bresnan if there is a choice and Mr. Bresnan stated that he wouldn't want anyone to say that we were forced to adopt this when we did not understand it. Mr. Bresnan stated that we can get someone in to explain the details of the ordinance. Mr. Bresnan also stated that he doesn't know if the 250 sq foot triggering size can be increased. Mr. Praediger stated that that size is pretty much everything. Mr. Praediger stated that he would really like to have someone explain everything to him. Mrs. Metzinger asked if this should be advertised. Mr. Bresnan stated to go ahead and advertise for adoption at the May 10, 2010 meeting upon contingent to have someone explain the ordinance. If we cannot have someone here to explain at the May 10, 2010 meeting, we would just have to re-advertise.

Mrs. Kain made a motion to advertise the storm water ordinance.

Mrs. Kain advised that she and Mr. Praediger attended the Planning Commission Meeting last week. Mr. Denelsbeck had a question for Mrs. Kain regarding the Planning Commission Meeting minutes. He asked if the Planning Commission is re-writing the new Revitalization Plan. Mrs. Metzinger advised that they are just updating the plan. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that in their minutes many times it states 'the borough should consider'. He wanted to know if they will be coming to council with recommendations. Mrs. Metzinger advised that she believes they will. Mr. Denelsbeck asked about wrap around zoning. Is this what we call the modified density overlay district? Mr. Denelsbeck stated that there should be no wrap around district. Mrs. Metzinger will check with the Planning Commission.

**Finance:** Mr. Showmaker had nothing at this time.

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

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

Mayor Praediger had nothing at this time.

Mrs. Kehoe asked if the study was started for the stop signs at various streets in the borough. Chief Miller advised that they are still in the process of doing the study.

Chief Miller had nothing at this time.

**Public Works/Property:** Mr. Casey gave the streets department updates from April 12 – 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Casey stated that Mr. Hopper has been spending a lot of time doing work at the ball fields, behind the ball fields, fixed signs along Huntingdon Pike, changed oil and tuned up laser and changed oil and greased the John Deere.

There was a discussion regarding the estimates for the gym floor. Council asked if Mrs. Metzinger could get the estimates into a better format. Mrs. Metzinger will look into this. Council would like the estimates showing apples to apples.

Mr. Casey made a motion to award the bid for the gym floor and stage floor once the bids are in order on May 10, 2010.

**Recreation:** Mrs. Kehoe advised that she and Erin Metzinger have been accepting applications for the summer camp and hope to interview soon for two counselors. Mrs. Kehoe advised that Beth Crossin is not returning. Erica Matus, Kristin Hector and Erin Metzinger are returning.

**Personnel:** There was a discussion regarding the sick leave and bereavement policy. There were many questions regarding extended sick leave. Mrs. Morris wanted to know if this was a disability policy or is it paid extended sick leave. Mrs. Kehoe stated that she basically followed Amblers policy with some revisions. Mrs. Kehoe will double check this. Council has asked Mrs. Metzinger to check into some short term disability policies.

## **Managers Report:**

Mrs. Metzinger advised that she has received a quote for \$4,282; she has contacted Jeanes Hospital who has helped Second Alarmers in the past and is waiting to hear back from them regarding funding.

Mrs. Morris made a motion to purchase AED's spending not more than \$4300.00.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that she attended a PECO workshop regarding rebates offered when upgrading to energy saving products; we'll get a certain amount of money back for every light we replace. There is a grant round supposed to be opening soon from the PA Energy Development Authority.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that she has submitted the paper work for the \$200,000 paving loan. We should tentatively close on the loan at the end of June.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that Aqua should be finished in Strockville mid June.

Mayor Praediger asked about the decorative street lights on the Pike near Shady Lane. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that we will have to leave the two overhead street lights up. The engineer stated that the lights cannot be placed there because of underground utilities. Mr. Denelsbeck suggested maybe seeing if there are overhead lights that may match the decorative street lights.

## **Public Comment:**

Mrs. Ploszay asked if the island along Huntingdon Pike, between Penn and Shady Lane/Fox Chase Road is going to be put back. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that yes a raised island is going back.

Mr. Kirby wanted to thank the Police Department for their help with a situation on Jarrett Ave.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Hines  
Borough Clerk