

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
May 10, 2010

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on May 10, 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, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Praediger and Mr. Showmaker.

Additions to the Agenda: Mr. Denelsbeck stated that there was a change to the personnel agenda. Mrs. Kehoe has an item under Recreation. Mrs. Morris has an item under Public Safety.

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to adopt the agenda with the additions. All were in favor.

Mr. Showmaker made a motion to accept the minutes from April 12, 2010. Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to accept the minutes from April 26, 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 Ordinance 618. An ordinance that authorizes the incurrence of non-electoral debt by the Borough of Rockledge pursuant to the issuance of the general obligation note, 2010 series in the aggregate par amount of \$200,000 and approves certain capital projects. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that this is a \$200,000 note to pave Strockville. The vote was taken and was 7:0. Ordinance 618 is adopted.

Mrs. Kain made a motion to adopt Ordinance 617. An Ordinance implementing the requirements of the Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Stormwater Management Plan. This item is being tabled. Mr. Bresnan stated that the deadline is at the end of May and the borough could be given a violation. Mr. Bresnan stated that the county does not feel that that would happen. It is on the agenda and we are not ignoring it. Mr. Bresnan stated this could be tabled until we can schedule someone from the county to attend a council meeting to answer any questions council may have.

Mrs. Metzinger asked if this would have to be run in the newspaper again. Mr. Bresnan advised that it does not have to be run again.

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

General Fund - \$66,757.12
Highway Aid - \$2,345.77
Capital Reserve - \$16,375.48
Police Pension Fund - \$3,328.04

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurers Report: A motion was made to accept Mr. Wartman's report. All were in favor.

General Fund:	Beginning Balance:	\$349,292.29
	Receipts:	\$724,469.10

Balance: \$1,073,761.39
Disbursements: \$306,797.08
Fund Total: \$766,964.31

Fund Account: Beginning Balance: \$118,897.83
Interest: \$15.15
Balance: \$118,912.98
Disbursements: \$9,975.00
Fund Total: \$108,937.98

MMO Fund: Beginning Balance: \$15,002.38
Interest: \$0.85
Balance: \$15,003.23
Disbursements: \$0
Fund Total: \$15,003.23

Capital Reserve: Beginning Balance: \$44,964.71
Receipts: \$75,305.89
Balance: \$120,270.60
Disbursements: \$70,273.32
Fund Total: \$49,997.28

Highway Aid: Beginning Balance: \$62,626.40
Receipts: \$472.18
Balance: \$63,098.58
Disbursements: \$8,523.46
Fund Total: \$54,575.12

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the tax collector is at 93% for real estate collected at the end of April and this time last year we were at 93 %.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that we are at 417% collection of back taxes. Thank you to Mr. Wartman for pointing it out and thank you to Mrs. Metzinger, Mrs. Hines and the solicitor for being diligent in the collection of these taxes. This money will be used to fund some projects.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that our expenses at the end of April are right at the 32% and this is where they should be.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that there are a couple of categories that are a little high and these are things that are done in bulk and come in early and then they don't ever move again. We need to be careful about what we do.

Mr. Showmaker asked if we could send out one more last final correspondence to the 4 property owners for back trash and sewer fees.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that there have been numerous letter sent from the borough office and from the solicitor. Council decided to instruct the borough solicitor to file suit.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that these 4 residents owe \$26,000 combined. There are a number of other people who have made payment plans. We will accept payment plans.

Mr. Showmaker made a motion to have the borough solicitor file suit against 4 property owners for delinquent trash and sewer fees. All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that we received a letter from Calhoun Baker who is the management of the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority. They suggest that we look at changing out 1999 loan and our 2005 loan from a variable to a fixed rate. Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mrs. Metzinger to give a copy to Mr. Showmaker, Mrs. Morris and Mr. Wartman. This will have to be discussed in June.

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

Public Safety: Mrs. Morris made a motion to accept the Police, Fire Marshal, Fire Company and Second Alarmers' Rescue Squad Reports. All were in favor.

Mrs. Morris asked Mrs. Metzinger if she has heard anything from Jeans regarding the AED's. Mrs. Metzinger advised that she received an e-mail late today and was told that her request is still under review. Chris Reif, from 2nd Alarmers advised that it is good that the request is still in review. He also stated that when we receive the AED's he will work with Chief Miller regarding the training.

Mrs. Morris made a motion to purchase the AED's after we find out what assistance we will receive from Jeans Hospital. All were in favor.

Mrs. Morris advised the Officer Billy Buttenbusch was in attendance to give a presentation on the studies completed for the intersections of Burke and S. Penn, Montgomery Avenue and Jarrett and Abington and N. Sylvania.

Officer Buttenbusch gave a complete and thorough presentation. The police recommendations are:

Burke and S. Penn:

1. Modify existing stop signs to indicate "All WAY". Add stop signs for South Penn Avenue at the intersection of Burke Street. Amend the borough Ordinance to classify the intersection of South Penn Avenue & Burke Street as an "ALL WAY STOP" intersection.
2. Move the stop sign located on the northeast corner of Burke Street & South Penn Avenue eight (8) feet to the west. This will facilitate an increase in corner sight distance.
3. Paint stop lines on the road surface next to the stop signs.
4. Add a "NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER" SIGN ONTO PECO pole number 264, located in front of 803 Burke Street which is sixty-seven (67) feet from the northwest corner of the intersection of Burke Street & South Penn Avenue. Amend the borough ordinance to create a no parking area on north side of the 800 block of Burke Street from the northwest corner of its intersection with South Penn Avenue to a point sixty-seven (67) feet to the west of said corner.
5. Instruct the owner of 101 South Penn Avenue to remove the bush from his property located at the southwest corner of the intersection.

Mr. Naudascher stated that he does not like that someone is going to be told that they cannot park in front of their house.

There was a motion to instruct the Borough Solicitor to do the ordinance to add a 4 way stop sign at the intersection of S. Penn and Burke. All were in favor.

There was a motion to instruct the Public Works Department to move the stop sign on Burke 8 feet closer to S. Penn Avenue. All were in favor.

There was a motion to create a 67 feet no parking zone on the northwest corner of Burke Street at South Penn. The solicitor was directed to create that ordinance. The vote was taken and was 5:2 with Mr. Showmaker and Mr. Praediger voting no.

Montgomery and Jarrett Avenues:

1. Install stop signs for Montgomery Avenue at the intersection of North Jarrett Avenue.
2. Modify the existing stop signs to indicate "ALL WAY".
3. Amend the borough ordinance to classify the intersection of Montgomery Avenue and North Jarrett Avenue as an "ALL WAY STOP" intersection.
4. Paint stop lines on the road surface next to the stop signs.
5. Paint crosswalks at the intersection.
6. Paint the curbs yellow to denote the no parking areas:
 - Thirty (30) feet back from the stop signs.
 - Twenty (20) feet back from the crosswalk on the corners where "stop sign" posts are not installed.
 - This will assist drivers of the no parking location areas.
 - This will assist police with detecting and enforcing parking violations at this intersection.

Mrs. Ploszay asked if we could reduce the speed limit to 15 mph. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that we cannot. Officer Bittenbusch stated that the minimum is 25 mph. We do not have any areas that meet the PennDot criteria to reduce the limit. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that one of the problems in Rockledge is that many people do not use their driveways for any of their cars.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that on this particular corner the unit on the corner is a triplex with no off street parking. Why are we not recommending a no parking on the northwest corner which seems to be the biggest problem. Officer Bittenbusch stated that if we put a stop sign on the corner, they cannot park 30 feet from the stop sign back so you already have a 30 foot egress there already. This is something that we are enforcing. Painting the curbs will enforce this further.

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to have the solicitor do an ordinance for a 4 way stop sign at Jarrett and Montgomery. The vote was taken and was 6:1 with Mr. Showmaker voting no.

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to have the Public Works Department paint the curbs at Jarrett and Montgomery to designate the 30 feet back. The vote was taken and was 6:1 with Mr. Showmaker voting no.

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to have the Public Works Department paint crosswalks at the intersection of Jarrett and Montgomery. All were in favor.

North Sylvania Avenue & Abington Avenue

1. Install stop signs for Abington Avenue at the intersection of North Sylvania Avenue.
2. Modify the existing stop signs to indicate "ALL WAY".
3. Amend Borough Ordinance to classify the intersection of North Sylvania Avenue and Abington Avenue as an "ALL WY STOP" intersection.
4. Paint stop lines on the road surface next to the new stop signs.
5. Paint the curbs yellow to denote the no parking areas:
 - Thirty (30) feet back from the stop signs.
 - Twenty (20) feet back from the crosswalk on the corners where "stop sign" posts are not installed.
 - This will assist drivers of the no parking location areas.
 - This will assist police with detecting and enforcing parking violations at this intersection.

Mr. Wynne had a question regarding Strockville. He said that a lot of people in Strockville plant their bushes and flowers right up to the street and he has many people telling him that cars are running over their bushes. Mr. Wynne stated that he tells people they should be planning about 6 feet back from the street.

Mr. Casey made a motion to install a 4 way stop sign at N. Sylvania and Abington. The vote was taken and was 5:2 with Mr. Showmaker and Mr. Denelsbeck voting no. The borough solicitor will include this on the ordinance.

There was a motion to instruct the Public Works Department to paint the 30 or 20 feet lines at the corner of N. Sylvania and Abington Aves. The vote was taken and was 6:1.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that a letter should be sent to the owners of the apartment building on the corner of N. Sylvania and Abington Ave. telling them that the need to start using their parking lot.

Chief Miller advised that there were 67 traffic citations, 22 which were stop sign citations. Grant money has all been spent. The grant will be closed out. Mrs. Kehoe told Chief Miller; great job with the study.

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

Mr. Casey made a motion to award the bid for the gym and stage floor to James Gardner Hardwood Floors in the amount of \$5,090.00 pending references. The vote was taken and was 5:2 with Mr. Denelsbeck and Mrs. Morris voting no.

Street Department Updates:

Mr. Hopper stated that everything is good. The parking lot was painted on Saturday.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked Mr. Hopper why are there some sidewalk blocks not completed on the Pike. Mr. Hopper advised that some of the handicapped ramps need to be redone.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe advised that she has 3 recreational permits. Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to allow:

- Hollywood Tavern is requesting to use S. Sylvania field on Tuesday's from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. April thru September. All were in favor.
- St. Timothy Christian Preschool is requesting to use Jarrett Avenue Playground on Friday, June 4, 9:30/10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. All were in favor.
- Memorial Presbyterian Church of Fox Chase is requesting to use Jarrett Avenue Playground on Friday, May 28, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. with a rain date of June 4, 2010. Mrs. Kehoe stated that they need to change their rain date because St. Timothy Christian Preschool already has requested that date. All were in favor.

Personnel: Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to adopt the changes on addendum 1. All were in favor.

Manager's Report:

Mrs. Metzinger advised that the zoning hearing board has received a request for a variance for 226 Robbins Avenue; they are seeking the variance to use the building for the sale of home care medical equipment is scheduled for June 3, at 7:30 at the borough hall.

Mrs. Kehoe asked about the planters for the Pike. She wanted to know about the positioning of them for wheelchairs, etc.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that Mr. Stoneback is looking into the planters.

Mr. Denelsbeck wanted to remind everyone that the 4th of July parade is on July 3 this year. The 4th of July committee is selling hats for \$15.00 and T-Shirts for \$10.00.

Public Comment:

Mr. Wynne, 32 Blake Avenue asked about S. Penn and Burke regarding the No Parking from Here to Corner. The public works crew will figure out the placement of the sign.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk