

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
June 14, 2010

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on June 14, 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. Showmaker made a motion to adopt the agenda. All were in favor.

Mr. Casey made a motion to accept the minutes from May 10, 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 619. An Ordinance of the Borough of Rockledge making amendments to the codified ordinances; Establishing a No Parking Area on Burke Street; Establishing four way stop intersections at the intersections of Abington and North Sylvania Avenues, Montgomery and North Jarrett Avenues and South Penn Avenue and Burke Street; Leaving the remainder of the Traffic Ordinances in full force and effect; Effective Upon Adoption. The vote was taken and was 5:1 with Mr. Showmaker voting no.

Mrs. Kain made a motion to adopt resolution 2010-03. A resolution to authorize the participation along with other southeastern Pennsylvania municipalities for legal engineering and legislative services for storm water regulatory support. All were in favor.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that he and Mr. Bresnan had a meeting with the Montgomery County Environmental Advisor on the storm water issue. Mr. Denelsbeck recommends that this be left on the table for now. The advisor will be sending more information about this to see if adjustments can be made. Mr. Bresnan stated that the advisor thinks since we are pursuing this issue and it is on the agenda that we should be ok with the deadline.

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

General Fund - \$56,099.39
Highway Aid - \$3,730.14
Capital Reserve - \$31,319.64
Police Pension Fund - \$449.15

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that Mr. Wartman was not in attendance due to his mothers passing. Arrangements are in the paper.

Mr. Showmaker wanted to discuss the issue of changing the 1999 and the 2005 loans from a variable to a fixed rate. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the loans are running about 2.8% and to change to a fixed it would be about 3.1%. The representatives from Calhoun Baker think that the rates are going to go up. It is their recommendation that we change them to a fixed rate. This would merge both loans into 1 payment a month and would actually shorten the life of the loans significantly and save us around \$28,000 in interest payments.

Mr. Showmaker made a motion to change the 1999 and 2005 loans from a variable rate to a fixed rate. All were in favor.

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

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the trash contract will be expiring soon.

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.

Mr. Casey had a question regarding the Second Alarmer's Rescue Squad Report. He stated that on the report it states that there were 10 transports and no Ems required. Mr. Chris Reif stated that at times the EMS is dispatched to vehicle accidents for injuries and when they arrive there are no injuries.

Mr. Chris Reif stated that the Second Alarmer's offer CPR training. When the AED's are received they can assist the Police Department in training. CPR training is also offered to the community at cost.

Mr. Reif also asked for some thoughts of kindness for one of their paramedics, Paul Rowland who was recently diagnosed with mesothelioma, a tumor in his chest cavity. They are doing a fundraiser called Paul's Pals wrist bands. The bands are \$10.00 and the money collected will go right to Paul. If you would like to purchase one, contact Chris Reif.

Mr. Casey asked if Mr. Reif could let Mrs. Metzinger or Mrs. Hines know the cost of the CPR training so this could be put on the website. Mr. Reif will let either one of them know.

Mayor Praediger gave an update of the Fall Festival Car Show. Letters have been sent out requesting donations and he has already have received a few donations.

Chief Miller advised that for the Month of May 2010, there were a total of 55 citations: 20 were stop sign violations; 10 parking citations; 3 borough ordinance; 3 non-traffic and 19 other traffic related incidents.

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. Denelsbeck gave an update of the milling and paving of Phase III. The milling and paving will not be done until Abington completes the installation of the poles at Shady Lane and Huntingdon Pike. The last pieces of curbing will not be installed until the poles are installed. The poles were supposed to be delivered today, but now they are due in on Monday, June 21. They still believe it can be completed. This is not a Scott issue but an Abington issue. The manager has been aggressive in pursuing this.

Mr. Denelsbeck also advised that the storm drain in front of the monument has been installed.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe advised that Summer Camp will start on June 28, 2010. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that you need to be a Rockledge Resident. Mrs. Kehoe advised that you have to be 6 years old or going into 1st grade.

Personnel: Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to accept the personnel changes on Addendum. All were in favor.

Mr. Michael Cole and Mr. Salvatore Cracchiolo were sworn in as new part-time police officers by Mayor Praediger.

Manager's Report:

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that the manager and the clerk are at the McKinley Elementary Schools 5th and 6th grade choral concert.

Public Comment:

Mr. Groomett wanted to know who approved the bump out on Huntingdon Pike at Penn Ave. He stated that there are accidents once a week. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that he does not believe that there have been any accidents there. Mr. Groomett stated that he knows of three.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that Hunt Engineering put the bump out into the plans and the plan engineer and the director of PennDot Southeastern region approved the plans and the road is a PennDot road.

Mr. Groomett asked if the borough had put in \$20,000 into Phase III. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the borough has put in no money for the revitalization plan other than the flower baskets. Everything has been through the Montgomery County Revitalization Plan or the Transportation Enhancement Grant written by Troy Madres in 2004 or 2005. We just bought the flowers. Mr. Groomett stated that someone should talk to Charles Apsche because somebody tore the whole front end of their car off. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that we have no record of this. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that Mr. Apsche is unhappy because we made his property look 1,000 times better. Mr. Denelsbeck told Mr. Groomett that he should go back and check his information.

Mr. Kirby stated that he agrees with Mr. Groomett. He stated that he was in back of a bus and the bus went over the bump out. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the school bus from Abington School District drives over the curb at the circle in Hollywood every day. Mr. Kirby stated that it does not make it right. Mr. Denelsbeck and Mr. Kirby had a discussion of their opinions regarding this situation.

Mayor Praediger stated that it will be better once the striping is completed.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the purpose of the project was to slow the traffic down and make it pedestrian safe it was not to make it a super highway; it was a traffic calming plan. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that in the original plan there were bump outs at every corner of the Pike. There was supposed to be 40 of them and now we only have 3.

Mr. Groomett asked if the engineers are really that smart. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that in this area they are smarter than him. Mr. Praediger also stated that these plans have been on the table since 2004. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that these plans were not hidden in a room; they were out in the open for the public to see.

Mr. Kirby stated that he had an issue last week about a tree/bush hanging into the walkway on Jarrett Avenue and the issue has been taken care of.

Mr. Praediger asked Mr. Groomett if the vehicle that had lost the front end of their car was Mr. Apsches personal vehicle or a customer. Mr. Groomett stated that it was neither. It was just someone driving down the pike.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk