

**ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**June 28, 2010**

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on June 28, 2010 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance were recited, the roll was called as follows: Mr. Denelsbeck, Mrs. Kain, Mrs. Kehoe, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Praediger and Mr. Showmaker.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that council met briefly before the meeting to discuss a personnel issue and will continue after the regular council meeting.

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

**Law and Planning:** Mrs. Kain advised of a discussion regarding some permit fee changes on the permit fee schedule.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that now that the new permit fee schedule has been in effect for awhile we are now seeing some changes that should be made.

The changes that council would like to make are:

If someone is **replacing** a fence, shed, driveway, steps, walkways, patios, curbs, sidewalk blocks, decks, or pools, we will need to check their property file. If there is a zoning permit for the fence, shed, driveway, steps, walkways, patios, curbs, sidewalk blocks, decks or pools they will not need to apply for zoning, but will still need a building permit. If there is no zoning for any of those things they must apply for a zoning permit and a building permit.

Council would also like to change the fee schedule as follows:

\$0 - \$1,500	\$50.00 + a \$4.00 state fee
\$1,501 - \$4,000	\$75.00 + a \$4.00 state fee
\$4,001 - \$20,000	\$75.00 + 2% (if a job is costing \$6,000: \$75.00 + \$4.00 state fee, and Then \$2,000 x 2% = \$40.00. Total permit would cost \$119.00)
\$20,001 and above	\$75.00 + 1.5%

Mrs. Metzinger will check with the zoning officer about the zoning fee.

Mr. Naudascher was under the assumption that when you are replacing a fence that the fence needs to be 3 feet off the property line. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that the fence needs to be on the property line. Mr. Naudascher asked about the issue a few years back with Mayor Praediger and his neighbor in the back. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that this is now why they have to be on the property line. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that we are trying to reduce the fee so it is more reasonable. Council is trying to do everything they can and still maintain some manner of control.

Mrs. Metzinger asked about the Plumbing and Mechanical Fees. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that we should find out from the zoning officer why this was separated on the permit fee schedule as the zoning officers company was the ones who did the permit fee schedule.

Mrs. Kain made a motion to add this to the agenda for the meeting on July 12 with clarification from the zoning officer. Mrs. Kain, Mr. Praediger and Mrs. Morris were all in favor.

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

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

**Public Safety**: Mrs. Morris had nothing at this time.

Chief Miller advised that the police are ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities.

Chief Miller showed council ID badges that he had made for the Police Officers. He asked if council would like ID badges. Council advised Chief Miller to get them for the Fire Marshall, Assistant Fire Marshall, Mr. Hopper and the road crew.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Alarmers will be at the Fireworks from 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**Public Works/Property**: Mr. Denelsbeck, Mrs. Kehoe and Mrs. Kain advised that the flowers look really great.

Mrs. Kehoe stated that we need to discuss the Church Road Island. Mr. Hopper will be getting planters for the parade and placing them in them in the Church Road Island. Mr. Denelsbeck stated to have Hopper just put bricks in the island to cover up the dirt. Mrs. Kehoe advised maybe we could put the bricks in and then put a planter in the center. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Assoc. will leave the planters in there after the parade.

Mrs. Morris asked about the bump out at N. Penn. She wanted to know if anything was going to be placed there. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that no nothing is going there. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that at the last council meeting, Mr. Grookett advised that the granite was all black. Mr. Denelsbeck wanted to check it out and took a look. He stated that the curbing was not totally black. Mr. Denelsbeck thinks that he was thinking of the A-Plus driveway which is smaller than it used to be. Mr. Denelsbeck stated if you are coming from the Hollywood Tavern and turning into the Sunoco, people are hitting that curb which is all black. The barrel that is on the bump out with the reflective tape will stay. Chief Miller advised that hopefully once the pike is paved the bump out will be more obvious.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised Mrs. Kehoe that the manager has informed him that there are only one or two places where the tree planters can go along the pike and that they will be placed in those one or two places.

Mrs. Metzinger advised since we will have the grant money from all the tree planters, and we want to purchase the lights and brackets for the PECO poles that are going to cost about \$7,000 and she was wondering if she could ask the county to use some of the planter money for the lights. Mr. Denelsbeck advised that yes she could ask.

Mr. Kirby stated that he made a statement two weeks ago about the bump out. He was actually was on the other side of the pike. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that he looked at the bump out after the last meeting and it was not black.

**Recreation:** Mrs. Kehoe advised that camp started today. The counts were: In the morning at Jarrett Playground there were 40 kids and in the afternoon there were 45. In the morning at S. Sylvania there were 7 kids and 10 in the afternoon. She also advised that camp will be closed July 5, 2010.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that we need this count to use when we are seeking out grant money. We would have to show how many children we service.

Mrs. Kehoe stated that she was wondering if on the days when S. Sylvania only has 10 kids that maybe it would be beneficial to move those 10 kids to Jarrett.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that this is something that the counselors could decide on.

**Personnel:** Mrs. Kehoe had nothing at this time.

**Managers Report:** Mrs. Metzinger advised that there is a zoning variance hearing scheduled for July 14, 2010. The request is from the owners of the shopping center and involves the old Blockbuster store. They are asking for a variance regarding parking and signage. The Planning Commission has scheduled a special meeting that was advertised on June 29, 2010.

Mrs. Metzinger also advised of another zoning variance request from the owner of 9 Huntingdon Pike (Rose Tours and Travel). They would like to use the apartment space on the second floor as part of their office space. This hearing is scheduled for August 5, 2010.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised on the hearing for July 14, that we do have a sign ordinance and if council members do not like the variances that the zoning board grants that council can challenge the variances in court.

Mr. Denelsbeck stated that the signage will be the next part of revitalization that will need to be looked at. If they are replacing all the signs that are a little bit bigger but are not internally illuminated and have some charm to them he would be ok with them being a little bit bigger. Council will have to think about this.

Mrs. Metzinger asked if they would need to have plans of the signs that they want. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that he thinks that the zoning board should ask for plans.

### **Public Comment:**

Mr. Kirby stated that at Montgomery and Jarrett, where the four way stop signs are that there were two gentlemen arguing over the stop signs. One of the gentlemen did not realize that there was a stop sign on Montgomery Ave.

Mr. Naudascher asked that when the stop sign was placed at Jarrett Ave. and Shady Lane there was a warning sign placed before the stop sign. Mr. Denelsbeck stated that we will look into this.

Mr. Denelsbeck advised that the Parade is on Saturday, July 3 at 9:00 a.m. sharp. The games are at 5:00 p.m. and fireworks are at 9:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn to an executive session. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Hines  
Borough Clerk