

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
December 12, 2011

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on December 12, 2011 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows:

Mr. Showmaker, Mr. Praediger, Mr. Enderle, Mrs. Kehoe and Mrs. Morris were in attendance.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Adoption of the Agenda: All were in favor.

Acceptance of the Minutes: Mr. Praediger made a motion to accept the minutes from November 14 and November 28, 2011. All were in favor.

Law and Planning: Mr. Enderle made a motion to accept the monthly building inspector's report. All were in favor.

Mr. Enderle made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 626 fixing the tax rate for the year 2012 at 5.35 mills. All were in favor.

Mr. Enderle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-10, a resolution amending the zoning sign ordinance. All were in favor.

Mr. Bresnan stated that this was discussed at the last meeting. The sign ordinance prohibits billboard advertising and he thought the best route was to declare it invalid on that basis and to adopt new criteria. Under the municipalities planning code there are specific steps and this is the second step that we have to follow by adding a little more detail to the earlier resolution and specifically it spells out a little bit more that we are going to develop criteria through which billboards can be permitted.

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

General Fund - \$49,639.20
Highway Aid - \$4,281.51
Capital Reserve - \$11.99
Police Pension Fund - \$449.14

Mr. Showmaker made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-09. A Resolution of the Borough of Rockledge, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania appropriating specific sums estimated per the 2012 Budget to be required for the specific purpose of the municipal government, hereinafter

set forth, during the year 2012 by the Borough Council of the Borough of Rockledge, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. All were in favor

Mr. Showmaker advised that it was discussed previously about taking a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). Now instead of taking the TAN and paying about \$1,500 in interest, we will take money from the Fund Balance Account instead of the TAN.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that all the money that is left in General Fund will be transferred to the Fund Balance and then we will transfer money in at the beginning of the year for operating expenses for the first few months of the year. Once tax money starts to come in, we will transfer back what we borrowed from the Fund Balance Account. This will save us about \$1,500 in interest.

Mr. Showmaker made a motion to adopt the 2012 budget without taking the Tax Anticipation Note. All were in favor.

Mr. Showmaker made a motion to allow the Borough Manager to pay any bills between now and the end of the month. All were in favor.

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurers report:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$268,972.81
	Receipts	\$ 79,249.47
	Disbursements	\$122,863.69
	Ending Balance	\$225,358.59

<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 81,681.49
	Receipts	\$ 12.35
	Disbursements	\$ 19,816.30
	Ending Balance	\$ 61,877.54

<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 43,612.81
	Receipts	\$ 372.37
	Disbursements	\$ 3,602.10
	Ending Balance	\$ 40,383.08

<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 28,786.33
	Deposits/Interest	\$ 1.18
	Ending Balance	\$ 28,787.51

<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$111,651.96
	Receipts /Interest	\$ 4.59
	Ending Balance	\$111,656.55

Mr. Showmaker made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor.

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 Alarmer's monthly reports. All were in favor.

Town Watch Update: None

Mrs. Morris wanted to thank everyone who helped with the Kids Christmas Party. There were about 80-85 kids that attended. The party was very well attended.

Mrs. Morris also wanted to remind everyone that the Firehouse will be out on December 24 starting at 5:00 p.m.

Chief Miller advised that we received the grant money from Click-It or Ticket. Officer Lukashunas gave some statistics:

- The detail was from November 18 to December 2.
- 12 officers worked 51 hours.
- We were given \$1200 for our budget and spent \$1,196.00.
- 65 citations were issued.
- 1,419 contacts – most were out on the pike.
- State has approved all the reports and processed it on December 7, 2011.

Second Alarmer's had nothing to report.

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

Street Department Updates:

- Leaf pickup is ongoing
- All the wreaths and garland has been hung on the poles on the Pike.
- Everything normal for this time of the year.

Mr. Brian Corrigan wanted to verify leaf pick-up rules. The leaf vacuum is for the leaves that fall into the street from the street trees. Everyone needs to bag their leaves from their property. The vacuum is out on Saturdays.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Mrs. Kehoe had nothing at this time.

Manager's Report: Mrs. Metzinger advised that she completed a webinar last week regarding reorganizational meetings. She was told that if our 1st regular council meeting falls within 10 days of when we are supposed to have our reorganizational meeting that we do not have to have a special meeting on January 3. We can reorganize on January 9 before the regular council meeting. We will reorganize first and then have our regular meeting. All agreed to do the reorganization on January 9, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Public Comment:

Mr. Jeff Dempsey, from Representative Kevin Boyles was in attendance. He stated that nothing is written in stone, but he has been told that Rockledge is being redistricted to Representative Kevin Boyle's district. Once the redistricting is final, they will be reaching out to the community. He looks forward to be at the council meetings on a regular basis. He thanked council for having the opportunity to speak.

Mr. Kirby wanted to tell council what a super job they are doing. He wishes everyone good luck. He is very impressed.

Mr. George Wrigley, 900 Burke Street was in attendance. He stated that there needs to be a timed traffic study done on the Pike. He checked into this with PennDot and was told that there would be no cost to the borough. This has to do with the traffic on the Pike from Shady Lane and on through Rockledge. Council stated that Mrs. Metzinger will contact PennDot and check into this.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk