

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
September 12, 2016

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on September 12, 2016 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows:

In Attendance: Mr. Showmaker, Mr. Praediger, Mr. Enderle, Ms. Condon, Mrs. Kehoe, and Mrs. Morris.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Adoption of the Agenda: All were in favor.

Acceptance of the Minutes: August 8, 2016. 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 engage the services of the Cohen Law Group to assist in our cable compliance review and franchise renewal negotiations with Verizon for our contract renewal due in September of 2018. All were in favor.

Finance: Mr. Showmaker made a motion to accept the monthly bills, previous months' accounts payable check detail report and the Tax Collectors monthly reports. All were in favor.

General Fund	– \$295,459.11
Highway Aid	– \$ 2,196.92
Capital Reserve	– \$ 13.99
Police Pension Fund	- \$ 336.34

Mr. Showmaker advised that we will be meeting at 6:30 pm on October 10 to begin work on the 2017 budget.

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$719,440.22
	Receipts	\$ 115,443.71
	Disbursements	\$ 128,761.10
	Ending Balance	\$ 706,122.83
<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 98,343.15
	Receipts	\$ 253.38

Disbursements \$ 2,389.08
Ending Balance \$ 96,207.45

Highway Aid: Beginning Balance \$ 99579.551
Receipts \$ 1.78
Disbursements \$ 2,586.66
Ending Balance \$ 96,994.67

Police Pension MMO: Beginning Balance \$ 103,962.07
Deposits/Interest \$ 0
Disbursements \$ 0
Ending Balance \$ 103,962.07

Fund Account: Beginning Balance \$ 346,478.07
Receipts/Interest \$ 0
Disbursements \$ 0
Ending Balance \$ 346,478.07

Public Service: Mr. Praediger advised of the following events:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 to 3:00 at Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center, 400 S. Lewis Road in Royersford.

Beginning in January, Council Meetings will be held on the last Monday of the month. Mr. Bresnan wanted to thank council for accommodating him with this. Mrs. Kehoe asked how will this work with Holidays. Mrs. Metzinger advise the only months affected would be May and December and that we will just switch the meeting to the 3rd Monday of these months. Mr. Bresnan stated that if there is a conflict he will send another attorney to the meeting. Mrs. Metzinger advised that all council meetings are advertised in December. Mr. Showmaker asked about paying bills. Mr. Bresnan stated that they don't fall on the 1st anyway. The bills approved tonight will be mailed tomorrow. All of our bills are due around the council meeting. Usually in December council gives the manager permission to pay any bills until the end of the month. Mr. Bresnan stated that in January 2017 council will allow the manager to pay all regular and routine payments and if there are any unusual payments then the manager will take this to the President of Council.

Steuben Day Parade: Sunday, October 9 at Noon. There is a meeting scheduled for September 15, 2016.

Public Safety: Ms. Morris made a motion to accept the Police, Fire Marshals, Fire Company August reports, and the Second Alarmer's July report. All were in favor.

Mrs. Morris advised that the County has begun to distribute the new radios; all police departments in the County should receive their radios by the end of September.

Chief Miller advised that the Car Show was amazing this year. There were 298 registered vehicles and at any given time there were about 5,000 to 6,000 people on the Pike.

Chief Miller advised that there is going to be a Federal Drug Tack Back day on October 22, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Police Station. If you have unused/expired medication you can now contact police dispatch at 215-379-8800 and ask an officer to meet you at the station as there is now a collection drug box at the station. You don't have to wait until there is a collection date.

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

Mr. Praediger gave a couple of updates:

Fox Chase Road paving: Mrs. Metzinger just found out today that PECO has told Abington that they will be here to pave their half of Fox Chase Road early to mid October.

Shady Lane pot holes: Mr. Micciolo advised that Abington will be paving behind the shopping center in Abington and that he has asked for them to order an extra load of asphalt for us that we will pay for. He will have to saw cut and patch the pot holes. This should be done within 2-3 weeks.

Storage Building: Mr. Praediger advised that the no one was aware that the area that the storage building was going to be placed was used as a dump. There is all kinds of debris there and also tons of dirt. Mr. Micciolo will have this completed before the weather breaks.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Ms. Condon had nothing at this time.

Managers Report: Mrs. Metzinger advised that the bid for Mill Park was advertised and no bids were received. She contacted DCNR about not receiving bids and they said that she can get 3 estimates for the trees, dirt and mulch. When the estimates are received they will need to be reviewed by DCNR.

The Planning Commission is meeting on September 27, 2016.

Mrs. Metzinger just wanted to remind everyone that the 4th of July is having their annual golf outing at Byrnes Golf Club on October 1, at 8:00 a.m. at the Byrne's Golf Club and the cost is \$85.00.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Maureen Hahn, 8 S. Sylvania was in attendance regarding the issues she is having with the shopping center. Mr. Showmaker has advised Mrs. Hahn that we have reached out to the owner of the property and that most issues have been addressed. Mrs. Hahn disagreed with this. Mrs. Metzinger asked Mrs. Hahn if the street sweeper was still coming at 1:30 in the morning. Mrs. Hahn advised that they are not but the Liquor Store truck was there at 6:30 in the morning. Mrs. Metzinger advised that she spoke to the district manager of the liquor store and advised that they cannot deliver before 7:00 a.m. Mrs. Hahn stated that she has numerous pictures. Chief Miller advised her that he does not need pictures; she needs to call the police when this is happening. She is having an issue with the lighting from the shopping center. She is waking up at 3:00 a.m. because of the lights.

Mrs. Hahn again asked about the e-mail she sent to Mr. Showmaker. Mr. Showmaker advised Mrs. Hahn that he did not receive the e-mail and has misplaced the copy she gave him. He was under the impression that most of the issues were remediated. Mr. Praediger asked Mrs. Hahn what issues remain. She stated that the issues remaining are the trash trucks that come 5:30/6:00 a.m., and the delivery trucks. She is also concerned about the sewer and water lines as the trucks are coming up on her lawn as they are backing up. Mrs. Metzinger advised Mrs. Hahn that when she sees this to please call the police by calling 911. She wants Mr. Showmaker to help her. Chief Miller asked her instead of taking video to please call 911 that way the officer can cite them and enforce the ordinance while they are there.

Mrs. Hahn asked about the lights that are shining into her house every night all night. Mr. Bresnan stated that this issue is a private dispute between her and the owner. We are not saying that we can't help her with this, it's just that these are not the boroughs lights and as we do not have a lighting ordinance the borough cannot enforce this.

Mr. Wartman stated that he was out walking early in the morning and a Waste Management truck left the Austrian Village and went right to the liquor store. Chief Miller asked that if Mr. Wartman sees this to please call the police. Maybe a letter should be sent to Mr. Goodman regarding this. Mrs. Metzinger advised that we have sent e-mails to Mr. Goodman's office.

Mrs. Hahn's last request is the intersection at S. Sylvania Avenue and Huntingdon Pike. She is talking about when drivers are coming out of the shopping center and using the left lane of the oncoming traffic to exit S. Sylvania Avenue to make a left onto Huntingdon Pike. Mr. Showmaker advised that we have been keeping an eye on this and that tickets have been written. We will keep doing that. The problem is that we cannot have an officer there all the time.

Mrs. Hahn stated that she thought the laws were to help the residents. Mr. Showmaker advised her that they are but to be enforced she needs to call 911.

Mrs. Morris asked if a citation can be written off of video. Chief Miller advised yes, if Mrs. Hahn will go to court. The problem with video is that you may not be able to see the driver on video. If she calls when they are there we will have the driver's name and company as there are different drivers at times.

Mrs. Morris asked who the distributor is. Mrs. Metzinger advised that she has spoken to the district manager of the Liquor Store and told her that the drivers cannot be there before 7:00 a.m.

Mrs. Morris asked if lighting is an ordinance. Mr. Bresnan stated that he does not think we have one. There is something about lighting in our land development and sub-division requirements for new down lighting for new installations in parking lots. It is a civil issue if someone has an issue with someone's light shining into their house. The delivery times are enforced by ordinance and is enforced by the borough. Mr. Bresnan said it is not that Mrs. Hahn does not have claim about the lighting just not thru the Borough. Mr. Hahn said he thinks it is the light on the side of the building not on the poles.

Mrs. Bresnan said if we were to adopt an ordinance for lighting it would be very technical. We would need a light meter that is calibrated. A lot of people do not adopt an ordinance because it is involved and hard to enforce.

Mr. Showmaker advised that a letter will be sent to Mr. Goodman. Mrs. Hahn asked that Mr. Showmaker e-mail her with an update.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk