

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
November 14, 2016

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on November 14, 2016 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows:

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

Additions to the Agenda: None

Adoption of the Agenda: All were in favor.

Acceptance of the Minutes: October 10, 2016. All were in favor.

Mr. Praediger advised that council met at 6:30 p.m. to finalize work on the 2017 budget before this evenings council meeting.

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

Finance: Mr. Enderle 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	– \$ 72,582.24
Highway Aid	– \$ 2,118.75
Capital Reserve	– \$ 16,116.36
Police Pension Fund	- \$ 7,023.17

Mr. Enderle made a motion to transfer money from the Fund Account to Capital Reserve for all bills pertaining to Mill Park. All were in favor.

Mr. Enderle made a motion to advertise the proposed 2017 budget that will be adopted at the December 12, 2016 council meeting. All were in favor.

Mr. Enderle made a motion to advertise Ordinance 654 fixing the 2017 real estate tax rate at 6.35 mills. All were in favor.

Mr. Enderle made a motion to advertise Ordinance 655 setting the yearly sewer rental rate at \$210.00 per unit. All were in favor.

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurer's report.

Treasurer's Report:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$478,342.12
	Disbursements	\$206,003.46
	Ending Balance	\$307,218.78

<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 87,472.36
	Receipts	\$ 1,691.68
	Disbursements	\$ 1,760.84
	Ending Balance	\$ 87,403.20

<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 94,799.33
	Receipts	\$ 1.58
	Disbursements	\$ 2,463.72
	Ending Balance	\$ 92,337.19

<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 103,962.07
	Deposits/Interest	\$ 0
	Disbursements	\$ 6,367.84
	Ending Balance	\$ 97,594.23

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

Public Service: Mr. Corrigan advised of the following event:

Electronic Recycling Collection: Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 to 1:00 at the Abington Township Public Works Facility, 2201 Flore Lane.

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

Mrs. Metzinger wanted to remind everyone that the Kid's Christmas Party will be held at the Firehouse on December 10, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Detective Lukashunas advised that there were 56.5 lbs of drugs collected at the last Drug Take Back. He wanted to remind everyone that there is a drug box now located in the Police Station. If you would like to dispose of medication and do not want to wait until the next Drug Take Back Day you can stop at the station at any time to drop off unwanted drugs. If no officer is at the station you can dial 215-379-8800 (police dispatch) and ask for an officer to meet you at the station.

Detective Lukashunas wanted to discuss the 2 burglaries we had back in August. Four people have been identified that were involved in the burglaries. Two have confessed. Warrants are

being issued. A lot of the jewelry that was taken has been recovered. Mr. Corrigan asked what the method of entry was for the burglaries. Detective Lukashunas advised that in both cases the doors were left open. Please keep your doors locked. This was part of a ring that involved 4 other burglaries in Abington, Lower Moreland, Philadelphia and Cheltenham. Unfortunately all was fueled by drugs.

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

Street Department Updates: None

Mr. Enderle asked about speed bumps being installed on N. Sylvania Avenue. Cars are just speeding up the street too fast. He would like to find a solution to stop the speeding. He understands that he would need cooperation from the entire block.

Mr. Praediger asked Mr. Bresnan if any other municipality he works in have installed speed bumps. Mr. Bresnan stated no. Mr. Praediger doesn't disagree. Mr. Praediger advised that he would like to look at all options. Mr. Praediger advised that he does not know where to start. A representative from Mr. Boyles office was in attendance and said that in Philadelphia you usually start with a petition. Placing speed bumps will interfere with plowing. Mr. Bresnan stated even though it is a borough road you still have to comply with some PennDot regulations with regards to signage. Mr. Bresnan does not know if this will apply to calming devices. He will check into it. Chief Miller advised that maybe we can look into something temporary. Mr. Bresnan will check into what needs to be done and if there are any regulations. Don Goldberg, 146 Park Avenue stated that when this issue came up in the past is was asked that if a vehicle goes over a speed device and owner of vehicle claims that damage was done to his/her car could they have a case to sue the borough for the damages. Mr. Bresnan stated no - they would have to prove negligence in the design of device.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Ms. Condon had nothing at this time.

Managers Report: Mrs. Metzinger advised that there will be a Planning Commission meeting on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30 a.m.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that she received a request from the Steuben Day Parade Organization to move the parade from the 2nd Sunday to the 1st Sunday in 2017. The date for this would be October 1, 2017. All were ok with the October 1, 2017 date.

Mrs. Metzinger wanted to thank Mr. Corrigan. Mr. Corrigan along with our public works crew and volunteers for the past two weeks have been planting trees, bushes and a rain garden for Phase I of Mill Park. His expertise and the use of his equipment was a huge help. Great job!

Public Comment:

Mr. Jim Finnegan was in attendance as a representative of the Model Railroad Club. He would like to discuss the number of units that they are paying for their trash and sewer taxes. He stated that right now they are paying 2 trash and 2 sewer fees. He stated that they are non-profit and do not use the enough water to be charged for 2 units of sewer fees. He also said that they do not put much trash out at all to be charged two fees. Mr. Praediger asked how they dispose of their construction debris now. Mr. Finnegan says that they don't have much now and what they did have was scrapped. There was a discussion between Mrs. Metzinger, Mr. Bresnan and Mr. Wartman. Mr. Bresnan stated that if a waiver is granted it would be by Ordinance. Mr. Praediger asked how we can get the club down to 1 trash and 1 sewer. Mr. Bresnan will check the ordinance and work with Grace on this.

The Christmas Tree Lighting at Lions Park will be at dusk on December 3, 2016.

Mr. Warner Fricker from the Steuben Day Parade Organization wanted to say Thank You to all for their help and involvement for this year's parade and for also letting them change the date to October 1, 2017.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk