

**ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**February 27, 2017**

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on February 27, 2017 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows:

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

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Adoption of the Agenda:** All were in favor.

**Acceptance of the Minutes:** All were in favor of adopting the minutes from January 30, 2017.

**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 advertise Ordinance 656 amending Section 10-301 of our Codified Ordinances, prohibited design of security devices, to make it applicable to all structures within the borough. Our current Ordinance only addresses commercial properties. All were on favor.

**Finance:** Mr. Showmaker made a motion to accept the monthly bills, and previous months check detail report. All were in favor.

<b>General Fund</b>	– \$	36,119.89
<b>Highway Aid</b>	– \$	2,167.85
<b>Capital Reserve</b>	– \$	7,385.00
<b>Police Pension Fund</b>	- \$	0

Mr. Showmaker made a motion to set the Tax Collector salary at: \$7,125 for 2018; \$7,250 for 2019; \$7,375 for 2020; and \$7,500 for 2021. All were in favor.

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurers report:

<b><u>General Fund:</u></b>	Beginning Balance	\$ 42,872.33
	Receipts	\$ 246,509.15
	Disbursements	\$ 289,381.48
	Ending Balance	\$ 190,525.13

<b><u>Capital Reserve:</u></b>	Beginning Balance	\$ 82,566.31
	Receipts	\$ 3,169.79

	Disbursements	\$ 11,792.78
	Ending Balance	\$ 73,943.32
<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 86,483.03
	Receipts	\$ 1.33
	Disbursements	\$ 17,640.98
	Ending Balance	\$ 68,843.38
<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 97,594.23
	Deposits/Interest	\$ 0
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 97,594.23
<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 511,208.82
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 0
	Disbursements	\$ 217,786.89
	Ending Balance	\$ 293,421.93

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

**Public Safety:** Mrs. Morris made a motion to accept the Police Report, Fire Marshals, Fire Company and Second Alarmer's January reports. All were in favor.

Chief Miller advised that we have received our new radios but are still awaiting delivery of the microphones that were ordered. Chief Miller will check to see if there is the old ones could be sold.

Mayor Praediger advised that with proceeds from the Fall Festival and Car Show he was able to purchase new guns for the police department. Some of the old guns that were 22 years old have been sold.

Kevin Fries from Town watch was in attendance: He introduced Mr. Pete Deco from the Fox Chase Town Watch who is willing to help here in Rockledge. Mr. Fries has also asked Abington Town Watch to help out. Mr. Fries asked council if this was ok that help is being given from Abington and Mr. Deco. Mr. Showmaker advised that it is fine. Council thanked Mr. Fries and Mr. Deco.

Mr. Caffrey from the Civil Service Commission submitted a letter to borough council regarding testing. Mr. Showmaker read the letter.

On Sunday, February 25, 2017 the Rockledge Borough Civil Service Commission held a physical fitness test and written examination to establish a list of qualified candidates for full time employment with the Rockledge Borough Police Department.

The physical fitness test was held at 11:00 am at the Abington Senior High School, Highland Avenue, Abington, PA. Members of the Rockledge Borough Civil Service Commission, Joseph Hines and I were present to assist with the administration of the testing and to certify the test results.

Three candidates, #501, #502 & #503 applied and participated in the physical fitness test. One candidate, #503 passed all physical testing requirements and moved on to the written exam.

On Saturday, February 25th at 1:00 pm the Civil Service Commission administered the written exam at the Rockledge Borough Municipal Hall. Candidate #503 took the test. The test results were checked and certified by the Civil Service Commission. Candidate #503 successfully completed the written exam with a passing grade of 100%.

As Chairman of the Rockledge Borough Civil Service Commission I certify that the following person have undergone and successfully completed the physical and written testing requirements and have been deemed qualified for full time employment with the Rockledge Borough Police Department.

Candidate #503 - Michael Schmalz

Respectfully submitted,  
James Caffrey, Chairman  
Rockledge Borough Civil Service Commission

Mr. Bresnan stated that a current list needs to be kept. Testing should be administered every other year.

Mr. Corrigan asked when Officer Schmalz would be brought on board. Mr. Showmaker advised that council has to look at the budget. Council needs to discuss in an executive session.

Mr. Ruchala from 52 Robbins Avenue advised that he uses a wheelchair and there are times when he is trying to cross the Pike at Robbins Avenue that cars are blocking the handicapped ramp and he cannot access the pavement. Mr. Showmaker said this will be checked on. Chief Miller advised that when this happens to please contact the police.

**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:

Mr. Showmaker asked about the Toolcat. Mrs. Metzinger advised that this piece of equipment will not be available for purchase on the COSTARS State Bid Contract until next year. It will be available for purchase through the National Joint Purchase Alliance. We are in the process of registering to become a member of this so that we can purchase the Toolcat this year. Our Liquid Fuels allotment for this year should be deposited to Highway Aid by mid-March.

Paving of Shady Lane was going to be done today but Mr. Micciolo has the flu. It is scheduled for Wednesday.

**Recreation:** Mrs. Kehoe advised that basketball camp is over March 19. The Easter Egg Hunt is April 8, 2017.

**Personnel:** Ms. Condon had nothing at this time.

**Managers Report:** The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Goldberg, 146 Park, stated that the Civil Service list was only kept for full-time applicants. Mr. Goldberg thought that the rules changed because he heard the words part-time officer. Mr. Showmaker advised that the recent testing was only for part-time Rockledge officers. It is for a full-time position.

Numerous residents from Lynwood Avenue and the owner of the Law Firm at S. Jarrett and Huntingdon Pike were in attendance regarding the following issues:

- Parking on Lynwood / S. Jarrett
- Cars blocking the fire hydrant
- Damage to their properties because people are turning their cars around on Lynwood

These issues are the result of the Karate Studio students being dropped off and picked up.

It was stated that the owner of the Karate Studio will be encouraged to seek shared parking. He will be asked again to ask the parents not to park down there and to also be told about parking in front of the fire hydrant.

Chief Miller advised that he will have a detail down there at different times and if the officers see anyone blocking the hydrant they will be told that they cannot park there.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Hines  
Borough Clerk