

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

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on March 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. Praediger, Mr. Corrigan, Mrs. Kehoe, Ms. Condon, Mrs. Morris and Mayor Praediger.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Mr. Showmaker would like to have an executive meeting after the council meeting.

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

**Acceptance of the Minutes:** All were in favor of adopting the minutes from February 27, 2017.

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

Mr. Corrigan made a motion to adopt Ordinance #656 amending Section 10-301 prohibiting the design of security devices on all structures in the Borough that are inhabited by persons. This does not apply to accessory buildings unless they are inhabited. All were in favor.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-01 naming signatories on all bank accounts. This is due to Key Bank taking over First Niagara. All were in favor.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2017-02 authorizing application for the DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Grant Program. This is in regards to Mill Park. All were in 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>	– \$ 53,567.73
<b>Highway Aid</b>	– \$ 2,330.88
<b>Capital Reserve</b>	– \$ 0
<b>Police Pension Fund</b>	- \$ 0

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurers report:

<b><u>General Fund:</u></b>	Beginning Balance	\$124,968.07
	Receipts	\$187,760.13
	Disbursements	\$ 137,298.16
	Ending Balance	\$ 175,430.04
<b><u>Capital Reserve:</u></b>	Beginning Balance	\$ 71,539.33
	Receipts	\$ 3,961.89
	Disbursements	\$ 7,767.90
	Ending Balance	\$ 67,733.32

<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 76,226.42
	Receipts	\$ 1.07
	Disbursements	\$ 9,670.42
	Ending Balance	\$ 66,557.07
<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	\$ 296,208.82
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 0
	Disbursements	\$ 3,961.89
	Ending Balance	\$ 292,246.93

**Public Service:** Mr. Corrigan advised of two recycling events:

**Free Shredding Event:** Abington is hosting a free shredding event at their Public Works Facility on Saturday, April 8 from 9:00 am to Noon.

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection:** Saturday, April 22 at Indian Valley Middle School, 130 Maple Avenue, Harleysville, PA from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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

Mrs. Morris wanted a discussion regarding Ordinance #605 with regard to a loading/unloading zone on the S. side of Jarrett Avenue. The Ordinance was from 2008 where the loading/unloading zone was to be removed as the bicycle shop had moved. There has been some issues with parking for the Karate Studio with the residents on S. Jarrett and Lynwood Avenues. Chief Miller stated that maybe by creating a dropping off point may alleviate some issues. The loading/unloading zone will be the drop off zone - there will be no parking allowed there. It was discussed that we will try this out. If it doesn't work it will be changed back. The times for the ordinance will Monday - Friday 4-8 pm and Saturday 8-2 pm. Mrs. Morris made a motion to advertise Ordinance #605 that will be adopted at the council meeting on April 24. All were in favor.

Mrs. Morris advised that a petition to enact residential permit parking was received from Gwen Lentine, 212 Rockledge Avenue. The residents are having issues with parking along that block of Rockledge Avenue. They say it is from the drapery business there, Xperience and the trail. Mrs. Morris advised that there was study at this location back in 2014 by Officer Buttenbusch. Mrs. Morris stated that in letter the resident states that the drapery business employees are parking on Rockledge Avenue. Mrs. Morris advised that the study done by Officer Buttenbusch states that permit parking was not warranted based on the parameters in the borough code. The study also states that there were open parking spots. He also saw no delivery issues. The owner of the business said he was going to talk to his delivery drivers and ask them to be mindful when parking. He has no control over UPS or Fedex deliveries.

Mr. Wartman advised that he attended the zoning hear and they said that they would have limited employees. Mr. Wartman said that they have a truck parked in their driveway and he has never seen it move. Mrs. Metzinger advised that she recently read the zoning decision for the drapery business and that it stated that they could have up to 8 employees. Mayor Praediger advised that the employees do park on his block and around the corner on Jarrett. Mr. Wartman said that the cars parking there are

breaking the curbs. Mayor Praediger asked if there could be stone paths made down at the spaces on Robbins Avenue because if people park there they are walking through the trees to get to the trail. Mrs. Morris asked about signage. She asked maybe a sign could be placed in front of the park asking for people to park on Robbins Avenue. The letter also states that the business has another property in the borough. Mrs. Metzinger advised that they rent a garage on Robbins Avenue. Officer Buttenbusch stated that most of the employees are parking at the bottom of Rockledge Avenue. Mr. Showmaker advised that he is in agreement for placing a sign in front of the park and it would be helpful if the owner of the business can park a couple more cars in the driveway. All were ok with this. Once the big truck is moved from Fowler's warehouse the borough can add about 3 or 4 more spaces. Council agreed to not allow permit parking on Rockledge Avenue.

Mr. Bruce Naudascher said it would be really hard to park cars in the driveway as it is very narrow. Mr. Showmaker said we would try with the signage.

Mayor Praediger had nothing at this time.

Chief Miller wanted to say thank you to council for hiring Michael Schmalz. He will be a great addition.

**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:

Pot Holes were cut and filled

Trench to be dug for water line at Mill Park. Once the trench is dug at Mill Park the box can be installed and then Aqua can hook it up.

Mrs. Morris advised that there is a wire hanging at Fox Chase Road and Hensel. Officer Buttenbusch said that he has called Verizon and Comcast and he will call again.

Mr. Showmaker asked Kyle Dermer, public works employee if there were any issues with the snow storm. Kyle advised that there were none.

**Recreation:** Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to allow Fox Rok AA the use of the S. Sylvania ball field - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday from 6-9 and Saturday 9-5 from March 15 thru June 30th. Mrs. Kehoe asked that they be called and told that it will not be available on the of Saturday, April 8 as this is the Easter Egg Hunt. Mrs. Hines will call them tomorrow.

Mrs. Kehoe advised that the Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m. Rain date is Sunday, April 9 at 1:00 pm.

Mrs. Kehoe advised that Basketball Camp is over and there were no issues.

**Personnel:** Ms. Condon made a motion to hire Michael Schmalz as a Full Time Police Officer. All were in favor. Mayor Praediger swore in Officer Schmalz.

**Managers Report:** Mrs. Metzinger advised the Planning Commission met last week and finalized the plans for the pavilion, benches and tables at Mill Park. The engineer is working on plans for walkway, concrete pad for pavilion and front walkway. Planning Commission is looking into a fundraiser for residents to buy brick pavers to help offset our match with the grant. Information will be in our

Newsletter; there will be a postcard mailing and there will be information on our website. Should know more by May.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Goldberg, 146 Park Avenue wanted to mention that the borough's 125th anniversary is next year. Mrs. Metzinger advised that she is aware and has been thinking of some things that can be done to celebrate the anniversary.

Mr. Showmaker wanted to say thank you to Mr. Goldberg for his dedication.

Mr. Finnegan, representative of the GATSME Model Railroad wanted to say thank you to council for supporting their organization. Mr. Finnegan also wanted to know about the process of how ordinances are passed and how would one know about it if they don't come to the meeting. Mrs. Metzinger advised that all ordinances are advertised in the Globe stating when they will be adopted. He asked about stories that would be in the Globe about Rockledge. Mrs. Metzinger advised a reporter used to come to every meeting but no one has attended in awhile.

Mr. Ruchala just wanted to mention again about the handicapped ramps being blocked by snow. He was told that next year if this happens to please call the police. Mr. Showmaker advised that this will be remembered for next winter.

Mr. Showmaker advised of the passing of Mr. Emil Iannelli a former borough solicitor, he was 79 years old.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Hines  
Borough Clerk