

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
July 27, 2020

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on July 27, 2020 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows

In Attendance: Mr. Praediger, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Enderle, Mr. Caffrey, Mrs. Metzinger and Mrs. Morris.

Mr. Praediger advised that council met for an executive session before the council meeting for a personnel issue.

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 May 4, 2020.

Law and Planning: Mr. Caffrey made a motion to accept the monthly building inspector's reports for April, May and June. All were in favor.

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

Monthly Bills – May 2020

General Fund	– \$	32,659.48
Highway Aid	– \$	7,068.00
Capital Reserve	– \$	0
Police Pension Fund	– \$	0

Monthly Bills – June 2020

General Fund	- \$	100,481.17
Highway Aid	- \$	8,693.85
Capital Reserve Fund	- \$	65,148.09
Police Pension Fund	- \$	1,575.00

Check Detail Report – July 2020

General Fund	– \$	61,699.01
Highway Aid	– \$	3,330.12
Capital Reserve	– \$	0
Police Pension Fund	– \$	0

Check Detail – April 2020

General Fund	- \$	5,222.95
Highway Aid Fund	- \$	0
Capital Reserve Fund	- \$	105.98
Police Pension Fund	- \$	0

Check Detail – May 2020

General Fund	- \$	228,319.38
Highway Aid Fund	- \$	1,722.50
Capital Reserve Fund	- \$	1,099.68
Police Pension Fund	- \$	0

Check Detail – June 2020

General Fund	- \$	10,649.31
Highway Aid Fund	- \$	0
Capital Reserve Fund	- \$	2,790.31
Police Pension Fund	- \$	4,023.79

Mr. Enderle gave the Treasurers report:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$	947,650.56
	Receipts	\$	197,679.49
	Disbursements	\$	191,231.44
	Ending Balance	\$	954,098.61
<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$	156,067.86
	Receipts	\$	2,684.33
	Disbursements	\$	68,932.10
	Ending Balance	\$	89,820.09
<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$	50,985.86
	Receipts	\$.40
	Disbursements	\$	8,693.85
	Ending Balance	\$	42,292.41
<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$	106,948.33
	Deposits/Interest	\$.88
	Disbursements	\$	0
	Ending Balance	\$	106,949.21
<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$	257,529.55
	Receipts/Interest	\$	0

Disbursements	\$	0
Ending Balance	\$	257,529.55

Public Service: Mr. Sheppard advised that we have received a letter from J. P. Mascaro regarding recent issues with trash pick-up. The letter states that a lot of the issues are because of COVID. They have employees that are out of work who have tested positive and those people need to quarantine for 14 days. Also new crews are here each week. As more people were home more projects were getting done and everyone was cleaning out their houses so there was more trash.

Mr. Praediger advised that council is aware of all the recent issues with the hauler. Please contact the borough office with any issues. Mrs. Metzinger is keeping a record.

Mrs. Reinhardt, 31 N. Sylvania Avenue asked if council thought about bringing back 2 times a week trash pick-up. Mr. Praediger advised that the cost would be too much.

Public Safety: Mrs. Morris made a motion to accept the Police, Fire Company and Second Alarmer's reports for April, May and June. All were in favor.

Mrs. Morris wanted to thank Mr. Kyle Dermer publicly for his work as Emergency Management Coordinator. Council and the public applauded Mr. Dermer.

Corporal Schmalz had nothing at this time.

Mr. Praediger advised that the Fall Festival and Car Show has been officially cancelled for this year.

Public Works/Property: Mr. Praediger made a motion to accept the Streets Opening Report and the Streets Department Monthly Reports for April, May and June. All were in favor.

Mr. Dermer had nothing at this time.

Mr. Bruce Naudascher, 130 Robbins asked if and when the corners are going to be painted yellow. Mr. Dermer advised that this will be done in August.

Mr. Naudascher asked if anyone has looked at the parking spots on Robbins Avenue at Rockledge Park. He suggested turning the cars so you can fit more of them. Mr. Praediger said this is something that we could look into.

Recreation: Mrs. Metzinger had nothing at this time but wanted to thank Mr. Dermer and the borough crew for the updates they did at our playgrounds. Mr. Dermer advised that they added new swings, are sanitizing weekly, added mulch, added lights at S. Sylvania and added new wood to the fire truck at Jarrett playground.

Mr. Dermer did advise that there was some mulch lost due to the storm that we had.

Personnel: Mrs. Metzinger had nothing at this time.

Managers' Report: Mrs. Metzinger had nothing at this time.

Public Comment

Don Goldberg, 146 Park Avenue wanted to say it is nice to see everyone. Mr. Goldberg asked if Officer Bittenbusch has retired – no he has not.

Chandra Campbell, 144 N. Sylvania Avenue asked if there is an Ordinance regarding a neighbor's dead tree. She said her neighbors have a very large tree that is dead and it is leaning toward her house and the owner is refusing to do anything with the tree. Mr. Bresnan advised Mrs. Campbell that it can be enforced under the property maintenance code if it is determined by an arborist that the tree poses an immediate threat to a neighboring property. The borough can and will enforce this under the property maintenance code to have the tree taken down before it falls, otherwise the borough only enforces trees in its public's right of way. The borough cannot not tell residents what to do with the trees on their property unless it poses a danger.

Kathy McFadden, 115 N. Sylvania Avenue. She advised that she lives next to the new house that was built on Sylvania Avenue. There were hedges that were between her property and the lot where the new house was built. The builder removed the hedges. She feels as though the bushes were there as a buffer between the properties to help with storm water. She said that sometimes things are there for a reason. Mrs. Metzinger advised that she spoke to Rick Stoneback, the borough engineer about this. He has looked at the plans and said everything was ok.

Mrs. Barbara Reinhardt, 31 N. Sylvania Avenue mentioned that the borough is not looking good. The property located at 619 Huntingdon Pike has paper and wood on the windows. Mrs. Hines advised that the windows were damaged in a storm. There is a new owner of the property. Mrs. Reinhardt also mentioned the property on Montgomery Avenue and Park, Luke Weidemann Plumbing that it looks terrible with all the trash in the front of the garage. Mrs. Metzinger will have Charlie take a look at it. She said there are cars parked around the borough with expired inspections. She said 34 N. Sylvania Avenue has high grass, weeds and trash around the property. We will have Charlie look at this too.

Mrs. Susan Marsh, 200 Shady Lane has an issue of water running down into her yard from Rockledge Park. Mr. Dermer advised he will see if he can meet with the engineer to take a look at this.

Nadine Barnett, 124 Robbins Avenue advised that she has been waiting for an answer for over 30 days regarding a safety issue with her children. It is in regards to the AA meetings that are being held at Rockledge Park. Mr. Praediger advised that he will not discuss the issues in public out of respect, but that she needs to contact the police – it is a police issue. Mrs. Metzinger wanted to clarify that all the police issues are settled. Nadine Barnett advised that they are not. Mr. Bresnan advised that Borough Council does not tell the Police how to do their job. Chandra Campbell, 144 N. Sylvania Avenue advised that they are all not police issues. Mr. Praediger

advised that he was only talking about police issues. Mrs. Campbell said that there is an issue with the AA people not keeping the 6 feet social distancing and smoking. Chandra cannot believe that the borough parks are not “No Smoking”. Mr. Praediger advised that this is something that council will look at. Nadine advised that she wanted to have a flea market at one of the borough’s parks and was told that she would need a certificate of insurance. Joe Bresnan advised that each municipality is different; this is Rockledge Borough’s rule.

Mrs. Morris wanted to say that council is here and they listen – we are neighbors. If there is an issue in the borough it needs to be brought to council’s attention. Please don’t expect everything to change at once. Council will discuss issues and make decisions.

Melissa Pirolli, 148 Robbins Avenue wanted an update on the issue with the tree in rear yard of 143 Blake Avenue. Mrs. Metzinger advised that an arborist was out there today and that she has not received the report yet.

There were a couple of people that spoke on behalf of the AA group. They advised that they treat the park with respect. Mr. Praediger advised that the only issue she is having is with the smoking. Mr. Praediger asked for them to work with council regarding the smoking. They agreed and advised that they will tell their members that they cannot smoke there. They are thankful for the use of the space.

Barb Reinhardt wanted to know how long we keep permits. Mrs. Metzinger advised that they would be in the property files.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk