

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
August 31, 2020

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on August 31, 2020 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows

In Attendance: Mr. Praediger, Mrs. Kehoe, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Enderle, Mr. Caffrey, Mrs. Metzinger, 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 July 27, 2020.

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

Mr. Caffrey made a motion to advertise Ordinance 669 banning smoking in all public parks for adoption at the September 28 meeting. All were in favor.

Mr. Goldberg asked if there was a penalty – yes it is outlined in the ordinance.

Mr. Praediger asked Mr. Dermer if he could make the signs and Mr. Dermer advised yes he can and will.

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 – August 2020

General Fund	– \$	55,953.16
Highway Aid	– \$	5,905.94
Capital Reserve	– \$	0
Police Pension Fund	- \$	0

Check Detail Report – July 2020

General Fund	– \$	1,801.56
Highway Aid	– \$	0
Capital Reserve	– \$	240.16
Police Pension Fund	- \$	4,023.79

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurers report:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 1,003,688.52
	Receipts	\$ 45,036.59
	Disbursements	\$ 255,019.16
	Ending Balance	\$ 793,705.95
<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 92,670.09
	Receipts	\$ 134.18
	Disbursements	\$ 3,390.16
	Ending Balance	\$ 89,414.11
<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 42,292.41
	Receipts	\$.34
	Disbursements	\$ 3,330.12
	Ending Balance	\$ 38,962.63
<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 106,948.33
	Deposits/Interest	\$.90
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 106,950.11
<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 257,529.55
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 0
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 257,529.55

Public Service: Mr. Sheppard advised of the following:

Household Hazardous Waste Collection: Preregistration is required for all events due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The Montgomery County Recycling page on their website should be updated in mid-September to reflect any remaining events.

Mr. Praediger is asking for everyone's patience with trash pick-up. If you have an issue please contact the borough.

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

There is an issue with a group of kids riding around on their bikes – they are blocking traffic, being disrespectful to residents, yelling at drivers of cars, etc. Chief Miller advised that this is under investigation and patrols have been increased.

Damage to borough property:

- Cameras destroyed at borough garage that were just installed
- 4 basketball rims have been ripped out and are not going to be replaced at this time; 2 were replaced recently and those 2 were ripped out

Mr. Praediger advised that he wants physical police presence in the park. He wants the relationship that he had with the police that he had as a child growing up here. The kids knew the officers and the officers knew all the kids.

Mrs. Metzinger asked if the cameras at the garage will be replaced, yes they will be. She asked if there was footage – yes there was.

Mrs. Morris asked if the officers are getting out of car and doing park and walk, yes they are.

Mr. Kerry Condon thanked the police for their involvement with an issue at Jarrett Playground.

Chief Miller advised of the following:

- Atro has been kind to the Police Officers by giving them gift certificates for lunch
- There are 4 homeless people coming into town – no problems
- Unlocked cars are being entered
- Officer Geist caught a guy entering cars on August 30.
- 2 new AED's being purchased for the police vehicles

Mr. Kevin Fries, Town Watch gave an update from March 2020:

- 140 Man hours
- 558 Miles

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

Mr. Dermer had nothing at this time.

Mrs. Susan Marsh discussed the issue of the running water down onto her property from Rockledge Park. Mr. Dermer advised they placed rocks there to combat the water runoff.

She also wanted to discuss the tree at the edge of her property with the power lines in them. Mr. Praediger advised her that Scott Morgan, Manager at Lorimar Park has property maps that showed that the tree was on her property. Mr. Praediger advised her to contact PECO about the lines.

Recreation: Mrs. Metzinger had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to adopt Addendum 1 to hire Mark Christake as a new part-time officer and Andrew Comly as a new Public Works employee.

Managers' Report:

Public Comment

Mr. Don Goldberg, 146 Park Avenue wanted to know if there was an update on the paving of Huntingdon Pike. Mr. Dermer advised that he was told all paving has been pushed back.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk