

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
September 28, 2020

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on September 28, 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 August 31, 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 adopt Ordinance 669. An ordinance of the Borough of Rockledge adding a new part 7 to Title 6 of the Codified Ordinances, banning smoking in all public parks; revoking any portion of any ordinance inconsistent therewith; leaving the remainder of the codified ordinance in full force and effect; effective on the earliest possible date provided by the PA Borough Code. 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 – September 2020

General Fund	– \$	48,566.19
Highway Aid	– \$	7,908.99
Capital Reserve	– \$	744.40
Police Pension Fund	- \$	0

Check Detail Report – August 2020

General Fund	– \$	2,677.73
Highway Aid	– \$	0
Capital Reserve	– \$	602.83
Police Pension Fund	- \$	4,023.79

Mr. Enderle motion to advertise that council will be meeting at 6:30 pm on October 26 and November 30, 2020 to work on the 2021 budget. All were in favor.

Mr. Enderle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-01. A resolution accepting the 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$131,570. All were in favor.

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurers report:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$	856,010.76
	Receipts	\$	97,454.51
	Disbursements	\$	192,263.71
	Ending Balance	\$	761,201.56
<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$	89,714.11
	Receipts	\$	496.85
	Disbursements	\$	405.98
	Ending Balance	\$	89,804.98
<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$	38,962.63
	Receipts	\$.32
	Disbursements	\$	5,905.94
	Ending Balance	\$	33,057.01
<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$	106,948.33
	Deposits/Interest	\$.91
	Disbursements	\$	0
	Ending Balance	\$	106,951.02
<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 collections are being held on the following dates at the following locations; all events are by appointment only and preregistration is required. You can register for each event by going to MontcoPArecycles.org.

- Saturday, October 3 at Boyertown Middle School East in Gilbertsville
- Sunday, October 11 at Indian Valley Middle School in Harleysville
- Sunday, October 25 at the Lower Merion Transfer Station in Penn Valley
- Saturday, October 31 at Abington Junior High School

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

Chief Miller advised that a Drug Take Back Collection event will be held on October 24, 2020 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Police Station, 1 Park Avenue. If you have medication prior or after this event to dispose of you can bring it to the Police Station as there is a Drug Take Back box located there. If no one is at the station you can call 215-379-8801 and leave a message.

Mrs. Morris brought up Halloween. Mr. Praediger advised that the CDC is encouraging not to get into contact with the children. Maybe just put a bucket or bowl out and let the kids take their own candy. Mrs. Morris asked if something could be put on the website.

Chief Miller advised of the following:

- Still some issues with the kids on the bicycles. Mr. Condon said things are much better at the playground.
- Homeless People – there are some homeless people sleeping on the benches along the pike. The police will tell them they can't sleep where they are. They make sure that they are ok and have them move along. There are resources for them but they don't want the resources.
- Again Chief Miller advised everyone to please keep your cars locked as there were more thefts. Mrs. Metzinger asked if someone was caught and Chief Miller advised that yes someone was caught but can't discuss because it is an ongoing investigation.

Town Watch – Mr. Fries gave an update. In September they did 78 miles and 15 man hours.

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

Mrs. Metzinger wanted to discuss the 2019 Sewer Bill received from Abington Township. The cost has increased, not because of usage but because of the fees Philadelphia is attaching.

Mrs. Metzinger advised that with the budget coming up that the sewer fees will probably be increasing.

Mr. Vince Menniti, 21 Fox Street, advised that he would rather have new rates than selling sewer system.

Mr. Dermer advised that leaf machine pick-up will be on Thursday's this year. Regular yard waste pick-up will still be on Tuesdays.

Mr. Dermer advised that there is a broken lateral on Hensel and this should be repaired sooner rather than later.

Mr. Dermer advised that the "No Smoking" signs will be installed in the Parks.

Recreation: Mrs. Metzinger had nothing at this time, but did ask Mr. Dermer about the vandalism at the Borough Garage and Basketball court. Mr. Dermer advised that there have

been no issues of vandalism and that another set of cameras were installed to replace the ones that were destroyed.

Personnel: Mrs. Kehoe had nothing at this time.

Managers' Report: Mrs. Metzinger advised that voting is back at the Firehouse. Voting starts at 7:00 am.

Mrs. Kehoe wanted to talk about the "I'm from Rockledge" Facebook page. She was not happy about the venom that has been spewed on there about Borough Council and borough employees. To say that everyone does not care about the borough is just not correct. Council and most borough employees live in the borough. They do what they do because they love Rockledge. If there is a problem please email council and or borough employees. Call the borough office with any concerns you may have. Quality of life issues are important and when the borough is notified any issues will be addressed according to borough code.

Mr. Caffrey brought up an issue with the Rotondi's on Church Road. He asked if Councilman O'Neill in Philadelphia could be contacted.

Public Comment

Mr. Vince Minniti, 21 Fox Street asked if a trash can could be placed at the corner of Fox and Huntingdon Pike.

Melissa Pirolli, 148 Robbins asked about the tree on Blake Avenue. Mrs. Metzinger advised that the owner was given to September 28 as the date to have the tree removed. The owner will be contacted on Tuesday.

Mr. Dermer advised that he has some masks on the table if anyone needed them.

Mr. Joe Forkin, Mr. Matthew Yeck and Mr. Jim Lyons from the Malt House were in attendance. They wanted to discuss future plans to use the grassy area on the other side of their parking lot. They discussed things that they would like to do in the future. Mr. Praediger advised that council will have to discuss and will get back to them.

Mr. & Mrs. Fitzpatrick, 623 Burke Street was in attendance. Their house is next to the grassy area where the owners of the Malt House would like to have community activities. They said they would be opposed to any activities of any kind on that lot.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk