

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

OF

January 25, 2021

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on January 25, 2021 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 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 December 14, 2020.

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

Mr. Caffrey advised that there is a Zoning Hearing scheduled for February 25, 2021, at 7:00 pm. The new owners of 14 N. Penn Avenue are requesting a variance to allow for a 4-unit multi-family structure. The Planning Commission met on Wednesday, January 13, to review their application.

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 – January 2021

General Fund	– \$	74,318.43
Highway Aid	– \$	2,125.88
Capital Reserve	– \$	775.12
Police Pension Fund	- \$	0

Monthly Bills – End of December 2020

General Fund	– \$	6,774.36
Highway Aid	– \$	4,273.92
Capital Reserve	– \$	680.00
Police Pension Fund	- \$	0

Check Detail Report – December 2020

General Fund	– \$	2,806.87
Highway Aid	– \$	0
Capital Reserve	– \$	96.16
Police Pension Fund	- \$	4,023.79

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurers report:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 208,358.98
	Receipts	\$ 253,005.93
	Disbursements	\$ 297,245.04
	Ending Balance	\$ 164,119.87
<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 76,473.34
	Receipts	\$ 0
	Disbursements	\$ 11,785.16
	Ending Balance	\$ 64,688.18
<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 20,284.04
	Receipts	\$ 198.70
	Disbursements	\$ 7,648.27
	Ending Balance	\$ 12,834.47
<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 23,150.57
	Deposits/Interest	\$.20
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 23,150.57
<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 257,529.55
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 74,061.15
	Disbursements	\$ 200,000.00
	Ending Balance	\$ 131,590.70

Public Service: Mr. Sheppard advised that a request has been received from a resident, Erin Palmer, to install a reading hub in the borough. She is working with Senator Haywood's Reading Spaces Everywhere Initiative. The book distribution hubs and book supplies are all provided free due to a grant Senator Haywood secured from the State of Pa. Council agreed to have the hub placed outside the Police Station at 1 Park Avenue.

Mr. Sheppard advised that the Borough website is undergoing complete changes and updates over the next few weeks.

Mr. Sheppard advised that Abington is hold an Anything with a Plug recycling event at the Public Works Highway Yard, 2201 Florey Lane, Abington, PA 19001, February 20, 2021, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. Items that have cost with recycling them include a TV or computer monitor. Prices range from \$30 - \$100 depending on size and materials.

Public Safety: Mrs. Enderle made a motion to accept the Police and Fire Company monthly reports. All were in favor.

Chief Miller advised that he has been contacted by Holy Redeemer Hospital regarding 1st responders getting the COVID 19 vaccine.

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. Praediger advised that Kyle Dermer has resigned and accepted a position with Hatboro. We want to thank Kyle for his hard work and dedication to the Borough in his position as PW Director. Rich Rowley has been appointed Interim PW Director for the time being.

Mr. Vince Menniti, 21 Fox Street asked if this position will be posted and was advised that it will be.

Mr. Rowley advised that business as usual.

Recreation: Mrs. Kehoe had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to re-appoint the following:

Joseph Bresnan, Solicitor
Charles Shoemaker, Inc., Engineer
Bee, Bergvall & Co., Auditor
Albert Wartman, Treasurer
Grace Metzinger, Secretary
Grace Metzinger, Mercantile Tax Collector
Berkheimer Associates, Earned Income Tax Collector
Building Inspection Underwriters, Building Inspector
Richard Schuck, Fire Marshal
Mark Hood, Assistant Fire Marshal
Kyle Dermer, Emergency Management Coordinator
Joseph Costello, Vacancy Board Chair

Motion to the name the following as Depository Banks:

Wells Fargo
Univest
Key Bank
Wachovia Securities
Tompkins Vist Bank
PA Local Government Investment Trust

All were in favor of both motions.

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to hire Michael Whalon as a PT Police Officer. All were in favor.

Managers' Report:

A discussion was had regarding making outdoor dining allowed by Borough Ordinance. The first step is for Mr. Bresnan to draft an Ordinance then Council will discuss. Also the Montgomery County Planning Commission and the Rockledge Borough Planning Commission will have to discuss and give their remarks.

Chief Miller asked Mrs. Metzinger if the Civil Service Commission has discussed a date for testing. She advised that they are trying to pick a date in March – for warmer weather.

Public Comment

Mr. Vince Menniti, 21 Fox Street asked if when the website is updated will be the minutes be included – yes they will be.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk