

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
May 24, 2021

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on May 24, 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: Mrs. Kehoe has 3 items under personnel.

Adoption of the Agenda: All were in favor.

Acceptance of the Minutes: All were in favor of adopting the minutes from April 26, 2021.

Law and Planning: Mr. Bresnan advised that there a Conditional use hearing tonight for the property located at 14 N. Penn Avenue. They had their zoning hearing and were granted the requested variances. This hearing is to allow a multi-family structure in the MDO (Medium Density Overlay) District. All were in favor with the vote being 7:0.

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

Mr. Praediger had a question for Mr. Bresnan with regards to the tent at the Malt House. Mr. Bresnan advised that council can request that the tent be removed and that the parking spots be returned as Council granted the outside dining in the borough during the pandemic. Mrs. Metzinger will have Charlie send a letter asking that the tent and tables under the tent be removed and the parking spots be returned for car parking.

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 2021

General Fund	– \$	93,426.55
Highway Aid	– \$	2,240.63
Capital Reserve	– \$	4,376.40
Police Pension Fund	- \$	0

Check Detail – April 2021

General Fund	– \$	398,887.32
Highway Aid	– \$	1,316.62
Capital Reserve	– \$	96.16

Police Pension Fund - \$ 4,023.79

Mr. Enderle mentioned that budgeted transfers were motioned for at the April 26, 2021 meeting. There is a correction: the transfer from the General Fund to the Police Pension MMO Fund should have been for \$80,000 not \$50,000.

Mr. Enderle made a motion to transfer \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Fund Account. This \$50,000 transfer to General Fund was made to pay bills, etc. until tax money was received. All were in favor.

Mr. Enderle gave the Treasurers report:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 293,432.58
	Receipts	\$ 1,395,163.41
	Disbursements	\$ 514,689.69
	Ending Balance	\$ 1,173,906.30
<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 45,116.01
	Receipts	\$ 50,000.00
	Disbursements	\$ 396.16
	Ending Balance	\$ 94,719.85
<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 67,861.50
	Receipts	\$.50
	Disbursements	\$ 9,460.32
	Ending Balance	\$ 58,401.68
<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 23,151.34
	Deposits/Interest	\$ 80,000.23
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 103,151.57
<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 81,590.70
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 175,000.00
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 256,590.70

Public Service: Mr. Sheppard advised of the following:

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: Saturday, June 12, at Temple University Ambler Campus; and Saturday, June 19 at Abington Junior High; by appointment only and Pre-registration is required.

Free Shredding Event: Saturday, June 12, at Abington Public Works Yard from 9:00 am to Noon.

Public Safety: Mr. Enderle made a motion to accept the Police, Fire Marshal, and Second Alarmers monthly reports. All were in favor.

Mayor Praediger announced that the Fall Festival and Car Show will be held this year on September 12. Time has been changed from 4:00 to 8:00 to 3:00 – 7:00 pm.

Chief Miller had nothing at this time.

Mr. Kevin Fries from Town Watch gave an update: He is reporting 3 weeks of Town Watch: they logged 78 miles and 24 hours. He advised Mrs. Metzinger that he would like to put something in the next Newsletter about getting some more volunteers.

Mr. Praediger wanted to discuss allowing the Steuben Day Parade this year. Council agreed to allow it.

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. Rowley had nothing at this time.

Mr. Caffrey asked about the street sweeping – can we post each street before they are done so residents can move their cars. Mr. Rowley advised that they do not have a schedule – when they have time to do the sweeping they do it then.

Mr. Caffrey asked if anyone heard from PennDot regarding paving. Mrs. Metzinger said that we are not on the list for this year. Mr. Caffrey asked Mrs. Metzinger to reach out to them again.

Mr. Caffrey asked about the missing street lights on the pike. Mr. Rowley advised that they are on order and that the materials are on back order.

Recreation Mrs. Metzinger advised that the “Rules and Regulations” signs have been installed at the playgrounds.

Personnel: Mrs. Kehoe made the following motions:

Motion to hire current part-time officer Michael Whalon as a new Full-Time Officer. All were in favor.

Motion to hire Robert Stewart and Michael Rodgers as new Part-Time Officers. All were in favor.

Managers’ Report:

Mrs. Metzinger advised that there are going to be fireworks this year on Saturday, July 3, 2021. Residents are invited to go to the field at Cegielski Playground; fireworks only and no vehicles allowed.

Mrs. Metzinger wanted to mention that the Fourth of July Association is a volunteer group and not borough related. If anyone is interested in volunteering there will be a meeting on June 2nd at 7:00 pm at the Firehouse.

Mayor Praediger asked about the no parking signs that were requested in Strockville – Mr. Rowley will take care of.

Public Comment

Mr. Kevin Fries asked if the speed limit electronic sign can be placed on Fox Chase Road as there are numerous cars speeding down Fox Chase Road towards Cedar Road. Chief Miller advised that the sign cannot be placed on the Abington side of Fox Chase Road as it is Abington Township and it cannot be placed on the Rockledge side for traffic going towards Cedar as it will not read the speed. Chief Miller advised the Kevin Fries and Evelyn Rice to contact Abington – they have a traffic division that may be able to help. The sign is on a schedule and will probably take a few months to get to Fox Chase Road.

Mr. Vince Menniti advised that cars are speeding on Fox Street from the Pike about 6:30 – 7:00 am when there are kids going to the school bus stop. He asked if the Police could monitor this for a bit.

Mr. Menniti asked Mrs. Metzinger about the tress on Fox Chase Cancer property on Fox Street. He wanted to know if there was an Ordinance and Mrs. Metzinger advised yes and a letter will be sent to Fox Chase Cancer Center.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk