

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
June 28, 2021

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on June 28, 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 Mrs. Morris.

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 24, 2021.

Law and Planning: Mr. Caffrey made a motion to accept the monthly building inspector's report. 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 – June 2021

General Fund	– \$	55,541.23
Highway Aid	– \$	7,488.09
Capital Reserve	– \$	0
Police Pension Fund	- \$	0

Check Detail – May 2021

General Fund	– \$	2,473.07
Highway Aid	– \$	0
Capital Reserve	– \$	1,558.91
Police Pension Fund	- \$	0

Mr. Enderle gave the Treasurers report:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 1,214,364.05
	Receipts	\$ 65,827.77
	Disbursements	\$ 246,481.73
	Ending Balance	\$ 1,033,710.09

<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 94,719.85
	Receipts	\$ 1,462.75

	Disbursements	\$	5,935.31
	Ending Balance	\$	90,247.29
<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$	59,196.79
	Receipts	\$.49
	Disbursements	\$	3,035.74
	Ending Balance	\$	56,161.54
<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$	103,101.57
	Deposits/Interest	\$.88
	Disbursements	\$	0
	Ending Balance	\$	103,152.45
<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$	256,590.70
	Receipts/Interest	\$	0
	Disbursements	\$	0
	Ending Balance	\$	256,590.70

Public Service: Mr. Sheppard advised of the following:

Free Shredding Event: Saturday, July 17, at Abington Public Works Yard from 9:00 am to Noon.

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

Mrs. Morris wanted to mention that if you heard sirens on June 3 throughout the borough that this was to celebrate Officer Billy Bittenbusch as he was retiring from 30+ years of service to Rockledge Borough. We wish him well in his retirement.

Mrs. Morris mentioned that there will be fireworks this year on July 3 at Cegielkowski Playground and all safety plans will be in effect.

If you are going to do your own fireworks – please be careful. Chief Miller advised that there is no place legally in the borough to shoot off fireworks.

Mrs. Morris also mentioned that the fire company will be doing a drive by on July 4 around the borough starting at 10:00 am to celebrate the 4th of July.

Mrs. Metzinger will have to check about the rain date for the fireworks.

Chief Miller had nothing at this time.

Colleen Demusz, 24 Blake Avenue wanted to know if there was any type of basketball in the gym at the Borough Hall. Mrs. Metzinger advised that there is not at this time – this used to be a

winter activity. Mrs. Demusz wanted to know who she should speak to about this. Mrs. Kait Metzinger will discuss with her.

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 Huntingdon Pike is on PennDOT's paving schedule for either the fall of this year or spring 2022. It will be paved from curb to curb.

Mrs. Morris asked if they were doing any structural changes with the paving because of the issue in front of the firehouse – Mrs. Metzinger advised that she will talk to the contractor who was awarded the bid.

Mr. Vince Menniti, 21 Fox Street wanted to know if Mr. Praediger knows how far they are paving on the Pike and Mr. Praediger advised that he did not know that.

Mrs. Kehoe asked Mr. Praediger to explain the procedure for the flags on the Pike. Mr. Praediger advised that there is 2 levels to this question:

1. He is working with Mr. Rowley on new flags for the pike - replacing flags and getting more flags of what we have. Unfortunately what we use are out of stock but new flags are coming and Rich is looking into new brackets. Mr. Praediger advised that the flags were \$200 more than what he thought - \$259.00 per banner. This will have to be a budgeted item for next year.
2. Mrs. Kehoe asked Mr. Praediger to explain when flags are put up on the Pike. Mr. Praediger advised since he has been on Council that the flags have been hung up in preparation for the 4th of July and remain up through summer. Flags have never been up for Memorial Day. He advised that moving forward we can change this and not do it the same way. Council will discuss for next year.

Vince Minnetti, 21 Fox Street suggested maybe getting donations for flags – Mr. Praediger said it may be something to think about.

Colleen Demusz, 234 Blake Avenue suggested maybe having memorial flags for those who were in the military. Mr. Praediger advised that it is something to think about. Mr. Bresnan has information about this that he can send to Mr. Praediger.

Recreation Mrs. Metzinger had nothing at this time but wanted to mention that there is a basketball court at S. Sylvania Avenue.

Personnel: Mrs. Kehoe had nothing at this time.

Managers' Report:

Mrs. Metzinger advised that at the last council meeting permission was given for the Steuben Day Parade to be held this year on a smaller scale. She was notified that they are cancelling it.

Mrs. Morris asked about the contingency plan that Mascaro has sent. Mrs. Metzinger advised that basically it is what she tells residents anyway. Just please leave your trash/recycling out if it was not picked up and call or email the borough office. Mrs. Morris asked if this could be put out on facebook.

Mrs. Kehoe is asking that if your trash/recycling is missed to please not comment on facebook – send a message to Grace or Joyce or call the borough office – we need to keep records for things like this. Council will not respond to facebook so if you want answers please email – it is the quickest way to get answers. Please send emails with your questions. We have been receiving emails from bogus accounts and they will not be answered. If you have questions about the Fall Festival contact the Chief and the Mayor.

Public Comment

John Wynne, 32 Blake Avenue:

1. Wanted to ask about the new car dealer – there should be a buffer there. The cars are right up close to the sidewalk. Mrs. Metzinger advised that Charlie has issued a violation. Joseph Bresnan advised that the violation has been rescinded and changed to 45 days as he is working with Charlie to rectify the issues.
2. The noise at the Malt House – police were aware.
3. He is concerned about outdoor seating where the bump out at the Malt House is at S. Penn. Can a sign of some type be placed there? Chief Miller advised that it is a PennDot road and we would need their permission.
4. He knows where to get Military Flags for \$250.00.
5. Thank you to the outgoing 4th of July Committee for a job well done.
6. John wanted to say that he and a few friends would like to play their acoustic music at Mill Park maybe on a Thursday evening from 6:00 to about 8:30 pm. Mr. Praediger advised that he does not have a problem with it.

Linda Coyle, 33 Central Avenue has an issue at Shady Lane and the Pike regarding Do Not Block the Box. Chief Miller will contact Abington Township.

Mr. Bruce Naudascher asked about the curb painting. Mr. Praediger will look into this.

Susan Marsh, Shady Lane, stated that Kyle met with her last fall regarding the water flow from Rockledge Park. She said that the Fowler Warehouse does not have rain gutters. Mr. Praediger will follow up with the owner of the building. He thought it was resolved.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk