

ROCKLEDGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

OF
December 13, 2021

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on December 13, 2021 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows

In Attendance: 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 November 29, 2021.

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 Resolution 2021-02. A resolution approving Fire Police activities. All were in favor.

Mr. Caffrey made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-03. A resolution approving Fire Company activities. All were in favor.

Mr. Caffrey made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-05. A resolution of the Borough of Rockledge, Montgomery County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2022 at 8.85 mills. 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 – December 2021

General Fund	– \$	70,452.20
Highway Aid	– \$	5,281.31
Capital Reserve	– \$	678.64
Police Pension Fund	- \$	0

Check Detail – November 2021

General Fund	– \$	133,882.91
Highway Aid	– \$	0
Capital Reserve	– \$	287.20

Police Pension Fund - \$ 8,859.65

Mr. Enderle made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-04. A resolution of the Borough of Rockledge, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated per the 2022 Budget to be required for the specific purpose of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the year 2022 by the Borough Council of Rockledge, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. All were in favor.

Mr. Enderle made a motion to allow the Borough Manager to pay any bills between now and the end of January. All were in favor.

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurers report:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 576,233.08
	Receipts	\$ 155,992.08
	Disbursements	\$ 327,753.15
	Ending Balance	\$ 404,472.01

<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 79,796.49
	Receipts	\$ 200.98
	Disbursements	\$ 287.20
	Ending Balance	\$ 79,710.27

<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 22,544.94
	Receipts	\$.18
	Disbursements	\$ 2,790.24
	Ending Balance	\$ 19,754.88

<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 103,156.77
	Deposits/Interest	\$.15
	Disbursements	\$ 88,191.74
	Ending Balance	\$ 14,965.18

<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 256,590.70
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 0
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 256,590.70

Public Service: Mr. Sheppard had nothing at this time.

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 remind everyone that Santa will be out with the Fire Company on Christmas Eve. Their intention is to stop at every corner.

Mayor Praediger wanted to mention that he does not agree with Council's decision to not hire a new full time officer.

Mayor Praediger also advised that he endorses Interim Chief Michael Schmalz as the new Chief.

Mayor Praediger advised that there are some awards to be given out:

- Mr. Kevin Fries for this work with Town Watch.
- Mr. Peter Dacko
- Mr. Robert Ucci, Jr. for all his help to the Police Department.
- Mr. Eugene Clark for his work with a theft.

Interim Chief Schmalz gave a plaque to Mayor Harold Praediger for his service to Rockledge Borough. Mayor Praediger did not seek re-election and this would be his last council meeting. Council all thanked Mayor Praediger for his service to Rockledge Borough.

Mr. Kevin Fries, Town Watch advised that they logged 53 miles and 14 man hours. They have had two new members join, Mr. John Creedon and his friend Dawn.

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

Mrs. Metzinger thanked Cheltenham Township. They sent over their leaf vacuum machine with Mr. Vince Menniti as the driver.

Mayor Praediger asked Interim Chief Schmalz if they could let residents with piles of leaves in front of their houses know that they have to be bagged.

Recreation: Mrs. Metzinger had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Mrs. Kehoe had nothing at this time.

Managers' Report: Mrs. Metzinger wanted to remind everyone that the re-organization meeting will be held on January 3, 2022 at 7:30 pm. New members and re-elected will need to bring their election certificates with them.

Mr. Menniti, 28 Fox Street asked if there is an ordinance about bagging leaves. Mrs. Metzinger advised that residents were able to put all their leaves from their property into the street in piles. This was changed to having residents bag their leaves and the vacuum was just used for leaves that fell in the street. She will check to see if there is an Ordinance for this.

Interim Chief Schmalz wanted to thank Mayor Praediger.

Interim Chief Schmalz advised that he is looking into cameras for the parks. Would council like him to look into cameras for the Pike? This would be for observation only. Council advised that they would like him to look into this.

Mr. Wartman brought up that we should also look into some type of lighting for the Loney Trail and down at Rockledge Park back by Mr. Fowlers property.

Mr. Finnegan had a question about the street opening report. He sees his address but was wondering what type of work was being done. Mrs. Metzinger advised that the utility company, Peco requested the opening for new gas services at a few addresses on Fillmore.

Mr. Robert Ucci, 305 Montgomery Avenue asked about the light at Church Road and Huntingdon Pike. Mayor Praediger advised that Mr. Praediger stated that Abington was contacted about this. Mrs. Hines will contact Abington again about this.

Thank you to Council for their work.

Mrs. Kehoe wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New and will see you next year!

Public Comment:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk