

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
May 23, 2022

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on May 23, 2022 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. Menniti, Mrs. Metzinger, Mrs. Morris and Mayor Caffrey.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Adoption of the Agenda: All were in favor.

Acceptance of the Minutes: Motion to adopt the minutes from April 25, 2022. All were in favor.

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

Mr. Enderle made a motion to advertise Ordinance #675 which will allow for a 25% discount on real estate taxes or up to \$300 EIT credit for eligible fire company members. Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Kehoe recused themselves from voting as they are members of the fire company. All other council members were in favor.

Finance: Mr. Praediger made a motion to accept the monthly bills, Tax Collectors and previous months check detail report. All were in favor.

Monthly Bills – May 2022

General Fund	– \$	117,660.56
Highway Aid	– \$	3,460.50
Capital Reserve	– \$	2,560.00
Police Pension Fund	- \$	0

Monthly Bills – April 2022

General Fund	– \$	7,997.34
Highway Aid	– \$	61,980.17
Capital Reserve	– \$	187,437.04
Police Pension Fund	- \$	10,959.65

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurers report, March 2022:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 284,194.01
	Receipts	\$1,455,140.56
	Disbursements	\$ 186,970.18
	Ending Balance	\$1,552,364.39

<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 186,204.77
	Receipts	\$ 186,890.78
	Disbursements	\$ 187,437.04
	Ending Balance	\$ 185,658.51

<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 61,962.67
	Receipts	\$ 61,964.87
	Disbursements	\$ 65,088.47

	Ending Balance	\$ 58,839.07
<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 14,965.61
	Deposits/Interest	\$.95
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 14,966.56
<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 268,241.40
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 16.91
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 268,258.31

Public Service: Mr. Menniti, advised that there is a Household Hazardous Waste collection Saturday, June 18 at Norristown High School and Saturday, June 25 at the Abington Junior High. Pre-registration for both events is required and is available at MontcoPArecycles.org.

There was a discussion regarding the trash bid. Our trash contract is up at the end of this year and Mr. Menniti would like to look into some options regarding pick-up. He advised that he spoke to a few other trash haulers and a couple of them suggested sending the bid out earlier. Mr. Bresnan stated that if you did put it out earlier we would still have to award in the required time of either 30 or 60 days and that is why the bid is put out in September and awarded in October as it is closer to budget. Another option he was looking into was to have residents choose their hauler – Mrs. Kehoe advised that she did not like this idea as there could be trucks here every day of the week.

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

Mrs. Morris wanted to give respect to former Part-Time Officer Steve Plumb who suddenly passed away.

Mrs. Morris made a motion to accept the Automatic License Plate Recognition System Agreement with Abington Township. Mrs. Colleen Demusz, 24 Blake Avenue voiced her concerns with this. Officer Frank Weinberg advised that this is just going to be used for surveillance to assist in criminal activity. The location will be at Church Road and Huntingdon Pike. The annual maintenance cost is \$4,881 yearly and we would split that 50/50 with Abington Township. Mr. Finnegan 7930 Fillmore Street asked about the cost of the camera if we wanted to place elsewhere in the borough. Mrs. Morris advised that she did not sure but it is something we can explore later. All were in favor.

Officer Weinberg advised that Coffee with a Cop was well attended. He also advised that there will be a cook out one June 18 at Jarrett Playground. Fliers will be out next week. Mrs. Morris asked Mr. Eugene Clark if the sign at the Firehouse could reflect this.

Mayor Caffrey advised that the Home Town Hero’s banners will be installed on Tuesday. We have 38 banners in possession and there are 8 more at the printers; American Flags are here.

Mr. Kevin Fries, Town Watch advised that they logged 16 hours and 50 miles. They had one incident where they found someone in need of a ride home – which they provided.

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

Mr. Sheppard introduced new Public Works Foreman, Michael Hess who then read his monthly report.

Recreation: Mrs. Metzinger advised that Summer Camp will run from June 27, 2022 thru July 22, 2022.

Personnel: Swearing in of new Part-Time Police Officer Daniel Staley

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to hire John Nungesser as a full-time public works employee. All were in favor.

Motion to make a conditional offer of employment as Police Chief to John Gallagher pending an official background investigation. All were in favor.

Mrs. Hines was asked to have Charlie take a look at the following:

- Plow on Rockledge Avenue
- Bushes at Shady Lane and Montgomery Avenue
- Pine needles at Doctors office on Shady Lane

Managers' Report:

Public Comment:

Motion was made to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk