

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
October 24, 2022

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on October 24, 2022 at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows:

In Attendance: Mrs. Kehoe, Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Enderle, Mr. Menniti, Mr. Clarke and Mayor Caffrey.

Additions to the Agenda: Mr. Enderle made a motion to add an item to Finance regarding the Fire Tax Credit. All were in favor.

Adoption of the Agenda: All were in favor.

Acceptance of the Minutes: Motion to adopt the minutes from September 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.

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

Monthly Bills – November 2022

General Fund	– \$
Highway Aid	– \$
Capital Reserve	– \$
Police Pension Fund	- \$

Check Detail – October 2022

General Fund	– \$
Highway Aid	– \$
Capital Reserve	– \$
Police Pension Fund	- \$

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Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurers report, November 2022:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$
	Receipts	\$
	Disbursements	\$

	Ending Balance	\$ 548,894.33
<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 244,741.84
	Receipts	\$ 133,288.41
	Disbursements	\$ 33,201.50
	Ending Balance	\$ 344,828.75
<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 38,839.91
	Receipts	\$ 5.24
	Disbursements	\$ 11,809.84
	Ending Balance	\$ 27,036.31
<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 95,000.56
	Deposits/Interest	\$ 16.66
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 95,017.22
<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 384,262.24
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 67.38
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 384,329.62

Mrs. Morris gave an update on the Inlet filters. Waiting for information from the engineers.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked if the ARPA money can used as a rebate to homeowners. Mrs. Morris stated that we did not consider this.

Mr. Denelsbeck asked if the money leftover in Capital Reserve is moved to the Fund Account at the end of the year. Mr. Wartman advised that it is not.

Public Service: Mr. Menniti opened the 1 trash bid received from J.P. Mascaro.

Includes Disposal and Recycling.

Bid Amount per Unit for 1 year contract	\$435.84 per unit
Bid Amount per Unit for 3 year contract	\$1307.52 per unit

Mr. Al DeGennaro, counsel for Mascaro was in attendance and gave an explanation of why costs have increased.

Mr. Eugene Clarke asked if the men could be more careful with the trash cans. He stated that if Mascaro is going to raise the price are they going to raise the care. Mr. DeGennaro advised that if there is damage to a can let Grace or Joyce know.

Mr. Bresnan stated that council just needs to make a decision if they want a 1 year or 3 year contract. The bid will be awarded at the November 28, 2022.

Mrs. Finnegan asked council to put something on the website to let people know why the costs have gone up. If there is an issue with trash please call the office.

Joe Rice, 201 N. Sylvania Avenue asked Mr. Menniti what does 1 unit mean? If you have a single family home you pay 1 unit of trash; if you have a duplex you pay 2 units of trash.

Jim Finnegan, 7930 Fillmore Street. If people have an issue with trash they should just call the office instead of 35 comments on social media.

A resident brought to the borough's attention of a tree in Rockledge Park that is hitting her house. This will be looked into.

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

Mrs. Morris made a motion to accept the resignation of Tyler Dermer as Emergency Management Coordinator. All were in favor.

Mrs. Morris made a motion to appoint Richard Schuck as the new Emergency Management Coordinator. All were in favor.

Mrs. Morris wanted to discuss the position of Emergency Management Coordinator. Right now it is a volunteer position and she would like to make it a paid position. The rate of pay would be what Rich Schuck is being paid an hour as our Fire Marshal. He will be paid for whenever he acts, if ever as our Emergency Management Coordinator. Mrs. Morris made a motion to make this a paid position at the rate of \$18.00. All were in favor.

Town Watch – No one in attendance.

Mrs. Morris wanted to remind everyone of quality of life issues. There was a mattress out at a property for a while. Mrs. Morris contacted Mrs. Hines and it was taken care of. Mrs. Morris explained our Code Enforcement Officer is not here to drive around and look for issues – it would cost too much money. Mrs. Morris asked Chief Gallagher that when the officers are driving around that if they see a quality of life issue could they please bring to the attention of the borough office.

Mr. Menniti wanted to clarify that if an officer sees a violation of a mattress being out before trash day, can they enforce the ordinance. Mr. Bresnan stated that they are law enforcement officers and they can enforce the ordinances; it is an allocation of resource issue as to the extent of which you really want them doing.

Mrs. Morris would like that during their patrols if they see a violation that they contact the office. Also, when Public Works are out and about and see something to please contact the office.

Chief Gallagher just wanted to remind everyone to please lock your car doors. The theft from vehicles that we have had have been because residents have left their vehicle unlocked. There have been thefts of catalytic converters. Chief Gallagher is working with Abington Township to maybe form a Task Force along the Shady Lane corridor. Please, if you see something report it to the police. The cars where the catalytic converters are being stolen from are Lexus, Kia, Toyota Prius; anything with a hybrid engine. If you have one of these vehicles and you can, please park in your driveway. If you have any issues please contact 911 whether it is an emergency or not.

Chief Gallagher stated that the police department has heard the resident's concerns about traffic in the borough. They are working on this.

Colleen Demusz, 24 Blake Avenue asked Chief Gallagher to look into Blake one way; a car came up the street the wrong way and as soon as the car passed a police car came up the street. Why didn't they see the car?

Colleen Demusz, 24 Blake Avenue stated that at a previous meeting there was talk about a camera being installed at Church Road and Huntingdon Pike. Chief Gallagher stated that yes it is a license plate reader. We just had a robbery at Sunoco, did the camera help? Chief Gallagher advised that the plate reader has not been installed yet. There are problems with Verizon and the reception. Chief Gallagher is looking into a mobile reader that could go on the front of a vehicle – he is looking at a grant for the cost.

Mr. Wynne wanted to mention that if you are calling 911 you need to say Rockledge, Montgomery County.

Rich Flanagan, 323 Shady Lane wanted to know now that Mike Praediger is no longer here who is working on the crosswalk on Shady Lane. Mrs. Morris will be working on this.

Mayor Caffrey stated that Jiffy Lube will put your VIN (vehicle identification number) on your catalytic converter for free or you can paint the VIN number in fire resistant paint yourself. Mrs. Morris asked if this could be put on the website. Mr. Menniti asked Mayor Caffrey to send him the information.

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

The Home Town Hero Banners will be taken down the week of November 14, 2022. The day will be determined by the weather.

Mr. Sheppard asked Chief Gallagher that when this happens can they get a police car to follow behind. Chief Gallagher asked Mr. Sheppard to just let him know what date this will happen.

Mr. Eugene Clark mentioned that a few people have asked him why they can't bring their leaves to the curb. Mr. Sheppard advised that this was done many years ago. Mike Hess, Public Works Forman advised that we do not have the manpower or equipment that other borough's or townships have.

Joseph Denelsbeck, 105 N. Sylvania Avenue asked about the grates in the ground in front of the Sunoco on Huntingdon Pike and the car dealer next to Sunoco. Mr. Hess advised that the concrete work is in the 2023 budget. Mr. Denelsbeck asked if it could be softened up with planters that are in front of Wells Fargo. Mr. Sheppard will look into this.

Mrs. Morris asked Mr. Menniti to place something on the website stating that yard waste is on Tuesdays.

Recreation: Mr. Clarke had nothing at this time.

Personnel: Mrs. Morris wants the Personnel part on the agenda changed to Human Resources.

Mrs. Kehoe would like to thank Mr. Mike Praediger for the many years he spent on council.

Mrs. Kehoe is working with Mr. Bresnan on a Human Resources Police and Social Media Policy.

Mrs. Morris advised that we are actively interviewing for the Manager position.

Managers' Report:

Public Comment:

Council adjourn to an executive session for a human resources police issue, borough manager salary and the hunt for a borough manager.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk