

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
August 28, 2023

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on August 28, 2023, 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, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Briggman, and Mayor Caffrey.

There will be an executive session regarding police hiring.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Adoption of the Agenda: All were in favor.

Acceptance of the Minutes: Motion to adopt the minutes from July 31, 2023. 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 gave an update on the Law and Planning Meeting from August 8 regarding this building. Abington School District 1st wanted an appraisal of the property. Once we have the appraisal Mr. Bresnan will contact the School District and go from there. Mr. Bresnan just wanted to say that there is a Deed restriction that as long as this building is used by the municipality, we are the owners and if we are no longer here ownership reverts back to the School District.

Mr. Poster asked Mr. Bresnan does the deed specify if we need to occupy the building or that we occupy the property. Mr. Bresnan stated that it is the parcel that has to be used by the municipality. Mr. Poster asked then if we built a new building here, we would have to occupy it. Mr. Poser just wanted to keep all options open.

Mr. Poster advised that he has reached out to 3 appraisal companies and will be using Benchmark Appraisers.

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 – August 2023

General Fund	– \$	54,574.35
Highway Aid	– \$	5,135.98
Capital Reserve	– \$	542.00
Police Pension Fund	- \$	555.30

Check Detail – July 2023

General Fund	– \$	60,587.64
Highway Aid	– \$	0
Capital Reserve	– \$	76.01
Police Pension Fund	- \$	4,460.19

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurers report, July 2023:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 1,286,404.12
	Receipts	\$ 142,253.96
	Disbursements	\$ 349,809.90
	Ending Balance	\$ 1,078,848.18
<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 62,690.20
	Receipts	\$ 14.57
	Disbursements	\$ 10,015.04
	Ending Balance	\$ 52,689.73
<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 149,577.82
	Receipts	\$ 23.68
	Disbursements	\$ 1,949.01
	Ending Balance	\$ 147,652.49
<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 175,162.08
	Deposits/Interest	\$ 27.83
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 175,189.91
<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 434,442.70
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 69.03
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 434,511.73
<u>ARPA Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 262,260.35
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 41.67
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 262,302.02

Public Service: Mr. Briggman mentioned that the Fall Festival and Car Show is on Sunday, September 10, 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Mr. Menniti advised that the rain date will be September 17, 2023.

There was a discussion regarding Animal Control in the Borough. Mr. Menniti advised that he looked at our codes and said that the police and the constable are our enforcement animal control. Mrs. Kehoe asked Mr. Poster to reach out to the Montgomery County Game Commissioner.

Public Safety: Mr. Clarke made a motion to accept the Police, Fire Company, Fire Marshal and Assistant Fire Marshal monthly reports. All were in favor.

Town Watch: Town Watch logged 54-man hours and 28 miles in August.

Chief Gallagher: Foot patrols have increased; there were 0 thefts this July 2023 compared to last July 2022 of 11 thefts. Things are looking very good. The officers are doing a tremendous job! Information will be sent out regarding two upcoming events, Coffee with a cop and another town hall meeting.

Mrs. Paulus asked that when Chief Gallagher says foot patrols, are the officers actually on foot. Chief Gallagher advised that yes, they are on foot.

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

Updates: Public Works crew has been very busy; closed Church Road and painted white lines last week at night. They are getting ready for the car show. Mr. Sheppard advised that work started with the public works garage heat. The groundbreaking for pole barn is tomorrow.

Recreation: Mr. Menniti had nothing at this time.

Brenda Corey wanted to thank everyone for their help with the parade. It was a terrific Parade and council wanted to thank Brenda and the committee for all their work.

The 4th of July will have a table at the Fall Festival.

The golf tournament is September 16 at the Melrose Golf Course.

Human Resources: Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to accept Askold Horajecyk's QDRO (Qualified Domestic Relations Order) and addendum. All were in favor.

Manager's Report: Mr. Poster gave his Manager's Report:

Mr. Poster advised that he does not have any paper tonight – he is using a tablet. He would like to budget to purchase tablets for everyone for borough use. He did a cost analysis, and it would take 18 months to get the investment back using the tablets versus paper. He would like to budget for 14 of them.

On Tuesday, August 8, I met with the Law and Planning committee to discuss the plans moving forward with Borough Hall. Unfortunately, we cannot do anything without the decision of the Abington School District about the current building. The plan is to get all ideas about what we can do moving forward with whatever decision is made by ASD. Quotes are being gathered for getting the building appraised as requested per ASD.

On Wednesday, August 9, Councilman Sheppard, Mayor Caffrey, State Representative Sanchez and I participated in a groundbreaking ceremony at the Public Works Pole Building location.

I was on vacation from Saturday, August 12th to Saturday, August 19th. Had a great time and only answered a few emails.

On Thursday, August 24, I attended a virtual meeting through DVHT regarding health care. The Affordable Care Act ("ACA") requires employers to report certain health coverage information to their employees and the IRS on an annual basis. This is a requirement for all trust members.

Earlier tonight I met with the Parks and Recreation Committee regarding summer camp issues this year, and how can we make camp run more smoothly moving forward.

Postponed Police Pension board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 23rd to Monday, August 28th.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Tuesday, August 29th, at 10:00 am, Benchmark appraisers will be starting the appraisal of the municipal building. If all goes right, we should get the results by mid-September.
2. Thursday, September 7th I will be attending the monthly Montgomery County Consortium Meeting, topic on Cyber Security will be presented. The meeting will be hosted by Hatfield Township.
3. The Rockledge Car Show is Sunday, September 10, hoping for great weather and it should be lots of fun!
4. September 14, 21, & 28 at 6:30 pm at Lansdale Borough, I will be attending a Community Planning Class presented by Montgomery County Planning Commission.
5. Saturday, September 16th at 9:00 am the 4th of July Parade Association will be holding its annual Golf Tournament at Melrose Country Club. They are still looking for players and sponsors, should be a great event.

Public Comment:

The resident at 203 Lynwood Avenue mentioned that he has been having a hard time getting out of S. Jarrett Avenue. His other issue is that there are cars blocking the fire hydrant on S. Jarrett and Huntingdon Pike. He asked if the police could make sure no one blocks the box there and asked if they can also make sure that no one parks in front of the fire hydrant.

A resident asked if solicitation can be banned. Mr. Bresnan advised that the borough could place limitations regarding solicitation, but you cannot ban it. The other issue is the use of recreation marijuana – she smells it a lot when she goes outside.

Council will meet for an executive session for a personnel item.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk