

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
September 25, 2023

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on September 25, 2023, at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows:

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

Council met prior to tonight's meeting for an executive session regarding a personnel matter.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Adoption of the Agenda: All were in favor.

Acceptance of the Minutes: Motion to adopt the minutes from August 28, 2023. All were in favor.

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

Mrs. Morris advised that Council has decided to keep the rental inspections in house. Charlie is only here 4 hours a week. It would be best if we kept the rental inspections in- house with us using our Public Works employees to do the inspections. Building Inspection Underwriters will still do our permits and Charlie will continue to do Code Enforcement and Zoning.

Public Works employees will also be trained to do the sidewalk inspections. The borough will keep the public up to date when these inspections start. The borough will have to fix their own curbs and sidewalks first.

Mrs. Morris also advised that the Law and Planning Committee previously met to discuss the borough hall building. Mr. Bresnan talked with the Abington School District with regard to the deed and they have asked the borough to get the building appraised. The appraisal was done but we have not received it – the company will not release it until payment is made – the check is going out in the mail. Once the appraisal is received Mr. Bresnan will have a conversation with the Abington School District again.

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 – September 2023

General Fund	– \$	82,397.94
Highway Aid	– \$	6,710.65
Capital Reserve	– \$	3,765.00
Police Pension Fund	- \$	555.30

Check Detail – August 2023

General Fund	– \$	30,613.90
Highway Aid	– \$	0
Capital Reserve	– \$	76.01
Police Pension Fund	- \$	5,015.49

Mr. Enderle made a motion to advertise Budget Meetings will be at 6:30 pm on October 30, 2023, and November 27, 2023. All were in favor.

Mr. Enderle made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report: All were in favor.

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 1,205,049.63
	Receipts	\$ 140,308.83
	Disbursements	\$ 336,645.71
	Ending Balance	\$ 1,008,712.75

<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 53,476.63
	Receipts	\$ 413.98
	Disbursements	\$ 5,928.15
	Ending Balance	\$ 47,962.46

<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 148,480.49
	Receipts	\$ 25.09
	Disbursements	\$ 1,446.01
	Ending Balance	\$ 147,059.57

<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 175,189.91
	Deposits/Interest	\$ 29.76
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 175,219.67

<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 434,511.73
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 73.81
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 434,585.54

<u>ARPA Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 262,302.02
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 44.56
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 262,346.58

Public Service: Mr. Menniti stated that the Car Show had a great turnout. This year had the most cars pre-registered; there were over 90 vendors and there were well over 200 cars.

Mrs. Kehoe wanted to say that while she did not attend the Car Show she heard it was great and wanted to Thank everyone involved.

Mr. Joe Rooney wanted to compliment the person who had to make the hard decision of cancelling the Car Show on September 10th. He wanted to say what a great time it was and thank you.

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

Chief Gallagher gave his update on patrols for summer 2023 vs summer 2022. He gives credit to our officers.

Joe Rooney advised that there will be a meeting on Wednesday at 7:00 pm with Chief Malloy and the School District to address the recent issues.

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 updates: None

A big thank you to our public works team, Mike and his guys for their work before during and after the car show.

Mike Hess wanted to thank Abington for street sweeping; Cheltenham for the Barricades; Lower Moreland for the sign trailer. Harold Praediger will look at his budget to see if maybe he can give money to the borough for more barricades.

There was a sewer issue at Shady Lane and Mr. Hess just wanted to say Thank you to Abington for coming out to help.

Recreation: Mr. Menniti wanted to say that the 4th of July Golf outing was a huge success. The committee also did very well at the Car Show.

Human Resources: Mrs. Kehoe advised that Council has discussed stream-lining the process for future police hiring.

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to hire Steven Grabov as a new Full-time Police Officer. All were in favor.

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

Manager's Report September:

Tuesday, August 29th, conducted an appraisal of the Rockledge Municipal Hall Building. We are awaiting the results.

Thursday, September 7th, I attended a joint Montgomery/Bucks County Consortium meeting where DVHT and their cybersecurity insurance partner presented the importance of network security for saving information and lowering your cybersecurity insurance costs.

Monday, September 11th, we received assistance from Abington Township & Pipe Services Corp. with a backed up main on Shady Lane. After opening and televising we found a new manhole approximately 4-5 ft away from meter vault. The new manhole has been entered into our GIS sewer map. Thank you, Abington Township and Pipe Services, for your assistance!

Tuesday, September 12th, attended the ongoing police negotiations.

The last two Thursdays, September 14th & 21st, I attended the first two of three classes presented by Montgomery County Planning Commission titled Community Planning.

Saturday, September 16th, I played in the Fourth of July Parade Association Golf Tournament with Mayor Caffrey.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. This Thursday is the final class on Community Planning at Lansdale Borough Hall from 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM.
2. This Thursday, September 28th at 7:30 AM, I will be the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of NE Philadelphia Cheltenham breakfast at the Quaker Diner.
3. Tuesday October 3rd, there is another Police negotiation meeting.
4. We are currently gathering all the information that Accupay is requiring to start the payroll, time & attendance, and scheduling software.
5. As Council knows I have started working on the 2024 budget. We also have scheduled budget work sessions for the October and November Council meetings.

Public Comment:

Mr. Robert Ucci, asked Mrs. Kehoe about the hiring process that she mentioned. We are just trying to streamline the hiring process – making sure we are consistent with the hiring process. Mr. Ucci asked if we were still down one officer and Mrs. Kehoe answered we are. He asked if we are hiring and she said yes, through Civil Service.

Mrs. Morris stated that we are trying to make all of our processes more structured.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk