

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
April 24, 2023

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:30 p.m. on April 24, 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, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Briggman, and Mayor Caffrey.

Additions to the Agenda: Mr. Sheppard made a motion to add an item under Public Works – the opening of a bid. Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to go to an executive session regarding the Police Contract after the regular meeting. All were in favor of both motions.

Adoption of the Agenda: All were in favor.

Acceptance of the Minutes: Motion to adopt the minutes from March 27, 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.

Mr. Briggman wanted to know where the Borough stands with the potential loss of the day care and what is our plan to remedy that and what is the current mechanical status of the building. Mrs. Morris advised that there are a lot of questions regarding this. She would like a meeting with herself, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Enderle and Mr. Poster to do some data gathering.

Mrs. Paulus, 116 Borbeck Street asked who is in contact with Temple. Mr. Poster advised that he has been in contact with them.

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 – April 2023

General Fund	– \$	92,437.73
Highway Aid	– \$	2,376.13
Capital Reserve	– \$	300.00
Police Pension Fund	- \$	555.30

Check Detail – March 2023

General Fund	– \$	75,380.56
Highway Aid	– \$	0
Capital Reserve	– \$	76.01
Police Pension Fund	- \$	5,015.49

Mr. Enderle gave the Treasurers report, March 2023:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 180,826.84
	Receipts	\$1,817,048.28
	Disbursements	\$ 462,167.29
	Ending Balance	\$1,535,707.83
<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 11,054.52
	Receipts	\$ 68,460.68
	Disbursements	\$ 12,897.06
	Ending Balance	\$ 66,618.14
<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 58,283.78
	Receipts	\$ 9.99
	Disbursements	\$ 5,376.01
	Ending Balance	\$ 52,917.76
<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 95,094.82
	Deposits/Interest	\$ 17.19
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 95,112.01
<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 408,847.93
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 73.93
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 408,921.86
<u>ARPA Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 262,082.23
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 47.39
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 262,129.62

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

Mrs. Morris brought up the tree that Mr. Wynne discussed at the last council meeting. An Arborist was contacted and his opinion is that the tree could safely remain if the dead and broken portions were removed. Mr. Menniti asked about the raised sidewalk. Mrs. Hines advised that Charlie can send a letter to the owner and advised them of the arborist's findings and let them know that the sidewalk needs to be repaired. Mr. Menniti asked if the arborist could be contacted again and asked that if the roots under the sidewalk are removed could the tree still live.

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

Mr. Clarke made a motion to appoint Steven Masterson to the Shade Tree Commission. All were in favor.

Mr. Clarke made a motion to appoint Vince Menniti to the Civil Service Commission. All were in favor.

Mrs. Morris advised that you are allowed 1 person on council to serve on the Commission.

Mr. Clarke made a motion to appoint Tim Courtney to the Zoning Hearing Board. All were in favor.

Chief Gallagher advised of an Identity and Fraud Protection symposium that is scheduled for May 11, 2023. It will be held either in the Hook and Ladder Room, Holy Nativity or the Borough gym. Information will follow.

Chief Gallagher is also looking into a Town Hall symposium. Information to follow.

Mrs. Morris thanked Chief Gallagher for the Identity and Fraud Protection symposium.

Chief Gallagher advised that St. Cecilia's Legacy Run is this weekend. Thank you to all the runners and volunteers. Police Orders will be completed this week. If anyone still wants to volunteer see Chief Gallagher after the meeting. There are 49 runners and they think they will get more signed up on the morning of the race. The streets will be closed at 7:50 am and opened back up no later than 9:15am. Thank you Tim Brooks, Fire Company Chief and Deputy Chief Mark Kehoe for their help in getting volunteers.

Town Watch: None

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. Hess gave updates:

Mulch has been received
The island by Sunoco has had the old Mulch removed
Working on getting ready to cement the island at N. Sylvania Avenue
PennDot is coming back to finish the lines on the Pike
Hopefully the new dump truck is coming soon
The old dump truck will be put out on Municibid

Mr. Menniti asked Mr. Hess to remember to paint the ends of the islands.

Mr. Sheppard advised that the Bucket Van should be received in about 2 weeks. The hydraulic inspection is scheduled for Wednesday. The transfer and purchase should be completed by the week of May 1.

Mr. Sheppard advised that the Hometown Heroes banners will be re-hung the week of May 22, 2023. Mrs. Kehoe asked about the placement of the banners. Mr. Sheppard advised that they are thinking about hanging them on the decorative poles but have to do some research before that decision is made.

Mr. Menniti asked if the borough has a banding tool. Mr. Hess advised that he has an ancient one. They will check prices.

Mr. Sheppard opened the 1 bid received for the Pole Barn at the Public Works Property. Bid received was from Pioneer Pole Buildings, Schuylkill Haven, PA, in the amount of \$81,141.00. The grant was for \$60,000. Mr. Sheppard made a motion to award the bid subject to review by the engineer and solicitor. All were in favor.

Recreation: Mr. Menniti had nothing at this time.

Thank you to everyone who was involved with getting the paving completed.

4th of July updates: Mrs. Morris wanted to say that the Hike the Pike for the 4th of July Association had was very well attended.

Mr. Don Goldberg, 146 Park Avenue wanted to know the anticipated date of Phase 3 for Mill Park. Mr. Poster explained that he has met with the Borough Planning Commission and has been in contact with our county planner regarding this and it seems that we will have to start the grant process again as the grant that was received expired.

Mr. Goldberg advised that a neighbor asked him if that Mill Park could be a dog park. Mr. Sheppard stated “No dog park” and Mr. Clarke felt the same way.

Human Resources: Mrs. Kehoe had nothing at this time.

Managers’ Report: Mr. Poster gave the Manager’s report:

- On March 29, met with Comcast for a walk through of Borough Hall and to discuss new internet and VOIP phone system. Met with the network design team to discuss technical issues with migration. Should have pricing comparison done shortly for current configuration and new proposed configuration.
- On April 2, attended the Rockledge Borough Egg Hunt. The event was well attended and the weather was beautiful. Thank you to Councilman Menniti for the hard work planning and running the event. Thanks to Council President Morris and Mayor Caffrey for being the guest MC’s.
- On April 6 attended the Montgomery County Consortium meeting, hosted by Lower Moreland Township and was held at the Huntingdon Valley Library. A presentation by former municipal HR Director, now consultant Rosann McGrath called Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Public Sector. There was also a discussion about future contracts that county municipalities would be interested in, trash hauling was one discussed.
- On April 12, met with Councilman Sheppard, Mike Hess, PennDot reps and Allan Myers reps regarding work to be completed in front of the firehouse to alleviate a vibration issue with the road. Mr. Poster was told the vibration appears to be gone.
- On April 19, attended Rockledge Fox Chase Business Association meeting at Joseph’s Pizza. The discussion was about how to spruce up store fronts we currently have and how to attract new desired businesses.
- Future meetings scheduled:
 - o Start of Police Contract negotiations on Wednesday, April 26.
 - o Montgomery County Consortium, Thursday, May 4.

Public Comment:

Council will meet for an executive session regarding the police contract.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk