

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**February 26, 2024**

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:00 p.m. on February 26, 2023, at the Rockledge Borough Hall. After the prayer and Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called as follows:

In Attendance: Mr. Enderle, Mr. Briggman, Mr. Menniti, Mr. Boyle, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Clarke, and Mr. Creedon.

**Acceptance of the Minutes:** Motion to adopt the minutes from the January 29, 2024. All were in favor.

Mr. Enderle advised that Borough Council met prior to tonight's meeting in an executive session to discuss a few Human Resource items.

Mr. Enderle wanted to let everyone know that George Praediger has passed away. He was on Borough Council and worked for Public Works. Prayers to his family.

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

Mr. Briggman advised that the Law and Planning Committee along with the Planning Commission will meet on March 19, 2024, at 7:00 pm to start working on a 5 to 10 year plan.

Mr. Briggman made a motion to cancel all the Bank of America Credit Cards for the Borough. All were in favor. Mrs. Hines advised that this was done once before but Bank of America denied our request. She called again recently and was told to do the same as before, send a letter requesting cancellation signed by two board members, and a copy of the minutes.

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

**Monthly Bills – February 2024**

General Fund	-	\$107,578.56
Highway Aid	-	\$ 8,498.13
Capital Reserve	-	\$ 9,587.80
Police Pension Fund	-	\$ 588.73

**Check Detail – January 2023**

General Fund	-	\$ 2,958.87
Highway Aid	-	\$ 0
Capital Reserve	-	\$ 165.68
Police Pension Fund	-	\$ 19,557.21

Mr. Enderle made a motion to transfer \$100,000 from the Fund Account to the General Fund. All were in favor.

Mr. Wartman gave the Treasurer's report:

<u>General Fund:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 165,327.55
	Receipts	\$ 341,195.05
	Disbursements	\$ 387,845.59
	Ending Balance	\$ 118,677.01
<u>Highway Aid:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 32,806.05
	Receipts	\$ 10.76
	Disbursements	\$ 4,260.91
	Ending Balance	\$ 28,555.90
<u>Capital Reserve:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 105,651.51
	Receipts	\$ 17.85
	Disbursements	\$ 4,295.98
	Ending Balance	\$ 101,373.38
<u>Police Pension MMO:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 175,336.38
	Deposits/Interest	\$ 29.70
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 175,366.53
<u>Fund Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 454,810.38
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 59.57
	Disbursements	\$ 200,000.00
	Ending Balance	\$ 254,947.21
<u>ARPA Account:</u>	Beginning Balance	\$ 262,522.00
	Receipts/Interest	\$ 44.47
	Disbursements	\$ 0
	Ending Balance	\$ 262,566.47

**Public Service:** Mr. Creedon had nothing at this time.

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

Colleen Trahey and Kristin Wieler, St. Cecilia's gave a small presentation regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K Run. It will be the same route as last year, 8:00 am and is scheduled for April 20, 2024. They asked if we could supply the light up sign that we use for the Car Show. Mr. Hess will contact Abington. Chief Gallagher advised that last year he did an operations order so this year should run smoothly.

Mr. Boyle advised of the following:

- The position of a part-time detective has been advertised. Mr. Menniti asked if will discuss the job description, Chief Gallagher advised that the job description was written by the current Detective. This is not a new position.
- The Chief is in the process of hiring a few new part-time officers.
- The Civil Service written exam for full-time officers is scheduled for April 4 and the oral exam will be on April 17<sup>th</sup> and April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hook and Ladder Room. It will be advertised.

**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 and Mr. Enderle thanked the Public Crew for a job well done with the snow removal and salting.

**Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Menniti mentioned that the 2024 Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, March 23, 10:00 at Cegielski Playground with a rain date of Sunday, March 24, at 1:00 pm.

Fourth of July updates: Mr. Menniti advised that the ad book renewals were sent out. Anyone interested in placing an ad please check the Rockledge Fourth of July Association's Facebook page.

**Human Resources:** Mr. Clarke made a motion to accept the Borough Manager's 2 Year Contract. All were in favor.

Karen Paulus, 117 Borbeck asked about a Rockledge representative going to the School District. Mr. Poster advised that he will be talking about that in his manager's report.

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

- Resubmitted updated budget numbers for the MS4 Storm Sewer Project from our engineers Shoemaker Associates. He originally budgeted for \$305,000, but it is coming in closer to \$294,000 there will be 3 phases and 1 phase will be completed this summer.
- February 7<sup>th</sup>, he met with representatives from Hatboro Borough, Jenkintown Borough, and Bryn Athyn Borough regarding the Montgomery County Borough's Association dinner that we will be hosting April 25<sup>th</sup>. We are currently looking for a place to hold the event. The 4 Borough's will split the cost.
- February 21<sup>st</sup>, he met with Toshiba copiers to possibly replace the Borough Hall and the Police Department black and white copiers with newer, more efficient color copiers. Additionally, we are looking to replace the analog fax lines at both locations with digital faxing.
- Thursday night, February 21<sup>st</sup>, he attended the Montgomery County Borough's Association Dinner hosted by Lansdale Borough. Listened to two speakers on personal growth and development as a leader, and policy and legislation in a borough setting.
- We are starting to plan for the Mill Park Project this summer. The initial phase of the project will be to complete the entry way to the park with the decorative bricks that were purchased by Rockledge residents. There will be an electronic order form for anyone wanting to purchase a brick.
- This morning, February 26<sup>th</sup>, he attended the Montgomery County Tax collection meeting at the Montgomery Township Building.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

- March 13<sup>th</sup> through TBD he will be out of the office for knee replacement surgery. He will be checking my emails periodically and plan to attend meetings via Zoom if I am feeling up to it.
- The Planning Commission will be meeting Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> and The Law and Planning Committee will be joining them to start work on a 5 to 10 year plan.
- Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, the annual Rockledge Easter Egg will be held in Cegielski Park at 10:00 am.
- Mr. Poster advised that no one has heard back from the School District regarding this building. Mr. Bresnan advised that he has reached out to them and so has Mr. Poster. Mr. Poster did say

that he has a contact who does speak to Mr. Lionetti frequently and he will ask him to contact Mr. Poster. It may be that Joe Bresnan and Mr. Poster will have to attend one of their public meetings.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Robert Ucci, 305 Montgomery Avenue advised that he wanted to make sure that borough council was aware of the issue happening in Jenkintown with regards to their Police Department. Mr. Enderle advised that yes, borough council was aware.

Mr. Enderle advised that Rockledge Borough Council has no intention of following suit with Jenkintown. We are in good standing financially.

Chief Gallagher also advised that he is opposed to outsourcing and regionalizing.

Mr. Poster stated that there is no thought about doing the same – our finances are in good shape and are fiscally responsible.

Mrs. Marianne Finnegan, 7930 Fillmore Street mentioned that since she has put her ring camera up, she has noticed that the police are driving by on Fillmore at least 4 times a night. If any resident is concerned about anything look at the minutes, come to a council meeting. She stated that anytime you walk around the borough you see the police. The things the Chief has implemented are great; if we want our borough secure and to keep officers then we are going to have to pay our officers well.

John Wynne, 32 Blake Avenue, asked about the outcome of the zoning hearing for 7 Huntingdon Pike. Mr. Enderle advised that the applicant was granted the variance for parking. Mr. Wynne also asked about the pike being one or two lanes from the Rockledge Pub and up. Mr. Wynne stated that he has noticed that cars are making it two lanes. Chief Gallagher advised that he would take a look at this.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Hines  
Borough Clerk