

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
May 20, 2024

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:00 p.m. on May 20, 2024, 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. Creedon and Mayor Caffrey.

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

Council met prior to the meeting for an executive session regarding a personnel item.

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

Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 pm. The public is encouraged to attend as they will be discussing Jarrett Avenue Playground.

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

Monthly Bills – May 2024

General Fund	-	\$ 141,709.91
Highway Aid	-	\$ 3,095.67
Capital Reserve	-	\$ 216.00
Police Pension Fund	-	\$ 588.73

Check Detail – April 2024

General Fund	-	\$ 10,551.34
Highway Aid	-	\$ 2,832.03
Capital Reserve	-	\$ 65.68
Police Pension Fund	-	\$ 9,688.67

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

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

Chief Gallagher gave community event dates: June 20, Barbecue at Cegiolkowski Playground and July 29 Movie Night at Jarrett Playground.

Chief Gallagher and Mayor Caffrey attended a video call meeting with Philadelphia Mayor Parker and Commissioner Bethel regarding the Kensington Avenue issue dumping into outer areas. They were disappointed with the meeting. They are hoping for better quarterly meetings with them.

Thank you to Mr. Poster for setting this up.

Chief Gallagher advised that our Officers are doing a tremendous job. Thank you.

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

Mrs. Barto, asked about the intersection at Shady Lane and Rockledge Avenue. Abington Township painted a “stop bar” on their side and we painted the word “stop” on our side.

Mr. Hess advised that the Banners and flags are up. Maintenance was done on the “Welcome to Rockledge” sign at Jeffrey’s Auto.

Mr. Poster advised that the island at the Sunoco station is not completed. Plants will be planted in the fall. Mr. Poster will talk to PennDot about landscaping boulders.

Parks & Recreation: Mr. Menniti had nothing at this time.

Brenda Corey from the 4ht of July Association stated that the last day to get calendars is on May 31st. The 2024 Parade is on Thursday, July 4th at 9:00 am.

Human Resources: Mr. Boyle made the following motions. All were in favor.

- A motion to accept the Police Contract
- A motion to accept the Chief of Police Contract
- A motion to hire Summer Camp counselors.

Manager’s Report:

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Wednesday, May 1st, met with Accupay regarding Time & Attendance. Testing phase right now with Public Works and will implement in police afterward. While this has a punch in/out facet, more importantly this has a PTO tracking system.

Thursday, May 9th, met with solicitor for the daycare upstairs regarding a new contract. They plan on renewing another contract.

Wednesday, May 15th, met with Dukes, a televising and root control for sewer lines about doing some televising and root control where needed.

Thursday, May 16th, attended a presentation by PENNVEST on grants and low interest loans for clean water projects with Councilman Sheppard regarding. They have denied a project since 2015, grants and loans are available between .5% and 1.5% with 20-year payoffs.

Monday, May 20th, met with Montgomery County planners at Jarrett Park for them to revise plans for a park design update.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Tuesday, May 21st, I will be attending the Planning Commission meeting, which is open to the public. We will be discussing, among other things, Mill Park, Jarrett Park, and a receive a presentation on a change in business plan to 7 Huntingdon Pike. The Planning Commission Meetings are specifically designed to design, organize, and implement future projects for the Borough. If you want to know what is going on and be part of this planning process, attending is the best way to have your voice heard.

Thursday, May 23rd, I will be attending a symposium on supporting community health and wellness through evidence-based park destinations. This information will hopefully help in the planning and implementing of our Mill Park and Jarrett Park projects.

Thursday, June 6th, I will be attending the Montgomery County Consortium meeting. The topic is meeting the Montgomery County Commissioners. My question will be, how does Rockledge Borough, as a smaller municipality, compete with larger municipalities to attract more desirable businesses and receive more public funding.

Wednesday, June 11th, I will be attending the DVHT Annual Meeting. They will be presenting how the Insurance Trust is doing financially and how many claims were submitted in 2023.

Mr. Poster wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day!

Public Comment: Mrs. Karen Paulus, 117 Borbeck Street, asked for an update regarding the appraisal of this building. Mr. Poster advised that Mr. Bresnan did hear back from the School Board. If the Borough would move out of this building the School Board would take this building back and the Borough would have to pay to demolish the building – this was the agreement. We have options – we could stay here and renovate. The daycare lease is up in August and Mr. Poster was told that they want to stay. A new lease will have to be negotiated and probably will be negotiated for a 3-year lease.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk