

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
June 24, 2024

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:00 p.m. on June 24, 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. Sheppard, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Creedon and Mr. Boyle.

Acceptance of the Minutes: Motion to adopt the minutes from the May 20, 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.

Mr. Poster discussed the new door hangers we are going to start using for property maintenance, etc. This is a friendly reminder. If there are any questions please contact the borough office bposter@rockledgeborough.org or jhines@rockledgeborough.org.

Mrs. Finnegan, 7930 Fillmore asked if the hangers will also include trash put out too early. The borough ordinance for trash states that trash cannot be put out before 8:00 pm. She has had some people ask her because they know she comes to the meetings. This is too late for the elderly. Mr. Enderle suggested that the ordinance be amended to change the time to 6:00 pm. All the members of council agreed about the time change. A resolution to change the time will be prepared and adopted at the July 29th council meeting.

Dennis Wade, 235 N. Sylvania Avenue has a concern about a neighbor's tree hanging over his yard. He stated that he tries to trim as much as he can. Mr. Poster advised that he has every right to cut anything hanging over his property. Mr. Wade also stated that the homeowner does not cut his grass. Mrs. Hines advised that he needs to contact the borough office so that we can send Code Enforcement out. Please email Mr. Poster with any issues.

Mr. Finnegan, 7930 Fillmore Street, asked if trash put out early is an issue. Mr. Poster and Mr. Menniti stated that they do get numerous complaints about trash being out too early. Again Mr. Enderle asked if everyone agreed to changing the Ordinance from 8:00 to 6:00 pm. All were in favor.

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 – June 2024

General Fund - \$ 111,483.28

Highway Aid	-	\$	2,572.81
Capital Reserve	-	\$	8,246.60
Police Pension Fund	-	\$	588.73

Check Detail – May 2024

General Fund	-	\$	563,284.71
Highway Aid	-	\$	0
Capital Reserve	-	\$	65.68
Police Pension Fund	-	\$	9,484.24

Mr. Wartman advised that there is only 2% of real estate taxes outstanding at this time.

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.

Town Watch: Welcome back to Mr. Fries. Mr. Fries advised that they logged 18-man hours and 187 miles. Mr. Fries wanted to thank Pete for his help while he was recuperating from a kidney transplant.

Chief Gallagher advised that the mayor wanted him to mention that he and the mayor attended Lawnview Cemetery and Loudenslager Post on Memorial Day. Chief Gallagher, Mr. Sheppard and Mayor Caffrey attended the funeral of Mr. Boehm.

Chief Gallagher advised that on June 12, 2024, there were six thefts from autos. There have been about thirty thefts in the surrounding areas. The police department deployed extra full-time and part-time police hours at a cost of \$904.00 extra dollars and up to this date there have been no more thefts. Thank you to Officer Mike Mowery who did an amazing job on June 22nd. He found two people walking in our borough after Abington Township Police alerted him. These two individuals were dressed in hooded jackets and had full face masks – were found at the corner of S. Jarrett and Lynwood, which is a dead-end street. Officer Mowery stopped them. He got all their information and shared it with the following departments: Philadelphia Police Department, Cheltenham Police Department, Jenkintown Police Department and Abington Township Police Department.

Please report any suspicious activity immediately.

Upcoming events:

- They had the Cookout with the kids on June 20th. Not as many kids as before – will switch for 2025 back to Jarrett Playground.
- July 4 Parade
- July 11, 2024, 6:00 to 7:00 pm is Movie Night at Jarrett Avenue Playground.

Full-time hiring is in process. Background checks are in progress and interviews will be soon – we have three good candidates. The Civil Service Committee certified the eligibility list on June 6, so this is good for a year.

Chief Gallagher asked for a moment of silence for the Philadelphia Officer that was shot in the line of duty.

Mr. Poster wanted to mention that Wells Fargo will be sponsoring \$1,000 for the Movie Night. Thank you to Wells Fargo.

Mr. Clarke advised that there is a coloring contest for three children and guests to ride in the firetruck in this year's parade. It is on Facebook.

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:

- Getting ready for the parade.
- Abington will be coming through this week for street sweeping on the Pike.
- Thank you to The Fall Festival for purchasing 6 8foot tables for the Borough, Car Show, and the 4th of July Parade.

Parks & Recreation Mr. Menniti will let Mr. Poster speak about Summer Camp. Mr. Poster has done an awesome job revamping the camp. Mr. Poster advised that there were about fifty-eight kids today. There were seven counselors, so we were at the proper ratio. No problems with signing in and out. Thank you to all the counselors, especially Allison Kehoe and Maddie Slavin.

Brenda Corey, President of the 4th of July Association advised that the Parade is on Thursday with a rain date of Sunday, July 7 at 1:00 pm. The ad books have been printed, and members of the Association will be delivering them. If you do not receive one, please email and one will be delivered to you. The games are at 1:00 pm after the parade.

Mr. Menniti wanted to mention that on page 45 of the ad book there is an ad for Mill Park brick ordering.

Human Resources: Mr. Clarke had nothing but did mention that Chief Gallagher advised that police interviews are scheduled.

Manager's Report:

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Tuesday, May 21st, attended the Planning Commission Meeting, 7 Huntingdon Pike was on the agenda along with Jarrett Playground and Mill Park.

Thursday, May 23rd, attended a PRPS (Parks & Rec) meeting at Middletown Township to discuss inclusive playgrounds and to apply for grants for them. There will be a charrette meeting on July 23, 2024, at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall with families and residents from around Jarrett Playground for ideas of what they would like to see at the Playground. This will be put on Facebook and the website.

Wednesday, May 30th, met with FCCC property management group to discuss the state of this building.

Tuesday, June 11th, attending DVHT annual meeting to hear about how the trust did over the past year and what the projections are for next year.

Councilman Menniti, head camp counselors and I have been getting ready for the start of summer camp which was this morning.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Montgomery County Consortium meeting will be Thursday, July 11th, moved back one week for Independence Day.

Have a good 4th of July, and I hope to see everyone at the parade!

Public Comment:

Mr. Clarke wanted to remind everyone that there will be free hot dogs and soda at the firehouse after the parade.

Mr. Fries wanted to thank Mr. Poster for keeping everyone informed.

Brenda Corey mentioned that Mr. Boehm was supposed to be the Grand Marshal for the Parade this year. The Mayor and Brenda have decided to have the car he would have ridden empty, and the car magnet will be covered in black fabric.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk