

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**  
**OF**  
**October 28, 2024**

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:00 p.m. on October 28, 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, Mr. Boyle, and Mayor Caffrey.

**Acceptance of the Minutes:** Motion to adopt the minutes from September 30, 2024. All were in favor.

Ceremonial swearing in of Oscar Horajecyj as Interim Police Chief.

Chief Horajecyj presented Officer Weinberg with a 25 years of service plaque. Thank you to Officer Weinberg for his work for the last 17 years with the Car Show.

**Law and Planning:** Mr. Briggman made a motion to accept the monthly building inspector's report. 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 – October 2024**

General Fund	-	\$	72,721.31
Highway Aid	-	\$	2,690.97
Capital Reserve	-	\$	22,583.62
Police Pension Fund	-	\$	588.73

**Check Detail – September 2024**

General Fund	-	\$	77,365.30
Highway Aid	-	\$	43,242.64
Capital Reserve	-	\$	65.68
Police Pension Fund	-	\$	9,484.24

The November 2024 Budget meeting will be during the regular council meeting at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Poster gave a 2025 budget presentation.

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

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

Mr. Poster had Chief Horajekyj explain wording in the Civil Service regulations regarding promotions. The current Civil Service regulations state that an officer must have 5 years of service anywhere and one year of service in Rockledge to be promoted. The police would like to change that to state that an officer will have to have five years of service in Rockledge before being promoted. The Civil Service Committee will have to meet to discuss this.

Joseph Denelsbeck, 105 N. Sylvania asked why it changed the first time. Mr. Bresnan said he does not know why it was changed but it usually is when you are searching for new officers. Mr. Denelsbeck asked if they were looking to hire more officers – Mr. Poster stated that no they are not looking to hire.

Mr. John Wynne, 32 Blake asked if this is five years full-time or part-time. Mr. Poster advised that it is full-time.

Chief Horajekyj thinks this was changed when Officer Schmalz was hired and he only had 1 year of service.

Council agreed to change the Civil Service regulations and to change the years from five years to three years.

Chief Horajekyj said that he would like to keep the Tahoe. Chief Horajekyj will look for an extended warranty for the newest vehicle.

**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 advised that leaf collection is going well and moving along.

Mr. Sheppard would like to share some updates about ongoing projects. We have received approval for two grants that we applied for. One is for a Salt bin, paving and fencing for public works in the amount of \$145,000. The other one is for the Ms-4 Filter systems in the amount of \$257,000. Thank you to Ben Sanchez and Art Haywood. Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Menniti, and Mr. Poster are working on grants with Madeline Dean for Jarrett Avenue Playground. They will be meeting with her staff in the future to discuss this project. Mr. Sheppard advised that he is looking at getting costs for putting an addition on the top of the police station. Mr. Poster said that if council does not want to do the police station expansion there is a need for cameras around town.

Greg Law, 201 Robbins Avenue asked if we are satisfied with the budget we have for the MS-4. Is there more that we could do with the infrastructure money? Mr. Sheppard says he has researched the material costs, labor costs and Mr. Poster included the engineering and that is when we applied for the grant. Mr. Law asked if the money could go towards the camera system. Mr. Poster advised that yes it can. Mr. Bresnan said the MS-4 goes on forever. There will always be something to be done regarding the MS-4 permit.

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

Brenda Corey from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Association advised that the committee will be at the polls selling their baked goods, calendars, and new T-Shirts. Comedy night is scheduled for 2-22-24. More information will be available on election day.

Discussion regarding “No Parking Signs” on S. Central. Mr. Menniti asked if the signs need to be removed. Mr. Poster advised that if they park one wheel on the road, we can enforce it – if they park up on the property, we cannot enforce it.

Mr. Menniti asked if the ARPA money can be put towards the playgrounds. Mr. Poster would say no, but he will investigate it.

The next Planning Commission is November 12, 2024.

**Human Resources:** Mr. Clarke had nothing at this time.

Mayor Caffrey advised that on November 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm he will be hosting a night with Veterans. He has about five veterans who will speak about their service.

The Police Department will be giving out candy on Halloween.

### **Manager’s Report October:**

Along with Councilman Menniti and Sheppard, we attended a virtual Main St. Matters presentation on different grant opportunities to improve your “Main St.” location. The presentation is in the meeting packet.

Thursday, October 7, I attended the monthly Montgomery County Consortium Committee meeting held at Trappe Borough. Rosanne McGrath and Nicole Beckett, both municipal consultants, spoke on Manager Compensation trends.

On Friday, October 11, I met with property management for FCCC regarding a new long-term lease.

Tuesday, October 22, Councilman Sheppard, Chief Horajecyj, and I met with contractor to discuss expansion to the Police Station.

### **Upcoming Meetings & Events:**

Thursday, October 31st, I will attend the monthly Montgomery County stormwater management plan virtually and how it can affect Rockledge Borough.

Thursday, November 7th, I will attend the monthly Montgomery County Consortium Meeting at Lansdale Borough.

Tuesday, November 19th, Planning Commission will be held right here at 7:00 PM. I plan on further discussion on Jarrett Playground and the update of Mill Park.

**Public Comment:**

Joseph Denelsbeck, 105 N. Sylvania Avenue, asked about the budget line item for “other legal prof serv”. Mr. Poster advised that it was for labor.

Mr. Denelsbeck, 105 N. Sylvania Avenue asked if Mr. Poster could check into getting pricing for paving a couple of streets.

John Wynne, 32 Blake Avenue asked about temporary signage. Mr. Bresnan said most municipalities that he represents are 30 days maximum and then must be removed.

Mr. Denelsbeck also said that trash needs to have a tight-fitting lid.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joyce Hines  
Borough Clerk