

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
August 26, 2024

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:00 p.m. on July 29, 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 the July 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.

Mr. Briggman wanted a discussion regarding updating the Borough Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Menniti advised that Mr. Pluguez, Borough Zoning Officer, and Mr. Hosterman both have changes that they would like to make to the Zoning Ordinance. Mr. Poster will work with Mr. Bresnan on this.

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 – August 2024

General Fund	-	\$	55,575.83
Highway Aid	-	\$	6,502.59
Capital Reserve	-	\$	0
Police Pension Fund	-	\$	2,800.00

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General Fund	-	\$	13,632.87
Highway Aid	-	\$	0
Capital Reserve	-	\$	65.68
Police Pension Fund	-	\$	9,484.24

Mr. Enderle advised that the Rockledge 4th of July Association is asking for an increase in their yearly appropriation of \$1,500 to \$3,000. Mr. Poster advised that he was contacted by Mrs. Brenda Corey requesting this. They would like to have fireworks two years in a row. Borough Council agreed to give the increase.

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: None

Chief Gallagher advised that the Car Show work is ongoing. The Car Show is on September 15th with a rain date of September 22, 2024. There will be postings regarding road closures, and we are hoping for pleasant weather.

Chief Gallagher also mentioned that there was a house burglary in the borough in August. The only items taken were containers of loose change. Please contact the police department when going away on vacation so that they can do vacant house checks.

Chief Gallagher advised that he was invited to a meeting on August 19 by the 2nd District for a Town Hall meeting. He found out that there is a suspect in custody regarding the thefts from autos. The percentage of thefts from autos have gone down while this person has been in custody.

Mrs. Karen Paulus, 117 Borbeck asked how did the thieves get into the house that was burglarized? Chief Gallagher advised it was a window on the side of the house.

Mayor Caffrey advised that he, Chief Gallagher, and Officer Staley were at the Fox Chase night out and the Abington night out. Both were great events.

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 advised that on August 6, 2024, we received our new public works pick-up truck that was 100% funded by a State Grant. This was obtained with the help of State Representative Ben Sanchez. Thank you to Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Sanchez.

Mr. Hess advised that they are getting ready for the Car Show. Thank you to Chief Gallagher and his officers – there was an issue with empty beer cans being left behind the garage as there were kids hanging out back there. There were complaints from the neighbors regarding this and as of now it has all stopped. Flags will be put back up.

Mr. Sheppard advised that Mr. Poster would like to talk about the Pennypack Trail. Mr. Poster asked Mr. Hess to go out there and take some pictures. They will be working there for about 3 weeks – should be completed mid-September. This space will go from Rhawn Street and into Rockledge.

Parks & Recreation Mr. Menniti mentioned again that the Car Show is on September 15, 2024, and the Pike will be closed at 10:00 am. There are 25-35 registered cars and there are about sixty-seven vendors. Could always use help in setting up. Volunteers are always welcome. Mr. Clarke asked how pre-registration was going and how many vendors we could have, and Mr. Menniti advised that we could accept up to ninety. Mr. Menniti advised that a few years ago

when the weather was unsettled, we had ten pre-registered cars and ended up with three hundred at the show.

Mrs. Brenda Corey, president of the 4th of July Committee wanted to Thank everyone again who came out to the parade and who helped. It was a great turnout. The Committee will have a table at the Car Show. The Golf outing is on September 28th at Byrnes Golf Course. The December calendars will be for sale at the Car Show. In 2026 they want to have fireworks, so they are doing some extra fundraising such as a Comedy Show on February 22, 2025. Mr. Boyle asked if they have a lot of registrations for the golf outing – Mrs. Corey advised that they do not. Mr. Creedon said he has ten people and may have up to twenty going.

Human Resources: New Full-time Police Officer Daniel Staley was sworn in by Mayor Caffrey. Chief Gallagher gave Dan Staley some well earned accolades. Chief Gallagher congratulated him, wished him luck, and wished him to stay safe.

Manager's Report:

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On Thursday, August 15th, I met with our Borough insurance carrier to go over Borough staff, equipment, and properties.

We continue to work on plans for Mill Park with the plans for a concrete pad and paver entrée way.

We also continue to work on plans for Jarrett Playground. We will have building design plans ready to review at the September Planning Commission Meeting.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Wednesday, August 28th, concrete will be poured for the slab in Mill Park that will house a pavilion when construction is completed. Paver entrance will be installed soon after, date not set yet.

I will be on vacation out of the office Tuesday, September 3rd through Friday, September 6th.

I will be attending the Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday, September 17th, Borough Hall at 7:30 PM. Mill Park and Jarrett Park updates.

Zoning Hearing meeting on Wednesday, September 18th to deliver a decision on the Huntingdon Pike proposed business, and to hear a case for 612 Huntingdon Pike.

Public Comment:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk