

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF
April 28, 2025

The Rockledge Borough Council met at 7:00 p.m. on April 28, 2025, 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. Clarke, Mr. Creedon, Mr. Boyle, Mrs. Hopkins-Toffling and Mayor Corrigan.

Acceptance of the Minutes: Motion to adopt the minutes from March 31, 2025. All were in favor.

Council met prior to the meeting for an executive session for a Human Resource matter.

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

Mr. Briggman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 685. An Ordinance to approve, adopt and enact an Ordinance Codification for the Borough of Rockledge, County of Montgomery, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; to provide for the repeal of certain legislation not included therein; to save from repeal certain other legislation not included therein; and to provide penalties for tampering with the code. All were in favor.

Andrea Brown, 1019 Winchester, asked if chickens are allowed now? Mrs. Hopkins-Toffling advised that no they are not. Mrs. Hopkins-Toffling proposed a pilot program. This will be discussed at the May Council meeting.

Finance: Mrs. Hopkins made a motion to accept the monthly bills, Tax Collector's, previous month's check detail, income report and Treasurer's report. All were in favor.

Monthly Bills – April 2025

General Fund	-	\$ 124,273.00
Highway Aid	-	\$ 3,743.91
Capital Reserve	-	\$ 875.00
Police Pension Fund	-	\$ 599.33

Check Detail – March 2025

General Fund	-	\$ 15,022.67
Highway Aid	-	\$ 1,042.23
Capital Reserve	-	\$ 55.21
Police Pension Fund	-	\$ 9,564.70

Mrs. Hopkins-Toffling made a motion to make the following budgeted transfers: All were in favor.

- \$30,000 from General Fund to the Police Pension MMO Fund

- \$40,000 from General Fund to Capital Reserve Fund

Mr. Wartman advised that 91% of taxes have been collected in the discount period.

Public Service: Mr. Creedon advised that Charlie Pluguez, the borough's Code Official and Zoning Officer, will be changing his schedule. He will work on Tuesdays (instead of Monday) and continue to work on Wednesdays from 8:00 am to 10:00 am starting in May.

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

Mr. Boyle made a motion to change the Civil Service promotion rule from three years, back to one year. All were in favor.

Town Watch: None

Chief Horajekyj:

- He wanted to thank Stutz Candy for donating candy for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Officer Titterton has completed his training.
- Radios – Chief Horajekyj advised of a meeting he had regarding the police radios – previously he was told that we would have to replace our radios in 2027 – the issue is that Motorola will not be able to service them in 2027. Mr. Briggman advised that there are other carriers for the P95 radios that will be able to service them. Mr. Boyle asked about getting grants for the radios. Mrs. Hopkins-Toffling advised that she did meet with the Chief to identify some technology issues, and she will be looking for grants.
- This past Saturday we had the following events: The Legacy Run, Drug Take Back – we collected fifty-one pounds of unwanted and/or expired medications and the Rockledge 4th of July Bar Crawl. All events ran smoothly.
- Corporal Michael Schmalz was injured on duty. He was attacked by a pit bull while responding to a domestic call. He is now recovering.

Mayor Corrigan had nothing at this time.

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

Mr. Hess:

- Cleaning up after the 5K run
- Grass cutting is starting.
- Peco will be replacing some telephone poles in the borough. You will see the old and new one there at the same time – they come back at a later time to remove the old one.
- Hometown Hero Banners will be hung up in the next week or so.
- We received notification from Peco regarding gas work in the borough in the year 2026.
- Light heads for three of the decorative poles will be repaired this week.

- Mr. Corrigan mentioned that at a previous meeting it was discussed about getting a list together of roads that may need paving. Mr. Hess advised that he did create a list, and it was given to Mr. Poster. Mr. Hess advised that he will be going to a class in May regarding paving.
- Mr. Menniti wanted an update on the proposed work at Public Works. Tree work can be started. The contractor who is doing the salt bin is waiting to see about the tariffs as the equipment comes from Canada and the paving cannot be done until the salt bin is installed.
- The holes that were appearing at Jarrett Park have stopped.
- Thank you to Dylan who was here on Saturday by himself.

Mr. Enderle brought up the trash contract. Bids should be going out September/October. Mr. Poster advised that Mr. Bresnan has a bid for review. The issue is three salaries on the truck, a driver and two pickers – most places pay for one driver as they use the automated truck with the arm and our streets are too small for that. Mr. Poster did have a discussion with Mascaro regarding the fees.

Mr. Wartman asked about our neighboring boroughs. Mr. Hess advised that Jenkintown is in the same situation as us regarding the increasing costs. Mr. Poster advised him that he spoke to someone in Ambler and they were about the same price as us.

Parks & Recreation: Mr. Menniti advised of the following:

- 4th of July Updates: Brenda Corey
 - o Bar Crawl was a nice time – the mayor and two council members were in attendance – raised a little over \$3,000.
 - o The Committee will be selling the calendars up until May 31
 - o Calendars and bake sale will be on election day.
 - o Fireworks are on July 3, 2025
 - o Parade is on July 4
 - o The Committee will have a table at the Car Show on September 14
 - o September 27, 2025, will be the annual golf outing at Burns Golf Course – do not have prices yet as their prices have increased.

Mr. Menniti asked for a discussion regarding an Ordinance to not allow overnight parking at the Cegielkowski Parking lot. Solicitor Zackary Silvertsen, Esq. will work on this Ordinance.

Mr. Menniti advised Summer Camp will run for 5 weeks this year from June 30, 2025, through July 25, 2025. Information will be posted at a later time.

Mr. Menniti gave an update on the Easter Egg Hunt. He did have to postpone it to Sunday because of the weather. There was a decent number of people in attendance. Thank you to the Police for the chocolate bunny for the jellybean contest. He will work with Fox Rok next year regarding the date.

Mr. Menniti stated that we received a request for someone to use Mill Park for a Zumba Class for 15 to 20 people on April 30, 2025, from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm. Mr. Menniti reached out to Mr. Bresnan about this. There was a discussion regarding this and everyone agreed that there should be a permitting process. Mr. Bresnan and Zackary Silvertsen will look to see if there is a policy in place for this.

Mr. Enderle announced that the council meeting for May is on Monday, May 19, 2025.

Mr. Clarke thanked Mr. Menniti and his family for their work on this year's Easter Egg Hunt.

Mrs. Hopkins-Toffling advised that in previous discussions with Representative Sanchez they discussed putting a water fountain down at Jarrett Playground. There is a grant that we can apply for through Aqua for this. Mrs. Hopkins-Toffling was told that in order to apply for this grant we would have to be a 501C3. Mrs. Hopkins-Toffling will talk to Mrs. Corey from the 4th of July Association.

Human Resources: Mr. Clarke gave an update on the search for a new borough manager. Applications are still coming in. They will be starting interviews soon.

Mr. Clarke asked for authorization for the Borough Manager to post for part-time police officer positions. All were in favor.

Public Comment:

Mr. John Wynne, 32 Blake:

1. Asked if Huntingdon Pike from the Bakery up to Rita's is a two-lane road? People are flying up on the left-hand side of the Pike to make the left at Church Road when there are white slanted lines there.
2. He is asking as a Planning Commission member how the quad apartments on S. Sylvania Avenue were built with no parking? It was before everyone's time.

"No Overnight Parking" at Cegielski Parking lot will cause more problems for the residents on the street.

Karen Paulus, 117 Borbeck, asked for an update on the lease for this building with Fox Chase Cancer. Mr. Poster (was on Zoom) stated that he has been in contact with the person who is overseeing this, and that Fox Chase Cancer has an issue regarding the air conditioning maintenance. Fox Chase Cancer wants us to maintain the unit, but we did not install it – they did.

Mr. Wynne, 32 Blake, asked about 7 Huntingdon Pike – Charlie has told the owner of the property what information is needed for the remodel many times. Just waiting for that.

Fred Burns, 24 N. Penn was in attendance. He lives on N. Penn Avenue. Him and the other residents on N. Penn are having an issue with Abby from Abby's Auto parking his excess

vehicles on their street. Mr. Menniti said the only thing possible would-be granting parking permits.

Mayor Corrigan advised that there was a hearing on April 9, 2025, there were eleven citations issued, and he was found responsible for eight of them.

Chief Horajekyj asked if we could do an Ordinance to make it so business owners cannot park their cars on a residential street. Zack Sivertsen said the only way to correct this is to allow permit parking and we can set the parameters. Zack Sivertsen will look into this.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Hines
Borough Clerk