



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Session
February 21, 2017

Welcome

The Ridley Park Borough Council met in Regular Session on the above date in Council Chambers of Ridley Park Borough Hall with Council President Bob Berger presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Eberle led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilor Jared Brennan – Present
Councilor Dan Broadhurst – Present
Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio – Present
Councilor Mike Gale – Present
Councilor Jim Glenn - Present
Council Vice President Samantha Snow – Absent
Mayor Hank Eberle – Present
Council President Bob Berger – Present

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes for the Council Regular Meeting held November and December 2016 and January 2017. Motion to accept the previous minutes made by Mr. Glenn and second by Mr. Broadhurst. With no other questions or comments from Council motion passed unanimously.

Ridley Park Athletic Club Football Team

Welcome to the Ridley Park Athletic Club and the championship football team. Congratulations were given to the 100 lbs football team. They had an undefeated season and won the championship. Ed Berhle and Mayor Eberle gave out certificates to the boys on the team. The Mayor and Ed Berhle thanked all coaches, parents and supporters for all of their hard work.

Annual Library Report

MaryAlice Walsh gave the annual report of the library. She listed children's programs and talked about Ridley Park playground program during summer months along with many programs provided. Grant received to help pre school students be successful in Kindergarten. Out reach story time during summer at Ridley Park Swim Club. There were over 100 programs and over 1500 children in attendance. There were also adult programs of book clubs both during the day and evening. A writers group meets monthly. There were over 35 programs for adults with more than 200 people in

attendance. The library acquired Wifi during 2016 for patrons. The Friends of the Library held fundraisers at Applebee's held Zumba classes and a book sale. These fundraisers help fund the children's programs and the Main Streets puppet show. The next Applebee's flapjack breakfast is Sunday February 26, 2017 from 8 to 10 am. Volunteers are needed for this event. The Friends of the Library applied for and received a Community Champions Grant from Constellation an Exelon Company to fund yoga for children. Over 22,000 items circulated through the year. Total of 18,000 items with circulated through the Library last year and new books added weekly. There were 3400 Internet sessions utilized over 15,000 people visited the Library in 2016. Thank you for your continued support.

Comment from Mayor Eberle – We have the best Library around and if you cannot find it they will find it for you.

Mayor's Report (Honorable Hank Eberle)

Update on hiring process for part-time police. Background checks are being done and hopefully swear them in during the March workshop meeting.

Letter of thanks to the highway department for salting and taking care of the streets.

NOPE Drug Addiction Program February 28, 2017 6:45pm at the Ridley Middle School.

Crozer Chester Medical Center rolled out a new drug treatment unit funded from Washington and Harrisburg.

The Barnstormers article from Daily Times was mentioned.

Recent history – an Eagle Scout was being honored, we have the results of his project in Ridley Park, which is the red strip on our stop signs.

Motion to accept the Mayor's report was made by Mr. Glenn and second by Mr. Broadhurst.

Question: Jarred, how many part time and full time police do we have? Chief Frazier said we have 10 full time and 8 part time officers. With no questions or comments from Council the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Mike Gale)

Planning Commission – Len Pinto, President, Chris Valerio, Vice President and Dave Kapanje, Secretary. No business.

Zoning had no activity.

Code – Mike Gale read report for month of January.

Verizon Fios cable installation.

Motion to accept Planning and Zoning by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Glenn.

Comment: Mr. Brennan the residents on Burke Avenue did not realize there was a right away for contractors. Mr. Glenn said that the contractors did a good job. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety (Councilor Jim Glenn)

Police: Chief Frazier provided monthly report.

Fire: Karen Duncan provided the monthly report.

Board of Health: Flu and Flu shot information and late winter recopies are on the borough web site.

Emergency Management still working toward getting update on snow emergency routes for next winter.

Motion to accept Public Safety by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and second by Mr. Broadhurst.

Comment: Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio said the Vest A Cop fundraiser at Crazy Dogs on Thursday from 4 to 8 pm. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Communications (Councilor Jared Brennan)

Telecommunications - no report.

Cable franchise fees \$27,753.53 and \$9,527.20

Barnstormers – Activity Report.

Seniors, no report – 35th anniversary lunch for the senior group will be Thursday March 23rd at noon.

Motion to accept Communications by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Mr. Gale.

Question: Mr. Broadhurst asked why cable franchise was over by \$22,000, which is good. Jared maybe because Fios is in town, I don't know. President Berger indicated if one cable company is gets the business then the other will not, so it should not be that Fios is in town, but we will have to look into it. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Community Resources (Vice President Samantha Snow)

Vice President Snow was absent report given by President Berger.

Reminder tomorrow yard waste pick up.

We are working on a TV recycling grant.

Correction no yard wastes pick up tomorrow, it was last week. Starting Mach is the 1st and 3rd Wednesday.

Concerns with current trash hauler, if you have a problem please contact the borough office.

Motion to accept Community Resources was not needed.

Parks and Property (Councilor Shellie Endriss—Dalessio)

Highway Department no plowing needed and are getting ready for spring and lawn mower delivered.

Business Association no activity

Ridley Park Athletic Club, sign ups for baseball and softball. Can be done online.

Shade Tree met twice this month so all members could be there. John Hoshboch, Chair, Dan Dalessio, Treasurer and Krista Sisering Secretary. They are auditing parks for hazardous trees and conditions of the parks.

Community Room Rental we have had rentals were outcomes were not favorable and cost more than rental. We have increased the fee for renting the hall by \$100 and included cleaning fees and security deposit as well.

Motion to accept Public Relations by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Mr. Glenn. Jared has 3 bids with clearing of trees in parks and a specific contractor was suppose to start the work the week Bill Stewart left. He is waiting for us for the ok to start the project. Shellie said bill didn't tell Shade Tree that the bids were gotten and/or given and that the bid included a private residents tree. Jarred said it did not. Shellie has proof. We were not able to move forward because we cannot do a private residents tree paid for by the borough. Shellie indicated we did not have 3 separate bids. Ernie asked if we had a signed contract? Shellie said no. Ernie asked if we had approval from for this contractor? Shellie said no. Ernie will follow up with Danielle. Since it was just Bill saying to go ahead with this contractor we are not obligated to go with that contractor. Jarred is saying that we got 3 individual bids and we told the contractor to start work, it's not right not to give it to him. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations (Councilor Dan Broadhurst)

HARB had a meeting but no official business was needed. Dave Kapanje is Chair, Kevin Gallagher, Vice Chair Ellie Hayes, as Secretary.

Historic Society meeting on March 3rd will be held. The Historical Society house tour possible.

Dan read the monthly report from Libraries MaryAlice Walsh.

Dan also talked about Lakeview School looking at a new playground.

SOROS Redevelopment Company is looking at having a meeting with all business owners.

Motion to accept Public Relations by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Gale. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

Finance and Personnel (President Berger)

Finance – We have the 4th straight year with 0% tax increase. The audit is complete and waiting for the report. Accounts payable tonight in the amount of \$140,040.19.

Main Streets holding a fundraising event Saturday March 4th it is a palette-painting event. Next meeting Feb 28th at 6:30 at Casey's.

CDCA Last meeting January 10th. They selected Brinker and Simpson for new auditing team.

Grants – Bonnes Park grant is moving forward.

Personnel – in the process of replacing borough manager and the posting closes February 28th.

Contracts – Trash and Recycling expire this year. We will begin looking for best price possible.

Motion to accept Finance and Personnel by Mr. Glenn and second by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio.

Questions: Dan, when will police position will be filled? Is it by civil service or not? President Berger indicated that Tom Byrne is civil service qualified and we have the next year to make a decision. Ernie provided more information about how part time police work and civil service. Mr. Glenn indicated that we are not obligated to hire full time a part time officer. Mr. Gale thought we had a full time position open for police. President Berger said an officer was out on disability and we hired from our civil service full time ranks to fill that spot temporarily. Now we can make that permanent with no additional hire. Mr. Gale thought we were down one full time person. Jared asked why did we choose from civil service. President Berger said because he was civil service qualified. Dan account balance \$431,000 approximately. Dan gave more information on finance. President Berger said we do have some confidentiality with banking information but our accountant verifies each and every check and balance. Conversation ensued. Mr. Gale Prospect LLC is owner of property in Ridley Park, are we expecting revenue from them this year. Ernie said they are now taxable and provided more information. Yes there should be revenue we just don't know what it entails at this point. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Reports

Engineer – Project update Hillside Road safe routes to school project. Indicated that some work may begin also early as next summer. Also, Mr. Catania noted that the state of Pennsylvania had performed an inspection on the boiler at borough hall and had five findings that need to be corrected. Dan Broadhurst asked Mr. Catania if construction begins in the summer would the start of school be affected? Mr. Catania responded that the work near the school will be done first to avoid any conflict. Motion to accept Mr. Glenn and second by Mr. Brennan. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor – Update on Prospect Holdings LLC answered some tax appeal questions.

Public Comment

Len Pinto – 621 Gilbert – Asked Dan about bank balance. Ask Mr. Broadhurst if he is satisfied with the balance sheets. You keep saying we are paying more that we are taking in. So today, are you satisfied today? Mr. Broadhurst, said yes.

Verizon when they send the sub contractors out a letter to the residents should be sent out and indicate the egress. Also but property back to what it was prior to work.

Mike Dougherty – 315 Burke Ave - Mike than you for the Verizon help. Thank you for what you are looking into. Is there a schedule of where they will be next? Mr. Glenn indicated they did send a letter of what is getting done. I got a letter from them with a number to call if there are any problems. Problems with rental properties behind us with pools, and trash yards. Can our inspectors call their inspectors to resolve the issues?

Sandy Hess – 317 Burke Ave – how come the council meetings are not on the TV? She also asked a question about the status of Bonnes Park.

Sheila Glenn – 116 Kearney Place – Jarred has not been at one Telecommunications meeting since you took office. You do not show up at our monthly meetings and do not communicate with us. I will communicate with President Berger.

Steve Keaney – 101 Baldwin Ave – Yard waste they are not coming to pick up. Also, there were questions regarding permanent restoration of paving from the water company.

Sue Macatee – 18 Partridge Ave – Questions about SORA North East about a meeting htat was held. Asking planning be apart of any meetings dealing with SORA.

Pam Boland – 316 E. Hinckley Ave – Expressed concerns about the SORA meeting being held without public notice. She attended the meeting and publically recorded the meeting.

Andy Furman – 419 Pomeroy St – Mr. Eberle and President Berger you both indicated that there was no tax increase and President Berger you mentioned tonight that there is no property tax increase. You should realize that the sewer tax increased by 20 dollar s per unit even though CDCA;s rates were reduced. Berger responded sewage treatment was not the only charge was not the only charge that infrastructure; repairs and maintenance are also paid for out of the sewer fund.

Steve Valerio – 231 Henderson Ave – Commented on the SORA meeting at borough hall that everyone in the entire community should be included in future meetings. It was a public meeting so the video was recorded. Steve also expressed his displeasure to Mr. Brennan that he does not attend any Telecommunication meetings.

Action Items

***Motion:** to approve the accounts payable from the period beginning in the amount of \$140,049.14. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion:** to approve the 2017 County Aid Liquid Fuels application in the amount of \$9,518.00 The motion was made by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Broadhurst gave an update on a meeting he held with SORA and business owners.

New Business

Mr. Glenn read a memo regarding a Veterans Day poster contest he received.

Mr. Broadhurst reported the school board had approved a playground for Lakeview Elementary School.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Glenn second by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sheila M. Glenn, Chairperson of Telecommunications Advisory Committee