



**Borough of Ridley Park
Council Regular Meeting
July 19, 2016**

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 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Eberle led 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 Samantha Snow - Present
Mayor Hank Eberle – Present
Council President Bob Berger - Present

Public Comment (on appointment to fill Council vacancy)

Nina Walls, 502 Harrison Street

Ms. Walls spoke on behalf of Mary Pat King and urged Council to appoint Ms. King to the vacant position on Council.

- **Motion:** for appointment to fill Council vacancy created by the resignation of Ms. O'Mahoney (Resolution 2016-2). Mr. Broadhurst nominated Mary Pat King. President Berger called for the following roll call vote for Ms. King's nomination:
 - Councilor Jared Brennan – Yea
 - Councilor Dan Broadhurst – Yea
 - Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio – Nay
 - Councilor Mike Gale – Yea
 - Councilor Samantha Snow – Nay

Council President Bob Berger – Nay
Mayor Hank Eberle – Nay (Tie-breaker)
Motion appoint Ms. Mary Pat King failed to pass on a vote of 3 yea to 4 nay.

Ms. Snow nominated Mr. Jim Glenn. President Berger called for the following roll call vote for Mr. Glenn's nomination:

Councilor Jared Brennan – Nay
Councilor Dan Broadhurst – Nay
Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio – Yea
Councilor Mike Gale – Nay
Councilor Samantha Snow – Yea
Council President Bob Berger – Yea
Mayor Hank Eberle – Yea (Tie-breaker)

Motion to appoint Mr. Glenn passed on a vote of 4 yea to 3 nay.

Mayor Eberle administered the oath of office to swear-in Jim Glenn as a member of Borough Council.

Public Comment (on promotion of police officers)

Christine Valerio, 231 Henderson Road

Ms. Valerio congratulated each officer on their promotion and thanked them for their exception service to the residents of the Borough of Ridley Park.

- **Motion:** to approve the promotion of Officer Robert Quinlan to the rank of Corporal in the Ridley Park Police Department. The motion was made by President Berger and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. Manager Stewart advised Council that Officer Quinlan has completed the Medical and Psychological testing required by the Civil Service rules and has been found "FIT FOR DUTY". Officer Quinlan has successfully completed all the requirements and is therefore eligible for promotion. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Eberle administered the oath of office to swear-in Officer Quinlin to the rank of Corporal in the Ridley Park Police Department.

- **Motion:** to approve the promotion of Officer Marc Hanly to the rank of Corporal in the Ridley Park Police Department. The motion was made by President Berger and seconded by Mr. Brennan. Manager Stewart advised Council that Officer Hanly has completed the Medical and Psychological testing required by the Civil Service rules and has been found "FIT FOR DUTY". Officer Hanly has successfully completed all the requirements and is

therefore eligible for promotion. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Eberle administered the oath of office to swear-in Officer Hanly to the rank of Corporal in the Ridley Park Police Department.

- **Motion:** to approve the promotion of Corporal James Nasella to the rank of Sergeant in the Ridley Park Police Department. The motion was made by President Berger and seconded by Mr. Broadhurst. Manager Stewart advised Council that Officer Nasella has completed the Medical and Psychological testing required by the Civil Service rules and has been found "FIT FOR DUTY". Officer Nasella has successfully completed all the requirements and is therefore eligible for promotion. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Eberle administered the oath of office to swear-in Officer Nasella to the rank of Sergeant in the Ridley Park Police Department.

Oath of Office

Mayor Eberle administered the oath of office to swear-in Robert Connor as a member of the Planning Commission

Mayor Eberle administered the oath of office to swear-in Richard Guerra as a member of the Recreation Board

Mayor's Report (Honorable Hank Eberle)

Mayor Eberle reported on the following:

- Recap of the Independence Weekend festivities including the fireworks; parade; and activities for the youth of Ridley Park.
- Promoting the purchase of discount cards being sold by the Ridley Park VFD
- Continuing effort to fight drug addiction and bring awareness to the Ridley Park community.

Motion to accept the Mayor's Report was made by Mr. Brennan and seconded by Ms. Snow. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Public Safety (Councilor Jim Glenn)

Councilor Jim Glenn reported on the following:

- Police Department Report – the report for the month of June 2016 was delivered by Chief Frazier and a copy is attached.
- Fire Department Report – the report for the month of June 2016 was delivered by Chief Eckenrode and copy is attached.

Motion to accept the Public Safety Report was made by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio and seconded by Ms. Snow. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Mike Gale)

Councilor Mike Gale reported on the following:

- Planning Commission – no new business.
- Zoning Hearing Board – no new business.
- Code Enforcement – monthly report for June 2016 was provided by Commonwealth Code Enforcement and a copy is attached. Mr. Gale provided an update on the status of 611 Swarthmore Avenue.

Motion to accept the Planning and Zoning Report was made by Ms. Snow and seconded by Mr. Broadhurst. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Communications (Councilor Jared Brennan)

Councilor Jared Brennan reported on the following:

- Telecommunications – no meeting and no new business
- Barnstormers – overview of upcoming productions
- Senior Groups – overview of the Senior Games participation and recognized the medal winners from Ridley Park Borough.

Motion to accept the Communications Report was made by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio and seconded by Ms. Snow. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Recreation (Councilor Samantha Snow)

Councilor Samantha Snow reported on the following:

- Recreation Board – the Summer Playground Program at Lakeview Elementary School is ongoing. Planning for the Town Fair on September 10th is underway.
- Recycling/Trash – committee made a presentation to the Summer Playground Program. In addition to education the children about recycling material and raffled a recycling bin.
- School Board – an expansion of the CVS on Acres Drive is being considered.

Motion to accept the Recreation Report was made Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Glenn. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Parks & Properties (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio reported on the following:

- Highway Department – grass-cutting operations continues.
- Ridley Park Business Association – no upcoming meetings scheduled at this time.
- Ridley Park Athletic Club – football camp is scheduled to begin July 30th.
- Shade Tree Committee – continues to perform tree inventories in the Borough park system. A permit from Shade Tree is required prior to beginning any pruning/cutting of trees in the Borough.

Motion to accept the Parks & Properties Report was made Mr. Glenn and seconded by Ms. Snow. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations (Councilor Dan Broadhurst)

Councilor Dan Broadhurst reported on the following:

- Library Board – the report for June 2016 was prepared by Library Director Mary-Alice Walsh and a copy is attached. The Board continues to request to expand the Library Board to 9-members.
- Historical Commission – no new business or report this month.
- H.A.R.B. Committee – no new business or report this month.
- Downtown Revitalization – a follow-up meeting was held with Sora Northeast on July 14th.

Motion to accept the Public Relations Report was made Mr. Brennan and seconded by Ms. Snow. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Finance & Personnel (Council President Bob Berger)

President Bob Berger reported on the following:

- Accounts Payable in the amount of \$578,113.68 will be approved later in this meeting.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park – the 6th Season of the RP Farmer's Market is ongoing. The Rubber Ducky Regatta is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th (in coordination with 5K Run in the Park sponsored by Headstrong).
- CDCA – met on July 12th with discussion focused on closely monitoring EDU's and looking for ways to reduce infiltration.
- Grants –Bonnes Park construction is scheduled to begin in mid-August.

Motion to accept the Finance & Personnel Report was made Ms. Snow and seconded by Mr. Glenn. Councilor Broadhurst provided an overview of the current budget finances (account balances). With no other questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Administration Reports

Manager's Report (William Stewart)

Manager Stewart reported on the following:

- 2017 TreeVitalize Watershed Grant is due September 1st.
- M&T Bank has set-up the on-line banking
- Quotations are being solicited for the purchase of a Ford Interceptor for the Police Department

Engineer's Report (Charles Catania, Jr. PE)

Engineer Catania advised that his report for the month of June was submitted and a copy is attached.

Solicitor's Report (Ernest Angelos, ESQ)

Solicitor Angelos provided an update on the sale of the Crozer-Keystone Health System (which includes Taylor Hospital). Solicitor Angelos requests that Council take action to file a tax appeal at the hospital.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- 07/20/2016 @ ALL DAY – Yard Waste Collection (Borough Wide)
- 07/20/2016 @ 7:30 PM – Historic Commission (BH)
- 07/21/2016 @ 4:00 PM – Farmer’s Market at Borough Hall
- 07/25/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Trash & Recycling Committee (BH)
- 07/26/2016 @ 1:00 PM – Senior Citizen’s Book Club (BH)
- 07/27/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Planning Commission (BH)
- 07/28/2016 @ 4:00 PM – Farmer’s Market at Borough Hall
- 07/28/2016 @ 7:00 PM – H.A.R.B. (BH)
- 08/02/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Council Workshop Meeting (BH)

Public Comment

Andy Furman, 419 Pomeroy Street

Mr. Furman questioned Mr. Angelos as to the process that would be followed in taxing the hospital properties.

Mr. Furman questioned the timing of tree removal in Eastlake Park. He requested that if these are low priority removals, maybe the Borough should wait until the off-season (Winter months). The Borough will review pricing.

Mr. Furman questioned the health hazards associated with spraying invasive weeds along the lake. The Borough will obtain an MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheet) prior to commencing with the work and will closely follow the manufacturer’s recommendation as it pertains to public exposure to the chemicals.

Mr. Furman questioned if the purchase of two police cars this calendar year was reflected in the budget. The Borough advised, yes.

Sandi Hess, 317 Burke Avenue

Ms. Hess voiced that she felt it was unfair to appoint Jim Glenn to the vacant Council position. In her opinion, Mary Pat King would have represented the “voter’s voice” better since she received more votes than Mr. Glenn in the most recent election.

Mike Dougherty, 315 Burke Avenue

Mr. Dougherty thanked Chief Frazier for his help with traffic issues in the vicinity of his home.

Mr. Dougherty requested an explanation of the process that the Borough follows to assure proper maintenance on vacant homes for sale. The Borough provided an

overview of our Code Enforcement procedures and if necessary the abatement process to address these issues.

Mr. Dougherty questioned how long mosquito spraying would continue. The Borough responded until the end of October.

Cathy Zang, 250 West Ridley Avenue

Ms. Zang thanked the Chief and Borough Manager for explaining the Ordinance for overnight on-street parking of commercial vehicles.

Ms. Zang is requesting information about Delaware County Animal Control's procedure for holding lost/stray animals. The Borough will attempt to get this answer from Delaware County Animal Control.

Ms. Zang commented that in her opinion the condition of the lake is showing improvement.

Mary Pat King, 309 Johnson Avenue

Ms. King commented that she was not satisfied with the political posturing demonstrated by the Board with filling the Council vacancy, as well as the removal of a longtime member of the ZHB this past January.

Action Items

- **Motion:** to approve the accounts payable from the period beginning 06/01/2016 through 06/30/2016 in the amount of \$578,113.68. The motion was made by President Berger and seconded by Mr. Glenn. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** to accept a contribution offer in the amount of \$123,410.00 from Aqua, PA in lieu of performing permanent pavement restoration for the West duPont Watermain Upgrade project. The motion was made by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio and seconded by President Berger. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** To authorize the Borough Solicitor to file a tax appeal on the Taylor Hospital parcel and adjacent property. The motion was made by President Berger and seconded by Mr. Brennan. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

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Old Business

Councilor Brennan requested an update from Councilor Endriss-Dalessio regarding the status of work at the crossing guard gazebo. Councilor Endriss-Dalessio advised that the labor union is in the process of planning/scheduling the project.

New Business

No new business.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Glenn and seconded by Ms. Snow. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectfully prepared by:
William Stewart
Borough Manager
08/31/2016