



**Borough of Ridley Park  
Council Regular Meeting  
September 20, 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

On the passing of Mayor Ed Guy, Mayor Eberle eulogized his accomplishments of public service and Council offers their most sincere condolences to his family.

**Mayor's Report (Honorable Hank Eberle)**

Mayor Eberle reported on the following:

- A plea to State legislators to create legislation allowing the use of radar for speed enforcement by local (municipal) level Police Departments.
- Continuing effort to fight drug addiction and bring awareness to the Ridley Park community.
- Planning continues to implement a walking trail to connect the Borough park system.
- Everyone is encouraged to attend the Fall Festival on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Planning and Zoning (Councilor Mike Gale)**

Councilor Mike Gale reported on the following:

- Planning Commission – meet on August 24<sup>th</sup> with no new business.
- Zoning Hearing Board – no new business.
- Code Enforcement –monthly report for August 2016 was provided by Commonwealth Code Enforcement and a copy is attached.

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

#### **Public Safety (Councilor Jim Glenn)**

Councilor Jim Glenn reported on the following:

- Police Department Report – the report for the month of August 2016 was delivered by Chief Frazier and a copy is attached.
- Fire Department Report – the report for the month of August 2016 was delivered by RPVFD President Karen Donkin and copy is attached.
- Board of Health – on Summer recess
- Emergency Management – no new business

Motion to accept the Public Safety Report was made by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio 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 – no new business

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

**Recreation (Councilor Samantha Snow)**

Councilor Samantha Snow reported on the following:

- Recreation Board – recap of the Town Fair.
- Recycling/Trash – recycling of cardboard is required. Cardboard will not be picked up with the regular trash. Manager Stewart advised that Suburban Waste has sold their assets to Creative Waste (B&L Disposal). A consent to assign the RPB MSW contract is under legal review.

Motion to accept the Recreation Report was made Mr. Glenn and seconded by Mr. Broadhurst. 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 and mosquito spraying continues through October. Delivery of the new leaf collection system is scheduled for early October.
- Ridley Park Business Association – meeting scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> to begin planning for the Halloween Parade and Santa Claus Comes to Town.
- Ridley Park Athletic Club – Homecoming events are coming up.
- Shade Tree Committee – meet this month to continue identifying hazard trees.
- Crossing Guard Gazebo – repainting work is complete.

Motion to accept the Parks & Properties Report was made Mr. Broadhurst and seconded by Mr. Glenn. 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 August 2016 was prepared by Library Director Mary-Alice Walsh and a copy is attached.
- Historical Commission – planning for the Historical Preservation awards are underway.
- H.A.R.B. Committee – Council is scheduled to take action to appoint a new member later in this meeting.
- Downtown Revitalization – to date, two meetings have been held with Sora Northeast to discuss potential downtown revitalization options.

Motion to accept the Public Relations Report was made Mr. Brennan and seconded by Mr. Glenn. 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 \$139,226.66 will be approved later in this meeting.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park – the 6<sup>th</sup> Season of the RP Farmer’s Market is ongoing. The Rubber Ducky Regatta was held on September 18<sup>th</sup> (in coordination with 5K Run in the Park sponsored by Headstrong). Fall Festival is scheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>. President Berger provided an overview of scheduled musical acts.
- CDCA – finalizing their budget in October.
- Grants –Bonnes Park construction is underway.
- Finance – provided an overview of the current budget finances (account balances).

Motion to accept the Finance & Personnel Report was made Mr. Broadhurst and seconded by Mr. Glenn. 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:

- Police Pension MMO paperwork will be filed as required by the end of September.
- Ordering (issue Purchase Order) of the police vehicle will occur immediately after Council takes action later in this meeting.
- PA DEP 904 – Municipal Recycling Performance Grant is due September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 2017 Budget preparation is underway.

**Engineer’s Report (Charles Catania, Jr. PE)**

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

### **Solicitor's Report (Ernest Angelos, ESQ)**

Solicitor Angelos reported on the following:

- Follow-up on Ordinances related to fire safety (sprinklers & lock boxes)

### **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- 09/21/2016 @ ALL DAY – Yard Waste Collection (Borough Wide)
- 09/21/2016 @ 7:30 PM – Historic Commission (BH)
- 09/22/2016 @ 7:00 PM – H.A.R.B. (BH)
- 09/26/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Trash & Recycling Committee
- 09/27/2016 @ 1:00 PM – Senior Citizen's Book Club (BH)
- 09/28/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Board of Health (BH)
- 09/28/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Planning Commission (BH)
- 10/04/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Council Workshop Meeting (BH)

### **Public Comment**

#### **Susan McAtee, 18 Partridge Avenue**

Ms. McAtee spoke in support of the good work being performed by the Main Streets of Ridley Park.

Ms. McAtee questioned the amount of business support in favor of the downtown revitalization project being proposed by Sora Northeast.

#### **Julie Lacontora, 7 North Swarthmore Avenue**

Ms. Lacontora gave an overview of the upcoming productions at Barnstormers.

#### **Casey Rizzo, 8 Baldwin Avenue**

Ms. Rizzo spoke against a resident's recent proposal to make single side ONLY parking on Baldwin Avenue (in the cul-de-sac area). President Berger provided clarification that an ordinance does not currently exist for single side parking in this area. Additionally, the reinstallation of a NO OUTLET sign could possibly help eliminate some traffic

#### **Margaret Dietzman, 5 Baldwin Avenue**

Ms. Dietzman (along with her husband Joseph) spoke in favor of single side ONLY parking on Baldwin Avenue (in the cul-de-sac area). The new homes were built with driveways. During a recent medical emergency, the ambulance had a difficult time arriving at their home.

**Steve Keeney, 101 Baldwin Avenue**

Mr. Keeney advised that the NO OUTLET signage was removed by the developer and should be reinstalled by the builder.

**John Righter, 4 Baldwin Avenue**

Mr. Righter understands both sides of the parking issue on Baldwin Avenue (in the cul-de-sac area).

**Michael Terenick, 519 Johnson Street**

Mr. Terenick spoke against the practice of replacing granite (or fieldstone) curbing with concrete for the purpose of meeting height requirements. In his opinion, the practice causes an aesthetic issue along with drainage problems. Commonwealth Code disagrees.

**Action Items**

- **Motion:** to approve the accounts payable from the period beginning 08/01/2016 through 08/31/2016 in the amount of \$139,226.66. 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 certify payment in the amount of \$104,555.00 to meet the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the 2017 Police Pension Plan (certification required by September 30, 2016). The motion was made by Mr. Glenn and seconded by Mr. Brennan. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** to approve to purchase a 2017 Utility Police Interceptor (3.5L V6 EcoBoost AWD) from Pacifico Ford at the COSTARS quoted price of \$33,379.72. The motion was made by Mr. Glenn and seconded by Endriss-Dalessio. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.
- **Motion:** to appoint Maureen Moore to H.A.R.B. The motion was made by Mr. Broadhurst and seconded by Mr. Brennan. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business**

No old business.

**New Business**

No new business.

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**Executive Session**

Council will recess into Executive Session to discuss a personnel meeting.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Glenn and seconded by Mr. Broadhurst. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully prepared by:  
William Stewart  
Borough Manager  
11/18/2016