



**Borough of Ridley Park
Council Regular Meeting (Agenda)
November 15, 2016**

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Mayor's Report (Honorable Hank Eberle)

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Mike Gale)

- Planning Commission
- Zoning Hearing Board
- Code Enforcement

Public Safety (Councilor Jim Glenn)

- Police Department Report
- Fire Department Report
- Board of Health
- Emergency Management

Communications (Councilor Jared Brennan)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
- Barnstormers
- Seniors Groups

- 11/24/2016 @ ALL DAY – Thanksgiving (Borough Office Closed) NO TRASH
- 11/25/2016 @ ALL DAY – Thanksgiving (Borough Office Closed)
- 11/28/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Trash & Recycling Committee (BH)
- 12/04/2016 @ 3:00 PM – Santa Comes to Town (Business District)
- 12/06/2016 @ 7:00 PM – Council Regular Meeting (BH)

Public Comment

Action Items

- **Motion:** to approve the accounts payable from the period beginning 10/01/2016 through 10/31/2016 in the amount of **\$81,983.97**
- **Motion:** to approve the H.A.R.B. Case #2016-006 at 331 W. Ridley Avenue as recommended by H.A.R.B. Application is for the replacement of an existing 5-panel bay window with a new 3-panel bay window with grids to match existing windows in the house
- **Motion:** to approve the **2017 Preliminary Budget** with revenues/expenditures balanced at **\$6,659,452.00**

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session

- Announcement that Council will conduct an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue at the conclusion of this Regular Meeting

Adjourn



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Session
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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 the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Mayor's Report (Honorable Hank Eberle)

Hank reported on Halloween Parade and thanked all who worked to make it a success.
Santa comes to town December 4th.
Main Streets winter market downtown Ridley Park December 11th.
Vest a Cop has to date raised over \$40,000 and provided vests 13 vests.
Heroin Alert programs still taking place. Ten so far in 2016 with two more scheduled.
Hank made note that Veteran's Day had just passed and we should honor our veterans everyday.
Walking trail is still being planned
Hank read a proclamation from Abe Lincoln.
Hank wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Motion to accept the Mayor's report was made by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio. Comments, Dan mentioned that Vest a Cop is having a fundraiser tomorrow at Swiss Farms store. With no other questions or comments from Council the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Mike Gale)

Planning met October 26th, discussed revised subdivisions at 608 and 611 to consolidate 5 lots into 2 lots. Commission voted 8 – 0 to recommend passage. Several residents at the meeting expressed concern regarding crossing Sellers Avenue at bridge.

Zoning had no activity.

Code – Mike Gale reviewed code report. Code enforcement cautioned about contractors that need to start immediately or required cash.

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

Question, Dan asked about Sellers Avenue bridge timeline. Mike said he would get back to use regarding the start date. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety (Councilor Jim Glenn)

Police: Chief Frazier stated that he expects to continue to have about 12 heroin alert programs a year. Officer Hinckley recently completed Crisis Management. Corporal Hanley Inter County Detective School at FBI. PA Justice Department is performing an audit this week. Halloween was uneventful. If you see suspicious activity please call 911. Chief Frazier read police report for October.

Fire: Fire Company's Brian Gilmore presented Fire Company report for October. Fire company received grant for new turn out GEAR? Please make sure your address and phone numbers are clearly marked. Fire Company is selling raffle cards for Visa gift card which will be drawn at Santa Clause on December 4th.

Councilor Glenn asked Brian Gilmore to confirm when smoke alarms should be replaced.

Jarred asked if we could donate old turnout gear to needy companies. Brian cautioned that NFPA governs use being limited to 10 years which is national Board of Health.

November National Diabetes Month.

Healthy recipes are on borough website.

This is the 36th anniversary of Great American Smoke Out. Lung cancer awareness month.

Reminder to get your flu shots.

Mosquito spraying concluded for the year.

Motion to accept Public Safety by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Vice President Snow.

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Communications (Councilor Jared Brennan)

Telecommunications, no report.

Barnstormers, Jared read a list of upcoming events.

Seniors, have asked about modifying the step at the rear of the building.

Motion to accept Communications by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Mrs. Endress-Dalessio. Comment, Bill Stewart is working with highway department regarding step at back door. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Community Resources (Vice President Samantha Snow)

Vice President Sam Snow noted that today is National Recycling Day.

Recycling cans are available for sale \$15.

Yard waste now once a month, 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Christmas Light Competition please contact Borough Hall to enter. Winners announced at December Council meeting.

Motion to accept Community Resources by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Broadhurst.
With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Parks and Property (Councilor Shellie Endriss—Dalessio)

New leaf collection truck has arrived and is parked out front. Should be in use next week.
Business Association Halloween parade well attended.
Athletic club several football teams in play offs
Shade Tree no quorum.

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

Public Relations (Councilor Dan Broadhurst)

Historic Society met November 3rd and hopes to present Historic Preservation Award at January meeting.
HARB will have certificate of appropriateness.
Dan read Library report from MaryAlice Walsh.
SOROS redevelopment will be at workshop meeting in December.

Motion to accept Public Relations by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Gale. Question President Berger asked what he thought would be different from SOROS than last time. Dan indicated that contractors were in information Bob stated all contractors in sample book were New Jersey based. Dan Broadhurst will address that.
With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Personnel (President Berger)

Main Streets just finished 6th year of Farmers Market and 7th fall festival. Winter Market will be December 11th from 12 pm until 5 pm.
CDCA Preliminary Budget will be about a 6% increase for Ridley Park.
Grants Bonnes Park job in final stages.
Finance Preliminary budget presentation highlights include: 3.25% pay increase for uniform and non-uniform employees. There is a 6.31% increase in health care. A slight increase for continued level of service for trash and recycling.
Sewer increase.
0% tax increase

Motion to accept Finance and Personnel by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Broadhurst.
Comment: Dan noted that our overall assessment has increased so our revenue should increase. Dan asked how much is in the general fund. Bob indicated he did not look today. Jim commented that it looked like 6% sewer increase was only about \$20.00 per year. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Reports

Borough Manager: (William Stewart)

Bill Stewart made a quick review of budget and thanked finance committee for all of their hard work. He also thanked Mayor Eberle, Councilor Glenn and Chief Frazier for meeting to review police budget numbers. Trash fees and sewer fees will increase moderately with a trash fee increase of \$11.00 and a sewer fee increase of \$20.00.

Dan thanked Bill Stewart for his work on the budget and asked what lake improvements we had planned. Bob Berger stated that we would have to perform some lake dredging again. Bill Stewart also stated we will be perusing different grants for the lake as well. Jared thanked Bill Stewart for his work on the budget.

Engineer – Report attached. Charles Catania noted that Hillside Road project is on target and he had met with Aqua regarding 2017 work.

Solicitor – Update on Taylor Hospital assessment notices issued today. Depending on ruling Mr. Angelos may be asking for permission to appeal ruling. Mr. Angelos also has a couple of items for discussion regarding a personnel issue and potential litigation.

President Berger reviewed several upcoming events.

Public Comment

Mike Dougherty 315 Burk Ave noted that he counted 127 geese at the lake and asked what could be done to prevent people from feeding the geese. Dogs were discussed but have not been 100% effective.

Sandy Hess 317 Burk Ave asked if Christmas Light competition will be on website. Sam stated it will be on Boro website and Facebook. Mrs. Hess also asked if there would be a house tour this Christmas. Mr. Broadhurst stated that historical society is looking at it for next year.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street asked about the Taylor Hospital tax assessment and wanted to know when the borough will be able to collect taxes. Mr. Angelos answered that they are not required to pay 2016 taxes but things are negotiable at appeals processes. Mr. Furman asked if fountain was coming out of lake and was told it is scheduled for the week of Thanksgiving. Mr. Furman also asked why finance committee meeting was not open to public. Bob Berger stated that Mr. Furman is free to comment at all meetings. Mr. Furman wanted to know why all finance committee meetings are not open to the public like the Shade Tree Commission. Mr. Glenn answered that boards and commissions are different than committees consisting of boro officials. A brief discussion followed with Mr. Furman stating the he disagrees with closed committee meetings.

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***Motion:** to approve land development at 608, 611 Swarthmore Avenue. The motion was made by Mr. Gale and second by President Berger. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Jared read cable franchise fees RCN \$2700, Verizon \$9400 and Comcast \$26,600.

Dan talked about speed bumps around park.

Mike thanked highway department for clean up Stewart Ave and changing swing at Hetzel Park.

New Business

Jared Vest a Cop fundraiser at Languth's on November 26th. Jared also talked about Swiss Farms fundraiser and indicated that he was not here when we talked about it earlier.

Jared also talked about a service called again at home, which is available to seniors.

Michelle reported vest a cop is also having a bingo fundraiser on December 4th from 6 until 10 pm. at Milmont Fire House.

Council adjourned to executive session regarding a personnel matter. At 8:28 PM.

Meeting Adjourned 8:28 PM.

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