



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Regular Session  
December 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 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 – Present  
Mayor Hank Eberle – Present  
Council President Bob Berger – Present

**Hearing- CDBG Grant**

President Berger asked Charles Catania to review opportunities for grants. Charles explain CDBG and what they could be used for. Charles explained that the entire Borough is not eligible and explained what ear is eligible.

Charles has developed a couple of projects he recommends for consideration to apply for.

1. Several street resurfacing jobs in the 1<sup>st</sup> precinct at a cost of approximately \$35,000.
2. Rehabilitating sewer lines on Walnut Street in Stonewood Village, approximate cost \$75,000.
3. Reinforce the bridge over Stoney creek, Hinckley Avenue, approximate cost \$50,000
4. Other considerations, Ridley Park Lake master plan

**Public Comment** (CDBG Comments Only)

Sue Macattee – 18 Partridge, asked if we could do some streets and sewer projects.  
Sandy Hess – 317 Burke Ave, supports paving Hinckson Blvd.  
Julie Lavedor – 7 N. Swarthmore Ave, supports sewer work.

Motion to approve the CDBG Grant made by President Berger and second by Mr. Glenn.

A lengthy discussion among council and Charles Catania followed with Council ultimately deciding to propose the following projects: 1. Prioritize streets for resurfacing in the amount of \$200,000 and 2. Rehabilitate sewers on Walnut Street in the Stonewood Village area.

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

At this point President Berger ends special session and the regular council meeting starts at 7:18 PM.

First order of business was the presentation of Christmas Light contest winners.

1<sup>st</sup> place was 405 E. Ridley

2<sup>nd</sup> place was 106 W. Ridley

3<sup>rd</sup> place was 327 Nichols

\*\*Vice President Sam Snow thanked Danielle for her hard work on the contest.

### **Oath Of Office**

Mayor Eberle swears in Sue McAttee to HARB and Maureen Moore for HARB.

### **Approval of Previous Minutes**

**Motion:** to approve the minutes for the Council Regular Meeting held June 21, 2016, July 19, 2016, August 16, 2016, September 20, 2016 and October 18, 2016. Motion to accept the previous minutes made by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Mr. Brennan. With no other questions or comments from Council motion passed unanimously.

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

Hank thanked Sam for organizing Christmas decorating contest and looks forward to next year.

Hank thanked Jim Glenn for decorating council chambers.

Hank thanked the highway department for putting in back stop.

Hank thanked all who worked to make Santa event on December 4<sup>th</sup> a success.

Hank talked about Main Streets of Ridley Park winter market and thanked all involved.

Hank read "A Visit from St. Nicolas" as is his custom.

Motion to accept the Mayor's report was made by Vice President Snow and second by Mr. Glenn. With no questions or comments from Council the motion passed unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

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

Planning had no quorum. Next meeting December 28<sup>th</sup>.

Zoning had no activity.

Code – Mike Gale read report for month.

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

Several members commented on the positive things happening at 611 Swarthmore Avenue. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Police: Chief Frazier thanked Patrolmen Pinto and DiAmbrosio for a recent arrest and Sargent Nasella for his leadership on many initiatives. Chief Frazier presented police report for December and wished everyone a Happy Holiday from the department.

Fire: Chief Eckenrode presented December report and reminded everyone that Santa will be around town on the fire truck on December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Board of Health: Jim read the report from board of health and made a note that information regarding lead paint abatement and mental health crisis are available on our website.

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

Questions: Dan asked if suspect in shooting this past fall had been captured, Frazier indicated that he has not and the matter is in the hands of U.S. Marshalls. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Communications (Councilor Jared Brennan)**

Telecommunications, no report. DVD machine is broken and must be repaired or replaced.

Barnstormers, Jared read a list of upcoming events.

Seniors, no report. Jared is looking for information regarding to home care.

Motion to accept Communications by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Mrs. Endress-Dalessio. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Community Resources (Vice President Samantha Snow)**

Sam noted that yard waste is now once a month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.

Recycling is every Wednesday and urged all to recycle cardboard. Recycling cans are for sale for \$15.

Motion to accept Community Resources by Mr. Glenn and second by Mr. Broadhurst.

Questions: Jared asked about Holiday trash schedule, Sam noted that Christmas and New Years are on Sundays and no collection dates will be affected. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Relations (Councilor Dan Broadhurst)**

HARB is now full with swearing in of new members this evening.

Historic Society meeting on Jan 5<sup>th</sup> at the Library. 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 Vice President Snow. Jim commented that is SOROS has a meeting all involved homeowners should be invited also. Dan indicated that he would include homeowners. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Parks and Property (Councilor Shellie Endriss—Dalessio)**

Leaf collection is wrapping up. Highway Department is preparing for snow removal.

Business Association Santa came to town on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

Ridley Park Athletic Club, sign ups in February for baseball and softball.

Shade Tree is looking at changing or modifying some ordinances, more to follow.

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

### **Finance and Personnel (President Berger)**

Main Streets report just finished 6<sup>th</sup> season of farmers market and 7<sup>th</sup> fall festival and in December had first ever winter market. Committee is planning for 2017.

CDCA meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> and wrapped up 2016 business and approval of several items for 2017.

Grants for Bonnes park in final stages.

Personnel police will be hiring new part timers in near future.

Finance Committee will be recommending 0% tax increase again this year for passage later this evening.

Motion to accept Finance and Personnel by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Glenn.

Questions: Dan asked where we stood financially. Bob indicated that we are in good condition have fortified our capital reserve and have enough to cover payroll and accounts payable with some money left over. Dan is concerned that we do not have as much as we think we do. Bob stated that in its totality we have enough. Mr. Bill Stewart stated that with year-end tax revenue we should be in a positive position. Dan said that he was concerned that we were spending Aqua money to pay bills. Much discussion followed. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

## **Administrative Reports**

### **Borough Manager: (William Stewart)**

General Obligation Note on police station bill is in preliminary discussions regarding refinancing loan. Bill should have a proposal for us at the January workshop meeting so that we can take action at the January regular meeting. Balloon payment is due July 1, 2017. Bill asked that everyone check contact information for boards, commissions, and committees so that we can be up to date.

2017 preparations, Charlotte is still on disability and Chris Graham has announced her retirement this spring. Bill assured residents that the Borough office operations would be business as usual.

Engineer – Report attached. Charles spoke briefly about LED street lights replacement program and the possibilities that we could partner with Ridley Township and Johnson Controls.

Solicitor – No report.

### **Public Comment**

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street – Budget questions regarding sewer rental costs and asked if we would be lowering sewer payment. Mr. Stewart stated that he would recommend against that due to the age of our infrastructure. Bob stated we also have to pay Prospect Park our sewer rental fee to pay as well.

Sue McAttee 19 Partridge Thanked all who helped to develop the budget and appreciates 0% tax increase.

### **Action Items**

\***Motion:** to approve the accounts payable from the period beginning 11/01/2016 through 11/30/2016 in the amount of \$133,974.49. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Brennan. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**\*Motion:** to approve Ordinance 2016-3 fixing the tax rate at 8.14 mils for the year of 2017. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**\*Motion:** to approve Ordinance 2016-4 adopting a sewer charge in the amount of \$383.00 for the year of 2017. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Brennan. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**\*Motion:** to approve Ordinance 2016-5 adopting a trash/rubbish service charge of \$236.00 for the year of 2017. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Broadhurst. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**\*Motion:** to approve Resolution 2016-3 authorizing the issuance and sale of a Tax & Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN), Series 2017 in an aggregate principle amount of \$500,000.00; establishing the terms and conditions of such note; accepting a proposal to purchase the note; providing security and deliver the note and to prepare and file certificates and other proceedings; and authorizing other necessary action. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Broadhurst. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**\*Motion:** to approve the 2017 Budget with revenue/expenditures balanced at \$6,659,452.00. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Brennan. Comment Jared thanked Bill Stewart. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**\*Motion:** to approve Resolution 2016-4 authorizing the application for the 2016 PECO Green Region Open Space Program for trail improvements around Eastlake Park. The motion was made by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and second by Mr. Brennan. Comment Bill Stewart explained grant. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**\*Motion:** to approve 2017 Meeting Schedule. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Glenn. Bill verified July and November workshop changes. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**\*Motion:** to approve Resolution 2016-5 as presented, approving the service-connected disability retirement of Officer Theodore Woolery and resolution of all related matters, expressly contingent upon and subject to the solicitor's confirmation of the completion of all administrative requirements. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Glenn. Comment: Jared indicated he did not attend the last meeting and was unfamiliar with the details of case. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**\*Motion:** to accept the resignation of Brian Forney from the Library Board. The motion was made by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Mr. Brennan. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

**\*Motion:** to make an appointment to the Library Board Carole Raup. The motion was made by Mr. Broadhurst and second by President Berger. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business

Shelly indicated that police car should be in within the next week.

### New Business

None.

President Berger wished all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and Happy Holiday.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Glenn second by Vice President Snow. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned 8:51 PM.

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