



Borough of Ridley Park Council Regular Meeting September 15, 2015

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 Dan Broadhurst - Present
Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio - Present
Councilor Jim Glenn - Present
Councilor Paul Mattus - Present
Councilor Holly O'Mahoney - Present
Councilor Samantha Snow – Present
Mayor Hank Eberle - Present
Council President Bob Berger - Present

Presentations

Mayor Eberle presented a Resolution to publically recognize Patrol Officer Marc Hanly for his heroism after being shot twice in the line of duty. President Berger and Councilor O'Mahoney spoke in support of the Ridley Park Police Department and wished Officer Hanly a very speedy recover. Corporal Frazier recognized the officers in attendance and thanked everyone for their show of support for the Police Department. Corporal Nasella spoke about the importance of tactical ballistic vests and was thankful for the Borough's mandatory wear policy. Patrol Officer Marc Hanly thanked everyone for their support and introduced an initiative to start a vest foundation to provide ballistic vests for all police officers. Council presented flowers to the Mrs. Hanly and Mrs. Nasella.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes for the Council Regular Meeting held August 18, 2015. The motion was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed 6-0, with an abstention from Ms. Snow on the basis that she did not attend the August Regular Meeting.

Mayor's Report (Honorable Hank Eberle)

Mayor Eberle's introduced Patrol Officer Frank D'Ambrosio who gave an overview about the Youth Aid Program. Officer D'Ambrosio advised that applications are available at the police station if any resident is interested in serving on the Panel. A motion to accept the Mayor's Report was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Finance/Personnel (Councilor Paul Mattus)

Mr. Mattus reported that the recently hired part-time patrol officers continue to get trained and are starting to work patrols.

Mr. Mattus advised that contracts for both our uniformed personnel (FOP Lodge 27) and non-uniformed employees (Teamsters Local 312) would expire at the end of this year. Negotiations have begun and will continue over the next few months.

Mr. Mattus advised that action to approve the Police Pension MMO in the amount of \$135,489.00 would be taken at this meeting.

Mr. Mattus advised that action to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$414,403.66 would be taken at this meeting.

Mr. Mattus gave an overview of the franchise fees received from Verizon, RCN and Comcast Cable for the month of August.

Mr. Mattus advised that the Borough Manager has prepared a Budget Calendar.

Mr. Mattus announced that the Borough received a PA DEP Section 904 – Recycling Performance Grant in the amount of \$4,099.00

A motion to accept the Finance/Personnel Report was made by Mr. Glenn and seconded by Ms. O'Mahoney. Mr. Broadhurst asked about status of any corrective actions from the 2014 Annual Audit, which is being addressed during the 2016 Budget preparation process. With no other questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety (Councilor Holly O'Mahoney)

Police Department - Report for the month of August 2015 was delivered by Corporal Frazier (OIC) and a copy is attached. Corporal Frazier introduced some of the part-time patrol officers in attendance at this meeting. Corporal Frazier advised that additional officers would be on patrol to assist with the upcoming community events (HeadStrong 5K Run/Ducky Regatta and the Fall Festival). Councilor O'Mahoney spoke about preparation for any impacts on the Borough associated with the Papal Visit (September 26-27, 2015)

Ms. O'Mahoney reported that the Board of Health Meeting would resume at the end of this month. Also, September is National Preparedness Month.

A motion to accept the Public Safety Report was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Parks & Properties (Councilor Jim Glenn)

Mr. Glenn reported that the Shade Tree Commission meet on September 14th to discuss the Hetzel Park Civic Association's plan to plant trees in the park.

Mr. Glenn reported that H.A.R.B. meet to review the progress of restoration work at 29 West Ridley Avenue.

Mr. Glenn reminded residents that mosquito spraying would continue to occur every Wednesday evening through October.

Mr. Glenn advised that leaf collection equipment is being prepared for the upcoming collection season.

A motion to accept the Parks & Properties Report was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Community Resources (Councilor Samantha Snow)

Councilor Snow reported that the Recycling Committee is meeting September 28th to discuss the solicitation of a new trash/recycling/yard waste contracts.

Councilor Snow advised that trash collection has been modified due to the Papal Visit. Borough-wide trash pick-up is scheduled for Thursday, September 24th and Tuesday, September 29th. No trash will be picked up on Friday or Monday.

The Library Report as submitted by Mary Alice Walsh (Library Director) was read into the record and a copy is attached which outlines upcoming events sponsored by the Ridley Park Library.

Councilor Snow advised that an opening does exist on the Recreation Board. Anyone interested in serving on the Board should contact Borough Hall.

A motion to accept the Community Resources Report was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Communications (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

Ms. Endriss-Dalessio reported that the Telecommunications Committee met in September with no new business.

Ms. Endriss-Dalessio reported that the Ridley Park Business Association is still on summer-break, therefore did not meet this month.

Ms. Endriss-Dalessio reported that the Ridley Park Athletic Club began football and cheerleading practice. Homecoming is scheduled for October 3rd, the day will be in support of breast cancer awareness.

Ms. Endriss-Dalessio reported that the Barnstormers group is rehearsing for their upcoming production of Rocky Horror Picture Show and a Christmas production in December.

A motion to accept the Communications Report was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Relations (Councilor Dan Broadhurst)

Mr. Broadhurst reported that the Ridley School Board met on August 31, 2015. Mr. Broadhurst gave an overview of the discussion at the meeting. The next School Board is scheduled for October 5, 2015.

Mr. Broadhurst reported the Historical Preservation Award 601 Tome Street winners would be announced at the Victorian Fair.

A motion to accept the Public Relations Report was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Planning and Zoning (Council President Bob Berger)

President Berger reported that the next meeting for the Planning Commission is Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00 PM in Borough Hall.

President Berger reported that a hearing for a residential zoning is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00 PM in Borough Hall.

President Berger reported the next event for Main Streets of Ridley Park is the Rubber Ducky Regatta scheduled for Saturday, September 20th beginning at 12:30 PM. This event is coordinated with the HeadStrong Run the Park 5K is scheduled to begin at 9:30 AM. Planning continues for the Fall Festival scheduled for October 11th. Main Streets of Ridley Park announced that the organization is donating a "Welcome to Ridley Park" sign at the corner of Swarthmore Avenue and Hancock Road (entrance to the Ridley Park Swim Club). The sign will look and resemble the design of the "Borough Hall" and "Ridley Park Police" signage.

President Berger reported that the Central Delaware County Authority (CDCA) met on Tuesday, September 8th. Discussion will continue to focus on getting accurate EDU counts to assure that all new construction projects and new laterals be included in the planning modules and approved by the CDCA. The next meeting of the CDCA is Tuesday, October 13th.

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

Administration Reports

Manager's Report (William Stewart)

Manager Stewart provided an overview of the Code Enforcement activities, a financial update and reviewed the 2016 Budget Calendar.

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

Mr. Catania delivered the Engineer's Report dated September 15, 2015 and a copy is attached.

Mr. Catania highlighted the following:

- Bonnes Park Improvements – County OHCD has issued notice to proceed for the preparation of a bid package for this project.
- DVRPC Regional Street Light Conversion Program – a kick-off meeting is scheduled for October 1st. DVRPC is considering hiring a consultant as a

technical advisor for multiple municipalities. The shared cost for the consultant would be approximately \$300.00 per participating town.

- Hillside Road Project – traffic counts for safety submission is being coordinated.
- Trash & Recycling – Council is scheduled to take action this evening to authorize solicitation for bids for 2016.

A motion to accept the Engineer's Report was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report (Ernest Angelos, ESQ)

No solicitor report this month.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

- 09/16/2015 @ 7:00 AM – Yard Waste (Borough Wide)
- 09/17/2015 @ 7:00 PM – Zoning Hearing Board (BH)
- 09/20/2015 @ 9:00 AM – Delco HHW Collection (PSU Brandwyne)
- 09/20/2015 @ 9:00 AM – Headstrong Run the Park 5K (Eastlake Park)
- 09/20/2015 @ 12:30 PM – Rubber Ducky Regatta (Eastlake Park)
- 09/21/2015 @ 7:00 PM – Library Board (BH)
- 09/23/2015 @ 5:45 PM – Board of Health (BH)
- 09/23/2015 @ 7:00 PM – Planning Commission (BH)
- 09/24/2015 @ 7:00 AM – Borough Wide Trash (Modified due to Papal Visit)
- 09/24/2015 @ 7:00 PM – H.A.R.B. (BH)
- 09/28/2015 @ 6:00 PM – Recycling Committee (BH)
- 09/29/2015 @ 7:00 AM – Borough Wide Trash (Modified due to Papal Visit)
- 10/06/2015 @ 7:00 PM – Council Workshop (BH)

Public Comment

No public comment.

Motions

Mr. Glenn read the following motions:

- Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$135,489.00 to meet the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation Budget for the Police Pension Plan. The motion was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Ms. Endriss-Dalessio. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.
- Motion for permission to prepare and advertise the MSW and recycling contracts. The motion was made by Ms. Snow and seconded by Mr. Mattus.

With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

- Motion to approve the accounts payable from the period beginning 08/19/2015 through 09/15/2015 in the amount of \$414,403.66. The motion was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Ms. O'Mahoney. With no questions or comments from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

No old business was discussed at this meeting.

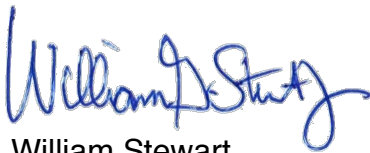
New Business

No new business was discussed at this meeting.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Mattus and seconded by Mr. Glenn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:



William Stewart
Borough Manager
10/09/2015