



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Council Meeting  
February 20, 2018

**Welcome 7:04pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Councilor Jared Brennan-Present

Councilor Dane Collins-Present

Councilor Mike Gale-Present

Councilor William Kaelin-Present

Councilor Susan McAtee-Present

Council Vice-President Michele Endriss-Dalessio -Present

Mayor Hank Eberle-Present

Council President Jim Glenn-Present

Motion to Approve Minutes from February Workshop Meeting, motion made by Jared, second by Susan McAtee. No questions, passed 7/0.

**Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Hank recognized three Ridley Park Police Officers for their heroic actions. Officer Corsi, Officer Powley, Officer Byrne (see attached citations)
  - Mayor Hank recognized Charles Catania, PA Society Engineer Award, Delaware County Chapter.
  - Mayor Hank presented a letter the borough from SEPTA, about the success of the Super Bowl parade (see attached)
  - Mayor Hank received a letter from a resident about the great job the Highway Department is doing with leaf collection and everyday work. (see attached)
  - Mayor Hank noted that there have been ongoing issues with people making stops at stop signs. He is asking the Chief to start increased observation at stop signs. He stated that this is really for the safety of our residents. This will be starting one week from tonight.
  - Mayor is asking residents to not feed the geese at the lake. It is causing issues with those walking the lake area and it also ends up in the lake, polluting the water. There is an ordinance that prohibits people from feeding geese at the lake.
  - Mayor announced that someone lost \$5.00, please call borough hall.
- Motion to accept report made by Shellie, seconded by Jared. No questions, passed 7/0.

Annual Library Report, presented by Mary Alice Walsh (see attached report)

## **Committee Reports**

### **Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan McAtee)**

- Planning Commission-They did not meet in January, the next meeting is Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for reorganization.
  - o There is an opening on the board, all who are interested should submit a letter of interest.
- Zoning Hearing Board-nothing to review, no meeting was held.
- Code Enforcement (see attached report)
  - o Code Enforcement Open House April 18<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers
- Recreation Board
  - o They did not meet in January. The next meeting is Thursday March 8th at 7:30pm in the Community Room. The Borough Wide Yard Sale is May 12<sup>th</sup>, there are more details to come soon.
- Sue noted that herself and Shellie are part of Main Streets of Ridley Park. They are going into their 8<sup>th</sup> Farmers Market. They are hoping to relocate the event to the lake this year. They are looking for the use of Paddle Boats, which they would staff lifeguards for. In the next week or two they will be sending out information to vendors for sign ups. Anyone interested is asked to email [mainstreetsofridleypark@gmail.com](mailto:mainstreetsofridleypark@gmail.com)
- Motion made by Shellie, seconded by Bill. No questions, passed 7/0.

### **Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)**

- Police Department Report (See attached report)
- Fire Department Report (See attached report)
- Board of Health- Met last month, they are asking all to keep washing your hands. The flu is truly bad this year.
  - o Next meeting is Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm
  - o Borough Hall has information for those that might have been affected by the School shooting that took place in Florida.
- Emergency Management-They were on hand with the SEPTA Super Bowl Parade.
- Civil Service-no report

Motion made by Sue, seconded by Dane. Sue made a comment that it is not too late to get your flu shot if you have not gotten it. Passed 7/0

### **Communications (Councilor Dane Collins)**

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-met last Tuesday, unfortunately, he was home with two sick kids. Dane wanted to thank Danielle for her quick actions with Telvue to get the community channel fixed.
  - o Jared met with AVT today to get an idea of what it will cost to fix the issues we have or possibly get a new system.
  - o There are currently two open positions, there was one letter of interest.
- Barnstormers
  - o Dane reached out to Julie with Barnstormers (see attached).
- Seniors Groups
  - o Reached out to Shirley Ruger, Monday nights from 7-9pm there is Senior Bingo, she did let Dane know that it was cold in January which numbers were down, causing less money.

Motion made by Jared, second by Shellie, Jared noted that he met with AVT today about upgrading the system. He also asked him to give us a bid for wired microphones, as the wireless microphones are not great for this setting. Shellie asked if he gave a price to replace it. Jared noted that he did give a quote of about \$8,000 to change the analog to a digital system. This would completely get rid of Telvue. Jared noted that included in this would be two hours of training for the Telecommunications Board. It would be about a two week change over system. Jim asked if Dane would be following up, Dane said yes.

Passed 7/0

#### **Public Relations (Councilor Mike Gale)**

- Recycling/Trash-meets in borough hall next Monday at 7pm.
  - o Yard Waste Collection tomorrow Wednesday Feb. 21. March starts twice a month collection, on the first and third Wednesday of the month.
  - o 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Borough E-Waste Event April 14<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm at Saint James School.
- School Board-Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>, classes were cancelled the day of the Eagles Parade, but they also voted to cancel the April 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Monday Holiday. Classes will be in session. The next meeting is March 5th
- Business Association-Mike is trying to confirm with members about the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Once he gets a date, he will let Borough Hall know.

Jared made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Shellie. Sue asked if there was a limit on the number of TV's that can be disposed. Mike stated there is only one TV per household. The event is held at Saint James School. Mike thanked Danielle for all her help putting the event together.

Passed 7/0

#### **Public Relations (Councilor Jared Brennan)**

- Library Board (see attached report), Jared stated that there is no Jury Duty Pay for library employees. Jared wanted to bring this up to council. He stated that he is part of Teamsters, and they do not get pay for parttime employees.
- Historical Commission-Historical committee wants to combine
- H.A.R.B. Committee
  - o Meets Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm for reorganization.
  - o There are two openings on the board. Please send a letter of interest to Borough Hall.

Dane made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Mike. Bill noted that if you are completing taxes online, to please update your software before doing so. Jim noted that he received a letter of resignation from Sue McAtee, Jared noted that she was included in that number.

Passed 7/0

#### **Finance & Personnel (Councilor William Kaelin)**

- Finance (see attached monthly account totals) Accounts payable totals are \$469,942.47 for the month.
- Auditors will be here the week of March 5<sup>th</sup>

Sue made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Shellie. No questions, passed 7/0.

**Parks & Properties (Council President Jim Glenn)**

- Highway Department-Several sewer issues with the rain. Please remember that sump pumps are not allowed to be pumped into the sewer. There was an issue on Tome Street on Friday. There were tons of papertowels that were found in the sewer. Please do not put foreign objects down the sewer.
  - o There are prices that have been submitted for the manhole on Swarthmore and Chester Pike. It is in the process of being repaired.
  - o The DAM has been inspected and approved for the year. (see attached report).
  - o West Hinckley and Poplar Walk- storm sewer inlet that is sinking, this is on the list to be repaired.
- Shade Tree Committee-They met last Monday, Jim will have a report at the next meeting.
- Personnel-Manager interviews are ongoing.
- Jim noted that he sent an e-mail about the PMRS retirement action item for tonight. There are still some details that need ironed out, this will come up at workshop.

Sue made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Shellie. Jared asked who was involved in the manager interviews, if it was personnel. Jim noted that Shellie asked when the interviews were. Jim noted he did not e-mail anyone other than the personnel committee. Shellie reached out personally. Mike and Dan were also involved in the other past manager interviews. Jared stated that this should be communicated. Shellie stated all you have to do is ask.

Passed 7/0.

**Engineer's Report-** See attached report. Jim asked if Charles could keep him updated on when the paving is starting, there is a street opening on Hinkson at Bartlett to add in gas meters.

**Solicitor's Report-** Ernie noted that there is an update with the Prospect Hospital. He is meeting with the school district and their attorney next week, he will have more information at the next meeting. Jared asked about the Taylor Hospice selling. Ernie said if it is sold for profit, it will be taxed.

**Junior Councilor Report-** Sick with the Flu, ABSENT.

**Public Comment**

Sandy Hess- 317 Burk Ave

What is being built in the old Harpers Property (611 N. Swarthmore Ave). Jim noted that there will be a strip of 3 stores. Jared thinks its AT&T. Sandy wanted to congratulate Charles on his award.

Steve Keeney-101 Baldwin Ave

Is there a time for the code enforcement event? Sue noted that it will be at 7pm. If anyone has questions, please call borough hall.

Steve noted that there were no white lines painted at stop signs where the new paving had happened. Jim noted he will add it to the Highway Department's spring list.

**Jean Nattrass-Burgundy**

There is an issue with the tree at the Burgundy Lounge, they were sued because of the sidewalks. She asked who's responsibility it is to remove the tree. Jim noted that it is the business owners responsibility to remove the tree. The tree is the responsibility of the business owner to remove, but a permit is required. Jared noted that these trees are like sidewalks and curbs.

**Susie Lagguth-15 E. Hinckley Ave**

Here about the trees that were planted by the borough, that are now pulling up the sidewalks. She believes that the borough is responsible for the trees and the sidewalks. She believes that everyone has forgotten about the most important part of Ridley Park. Jim noted that he will bring up the tree issue with Shade Tree at the next meeting.

**Action Items**

Motion to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$469,942.47  
-Motion made by Bill Kaelin, seconded by Sue McAtee, passed 7/0.

Motion to award the 2017 CDBG Street Resurfacing bid to the lowest responsible bidder, Joseph E. Sucher and Sons, in the amount of \$141,910.00

-Motion made by Jim Glenn, seconded by Shellie Dalessio, passed 7/0

Motion to approve the repair in the roadway between 302 and 307 E. Hinckley Ave, in the amount of \$6,250.00

-Motion made by Jim Glenn seconded by Bill Kaelin, passed 7/0

Motion to approve the completion of the Ridley Park Lake Walking Trail.

-Motion made by Sue McAtee, seconded by Shellie, passed 7/0.

Jared asked what the deal was with the motion about the roadway. Jim stated that this is an issue with a sink hole that has caught up with us after 10 years.

**Old Business**

**New Business-** Dane asked Jim about a resident that asked to use ABC Field for an Easter Egg Hunt, Jim stated he denied the permit because they are not part of Ridley Park, they are in Woodlyn, they need to ask Ridley Township.

**Adjourn 8:20pm**

**Executive Session**