



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Council Workshop Meeting  
February 6, 2018

**Welcome-6:58pm**

**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 January Council Meeting. Motion made by Jared, second by Bill. Passed 7/0

**Mayor's Report**-Mayor Eberle commented on the Eagles Super Bowl win and the possible issues we might have with parade on Thursday. The SEPTA station at the Ridley Park stop will be one of three designated stops for fans to get into the city. Chief Frazier noted that signs will go up on Wednesday telling drivers there is no parking. The 100 Block of Hinckley Ave will be closed. Morton at Hinckley, Lincoln at Hinckley and Walnut Street. Police cars will also be behind the barricades to ensure no one can come through. He noted that the Ridley School District is closed. Chief asked that Council waived the 2-hour parking around the train station due to the parade.

Jared stated that he has one worry, in 2008 everyone went to the farthest train stop and got on, leaving no room at Ridley Park for patrons to get one. Chief stated that there will be dedicated trains for each stop. Also, the dedicated tickets should cut down on this, if you ride the train tickets have to be purchased beforehand.

Jim asked Council what they thought about lifting the parking around the train station. Everyone agreed that this is a great idea. Mike asked how long the barricades will be in place, chief stated that when the last train leaves Ridley Park, they will pull the barricades. There is no telling when they will return.

No issues with any councilors about waving parking.

Hank stated that he is working with Chief Frazier about the increased enforcement at stop signs. The Borough did this several times in the past and this has cut down on issues with people stopping. Mayor stated that most people that are stopped are residents.

Hank also stated that there are areas where we want to start using temporary stop signs. There is no ordinance needed to erect a temporary stop sign, but this does help cut down on those issue areas.

At the regular meeting, Mayor will recognize three officers who are being honored as well as Charles Catania who was honored.

### **Committee Reports**

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

- Planning Commission-Met, no quorum. They will reorganize at their next meeting.
- Zoning Hearing Board
- Code Enforcement-Will have report at next meeting, Code Open House is scheduled for April 18th
- Recreation Board-met but no quorum
- Sue also noted that she is working with the Mayor on the TCF walking trail. Jared asked if we are voting on the Land Development for 503 E. Hinckley Ave. Jim stated that we need to have a discussion about this before we waive this Land Development. Jared stated that this was Tony Tartaglia's fault for not going after them in the beginning of the process.

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

- Police Department Report-Will report at meeting
- Fire Department Report-Will report at meeting
- Board of Health-Will report at meeting
- Emergency Management-Will report at meeting; they have been working closely with the Super Bowl Parade.
- Civil Service-Met and reorganized

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

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-Mets next Tuesday night. There are two open spots. One letter of interest. Also hoping to talk about getting an estimate for fixing the machine. Jared stated he reached out to the gentleman he was working with and told him to reach out to Dane.
- Barnstormers-He is going to reach out to Julie
- Seniors Groups-He is going to reach out to Shirley Ruger.  
Jim stated that if Dane is ok with it we will appoint the one letter of interest.

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

- Recycling/Trash-There was an issue with MLK and collecting trash. Danielle noted that she has been working with J.P Mascaró and there is another option to dump instead of not collecting. The next holiday they will not collect is Thanksgiving.
- School Board-No school on Thursday for the Super Bowl Parade, to make up for that, they will attend the Monday after Easter.
- Business Association-Mike is still trying to get in contact with the Business District.

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

- Library Board-will give report at next meeting. He stated that Mary Alice left him invoices to repair some of the lights at the Library.

- Historical Commission- working with the members to try and set up a meeting. There was a historical society meeting and why there is a separation between the two. HARB has taken 90% of what the Historical Commission use to do.
- H.A.R.B. Committee- Have not met yet.

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

- Finance-He reached out to past President Berger about the CDCA meters. He is gathering information on those to share with council. He also spoke with him about the Marcella Grant, he is getting information.
- Grants

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

- Highway Department-Salting icy roads, and all the trucks are ready to go.
- Shade Tree Committee-Meets next Monday. The new Champion Tree is in with a fence around it. The paving project will start on April. We did receive street openings from the gas company, we are trying to figure out when they are doing it, so it does not happen after paving.
- Personnel-several letters of interest. The last few times we have hired, we posted in the newspaper and received several 100 applications. Jim asked if someone is interested to please send a letter of interest. Jared asked that the letters be sent to all of council, Jim said he would do it this week.

Sue asked with the parade, and the snow coming tomorrow if everything would be cleared for the parade route. If it does snow, Jim will make sure that the Highway Department gives that area a little extra attention.

Jim also noted that there will be an executive session after the meeting.

#### **Public Comment**

##### **Francis Garrety 212 Penn Street**

Mr. Garrerty stated that he is here because he heard he sent a letter and council did not get it. On the Northeast corner of W. Hinckley and Poplar Walk has a storm sewer that is collapsing, Jim noted that this is on the list to be fixed.

He also noted that the borough is selling recycling cans without lids, he believes the cans need lids.

Jared noted that we changed the trash collectors, getting rid of company we did have.

##### **Mike Dougherty-315 Burke Ave**

He walks the neighborhood and noticed that there are red arrows on the curb. Noting that the curbs need to be replaced. He was told that an Occupancy will not be given if curbs are not replaced. Jim stated that it is required if you are selling you do have to replace the curb. Mr. Dougherty stated that it was stated here that we were told that you do not have to fix it to sell your home. Mike Gale noted that if you have a granite curb you can repair or replace. Jim stated that you cannot sell and leave your home if you have a broken curb. It is required to have those repaired before selling. Jared noted that this has always been the rule, it just wasn't as enforced as it is now. Mike stated that he doesn't understand why some people have to fix it and others don't. Who makes those

decisions? Jim stated that the Code Enforcer is who determines this. Mike stated that we are talking black topping the road, will it be milled down to match the curb.

### **Sandy Hess-317 Burke Ave**

Sandy thinks it would be a great idea to get a new code enforcer.

Sandy also noted that the Highway plows running over her curb causing it to break.

Sandy also noted that she called and spoke with Danielle in the office about the borough channel not working correct. Danielle has contacted the company about fixing it. Jim noted that we don't pay Comcast, we pay another company to host that.

### **Andy Furman-419 Pomeroy Street**

First thing, he wanted to follow up on the stop sign at Kenny and Park Street. What are the next steps. Jim noted that we had the police look back in the past 10 years and we have not had any issues at that corner. Chief noted to put a stop sign up we have to have traffic engineers to place one. At this point with no issues, we would get denied to place one. The time to do this is in the spring when traffic is a little heavier in that area. In the spring is the time to do a traffic study.

First question Andy asked is if it is a rule to have this installed. Chief Frazier noted that this is state law to place a stop sign, not part of the ordinance. It is under PennDot rule 212. Andy noted that there have been no incidents at the stop sign, if there have been there would have been a stop sign.

Andy asked why Jim Glenn is against stop signs. Jim noted that he believes it lowers the quality of life.

Andy noted that there was a fatality at the intersection of E. Ridley and Ward Street due to no stop sign, Shellie noted that there was a sign that said right turn keep moving. She noted that the fatality is not the reason for the stop sign. There were years difference. Shellie noted that drivers slow down at that corner to turn on park street.

Jim noted that Andy is over his 5 minute mark. Council plans to place a temporary stop sign and do a traffic study in the spring. Andy asked what the cost is for this study.

### **Steve Kenney 101 Baldwin Ave**

Behind the library, Jared was talking about a pump. Jared spoke with the Highway Department and the hole Jared was speaking about does not have the sump pump, it is a sink hole. We spoke to Catania's office about A to U fixing the issue. There is a water issue that is causing the sinking.

Steve noted that Danielle fixed a street light on Baldwin Ave, but there is another one, Danielle asked for him to send the info and she will have it fixed.

### **Action Items**

Motion to Approve Resolution 2018-1 to submit the 2018 County Aid Application. The maker of the motion is Bill Kaelin, seconded by Shellie, passed 7/0 no questions.

Motion to Approve the Resolution 2018-2; authorizing the lease agreement between Ridley Park Borough and TD Bank in the amount of \$29,842.00 for the

2018 Police Ford Explorer. Maker of the motion is Michele Dalessio, seconded by Sue McAtee passed 7/0. No questions.

### **Old Business**

Mike noted to Mr. Garrity that he would speak with him after the meeting about the recycling cans.

Mike also asked that council have an executive session to speak on this matter. Jim noted that this is current litigation and we have been asked not to speak on that.

Mike also left copies for each councilor about the dumpster permit. Mr. Angelos gave council two options to enforce this ordinance. Mike is asking everyone to review this. Mike also asked to amend the ordinance to include the dumpster bag's that can be bought from local hardware stores.

Dane stated that he has comments that he wants to add to strengthen the ordinance. Jared had a question if the grandfather clause plays into this. Mike stated that we are updating the current ordinance. Mike stated that we also have an ordinance that deals with shipping containers and having them placed on properties.

Jim noted that we already have an ordinance that states that permits are good for 10 days and the WM bagsters are covered under the trash containers. So a new ordinance would give people 30 days for a permit. Jim stated he doesn't want to spend money on a new ordinance if we already have something we can use.

Jim and Mike went back and forth on the ordinance.

### **Off Street Parking-**

Ernie did send Mike a new ordinance for off street parking, that does address these issues. Mike does think the old ordinances cover these issues. We are going to look into things.

503 E. Hinckley Ave- There was never a land development agreement that was executed due to the old borough managers and slipping through the cracks. Jared noted that there was no land development agreement, Sue stated she spoke with Tony and he said there was a land development agreement. Shellie noted that Catania stated there is no need for land development, yet he is not the engineer on this project. Jim doesn't want to put the Borough in any issue that causes future projects to ask for a waiver. Jim believes we should let this move forward with the escrow funds and waive the land development. There isn't much we can do since the building is 80% complete.

Jim made a motion, seconded by Shellie, no questions on the motion passed 7/0. Motion: to approve the request of the property owner/developer of 503 E. Hinckley and waive the obligation under the Borough's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance(s) and the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code for the developer to execute a land development agreement; provided that, developer/property owner executes a security agreement and submits the required escrowed funds.

**New Business**

Bill stated that the auditors will be here March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn**

**Maker of the motion was Shellie, seconded by Sue.**

**Executive Session**