



Borough of Ridley Park Council

Regular Session

January 17, 2017

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 7:15 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

Mayor's Report (Honorable Hank Eberle)

Mayor Eberle reported on the following:

Mayor Eberle presented his annual State of the Borough address.

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

President Berger notified all in attendance that council had met in executive session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Mike Gale)

Planning did not meet and zoning no activity.

December Code report presented

42 building permits issued, 6 pending, 53 applications, 51 rental inspections, new construction permits issued for 404 Bonsall Ave., 424 Johnson Ave, 120 Baldwin Ave, and 503 E. Hinkley.

Code Enforcement advises homeowners never pay cash a reputable contractor will give written estimates and give 3 days to receive contract.

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

Question: Dan Broadhurst asked if EPA testing would be required at 611 N. Swarthmore. Mr. Gale replied it might be required for asbestos. Jared stated that it was done five years ago when he was on council. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety (Councilor Jim Glenn)

Fire Company's Chief Mike Eckenrode presented December report and year end 2016 report and listed top 10 responders.

Police Chief Frazier presented December 2016 and end of year 2016 reports along with statistics on arrest and citations issued. Chief Frazier also commended Officer Josh Powley for his outstanding work and noted that he has a promising future.

Councilor Glenn: we are currently starting interviews for part time police.

Board of Health: Mr. Glenn encouraged residents to utilize Boro website and Facebook for information on LIHEAP, Lead Paint Abatement and Mental Health Crisis Management.

Emergency Management Coordinator, Mike Garvin will be heading up committee to redesign snow emergency routes, which have fallen into disrepair. Committee will have a representative from Fire, Police, Highway Department, Council and Borough.

Motion to accept Public Safety by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and second by Mrs. Snow.

Question: Mr. Gale, does civil service propose candidates? Mr. Glenn, No, civil service does not propose candidates. This is through the application process. Civil service has a meeting in the next month to discuss next steps if any. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Communications (Councilor Jared Brennan)

Telecommunications: Jared gave Danielle approval to purchase a new DVD player which has been replaced by telecommunications.

Barnstormers: One act play festival January 20, 21 and 28th. There will be bake sale at event. Auditions for "American Idiot" are January 24th and 25th. May 5th and 6th and 12th and 18th are show dates and May 7th matinee. Much to do about murder February 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th and Feb 12th.

Senior's Birthday Party for Marie Wissing who is 98 years old.

35th Anniversary of Ridley Park Seniors Club this March. Planning of observance later this month.

Aging at home is a service for the aging at home is being reviewed. Annual dues and moderate cost for services. This service has recently come to Ridley Park Community.

Motion to accept Communications by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Mrs. Snow.

Question: Mr. Gale, is there still a program organized by Junior Councilor to shovel snow? Vice President Snow said volunteers are welcome but depends on schools not being in session. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Community Resources (Vice President Samantha Snow)

Vice President Snow encouraged all to continue to recycle to reduce tipping fees and help the environment. There have been some issues with trash and Vice President Snow thanked Danielle in the office for her help with trash issues. Christmas Tree recycling concludes tomorrow, Jan 19th.

Jan 19th is also our normal monthly yard waste collection.

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

Public Relations (Councilor Dan Broadhurst)

Historic Society meeting at the Library February 2nd at 7 pm.

HARB: No meeting due to holidays.

SORA – Dan wants to have meeting.

Library Board, Dan read report from December board meeting, met December 17th at Boro Hall. Librarian Mary Alice Walsh will be at February meeting.

Stitches group(sewing, knitting, crocheting) meets at Library Feb 6 and March 6, Dan read a list of upcoming events.

Applebees Sunday February 26th 8 to 10 AM.

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

Parks and Property (Councilor Shellie Endriss—Dalessio)

First snow this past week which was well handled.

Business Association did not meet.

Ridley Park Athletic Club cheerleading in season. Sign ups for softball and basevall in February.

Shade Tree Commission no quorum.

Motion to accept Parks and Property by Mr. Glenn and second by Mr. Broadhurst. Question Dan asked why Shade Tree did not have a quorum, there is one member who is still ill. Question, Jared missed workshop and wanted to know what was discussed regarding tree ordinances, no further information available at this time. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Finance and Personnel (President Berger)

Accounts payable of \$161,478.16 to be approved.

Main Streets, Brief synopsis of 2016 events including Farmers Market, Fall Festival, Winter Market. Volunteers are always welcome.

CDCA, Bob reviewed year end report and new auditing firm.

Grants, CDBG Bonnes Park \$225,000 in final stages.

Personnel, William Stewart's resignation as Borough Manager because he has taken a new job. We thanked Bill for all of his time and service.

Chris Graham from our office staff is retiring in March. We thank Chris for her many years of service.

Finance, 4th straight 0% tax increase. Engagement letter from auditors received today.

Motion to accept Finance and Personnel by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio and second by Mrs. Snow.

Question, Dan handed out bank statement and made comments regarding finances. A lengthy discussion ensued. President Berger indicated that we were solvent and our capital reserve had been fortified. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Reports:

Borough Manager: (William Stewart)

Mr Stewart will be resigning effective at the end of this meeting. Open action items include:

2 grants to be closed:

1) Treevitalize grant regarding trees at lake

2) Leaf vac trailer and leaf truck grant

Police SUV has arrived and is at vendor being upfitted

COSTAR quote for new lawnmower received

Refinancing general obligation note on Police Station

Engineers Report: (Charles Catania, PE)

Report Attached

Solicitors Report: (Ernest Angelos Esq)

No Report this evening

Public Comment

Andy Furman – 419 Pomeroy Street: Budget questions.

William Caller 507 West Road: Commented on several budget issues as professional audit.

Michael – 11 Parkwynne Apartments: Spoke about increasing support for mental health services.

Action Items

***Motion:** to approve the accounts payable from the period beginning 12/01/2016 through 12/31/2016 in the amount of \$161,478.16. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion:** Accept the resignation from William Stewart. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Glenn. Comment, Mr. Brennan, he is in support of Mr. Stewart and indicated he would vote no in accepting the letter of resignation. Support was also offered by Mr. Broadhurst's and Mr. Gale. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed 5 to 2.

***Motion:** to accept the Notice of Retirement from Christine Graham from the position of Borough Secretary. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion to reappoint:** Denise Clifton to the Board of Health for 5 years as of 01/01/2017. The motion was made by Mr. Glenn and second by Mr. Brennan. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion to reappoint:** Janette Fox to the Library for 3 years as of 01/01/2017. The motion was made by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Mrs. Snow. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion to reappoint:** Mary Alice Walsh to the Library for 3 years as of 01/01/2017. The motion was made by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Mrs. Snow. Question, Mr. Glenn shouldn't Librarian be a permanent member of the Library Board? President Berger, we have always done this. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion to reappoint:** Andy Hamilton to the Library for 3 years as of 01/01/2017. The motion was made by Mr. Broadhurst and second by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion to reappoint:** Tom Williams to Telecommunication for 3 years as of 01/01/2017. The motion was made by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Broadhurst. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion to reappoint:** Shellie Dalessio to Telecommunication for 3 years as of 01/01/2017. The motion was made by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Broadhurst. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion to reappoint:** Floss Rhine to the Recreation Board for 4 years as of 01/01/2017. The motion was made by Mrs. Snow and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion to reappoint:** Rita Amorosa to the Recreation Board for 4 years as of 01/01/2017. The motion was made by Mrs. Snow and second by Mrs. Endriss-Dalessio. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion to reappoint:** Dan Dalessio to the Shade Tree Commission for 5 years as of 01/01/2017. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed 6 to 0 with Councilor Endriss-Dalessio abstaining.

***Motion to reappoint:** Dave Kapanjie to the Planning Commission for 4 years as of 01/01/2017. The motion was made by Mr. Gale and second by Mr. Glenn. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion to reappoint:** Richard Guerra to the Planning Commission for 4 years as of 01/01/2017. The motion was made by Mr. Gale and second by Mr. Brennan. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion to reappoint:** Linda Hosbach to the Zoning Hearing Board for 5 years as of 01/01/2017. The motion was made by Mr. Gale and second by Mr. Brennan. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Brennan asked why we have 2 general fund accounts. The account was compromised during last election season and the new account was opened. Old account now closed.

Mr. Glenn noted that Verizon has been issued street opening permits to install Fios cable in the near future.

Mr. Broadhurst asked Mayor Eberle can swear Carol Raup into the Library board sometime this month.

New Business: None

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

Meeting adjourned 9:14 PM.

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