



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
January 19, 2021

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus- Present
Councilor Dane Collins- Present
Councilor Richard Guerra- Present
Councilor Michael McGinley- Present
Council Vice-President Susan Brochet- Present
Mayor Hank Eberle- Present
Council President Michele Endriss-Dalessio- Present

Approve Meeting Minutes for December 12th Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 6/0

Mayor's Report

Mayor presented his annual address to the residents. Copy of the address is attached.

Michelle Endriss Dalessio. Thanked the mayor for his address and looking forward to what 2021 has to offer.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan Brochet)

- Planning Commission
 - o Did not meet.
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - o Did not meet.
- Code Enforcement
 - o Report attached.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
 - o Did not meet.

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 6/0

Michelle Stock Mattus: Asked is there a requirement for painting around the house?

Sue Brochet: Stated no permit required.

Communications (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
 - o Did not meet.
 - o There will be an update from the Solicitor on the Verizon agreement and looking forward to finalizing shortly.
- Cable TV
 - o Looking to add language in the Franchise Agreement to getting new equipment in Council Chambers.
- Barnstormers
 - o Not meeting
- Seniors Groups
 - o Not meeting
 - o Spoke on the LIHEPA Grant for Seniors to help cover some cost for gas and heating needs.

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second; Michael McGinley

Michelle Endriss Dalessio: Added that they will not be available to get the vaccine

Michelle Stock Mattus asked: If there senior registered please add them into Group 1A

Vote 6/0

Community Affairs (Councilor Michael McGinley)

- Trash and Recycling
 - o The Borough is work with JP Mascaro to correct any pervious issues during 2020.
 - o They have done recycling of Christmas Trees. If you have a tree please let us know we may be able to get collected.
 - o Borough is working on an Email for missed collection will be up and running shortly.
- School Board
 - o Students are going back to hybrid and are really doing the best they can with the circumstances.
- CDCA
 - o DELCORA and Aqua deal has been rejected. Right now, there are some missing documents to stabilize the plan for rate payers but will keep the Borough updated.

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Sue Brochet

Sue Brochet: If there are any misses please report to the Borough. If your neighbors can report, it will be helpful in getting collections.

Michelle Endirss Dalessio: Echoed the statement to help streamline this process.

Vote 6/0

Public Relations (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Library Board
 - o Report Attached

- Historical Commission
 - o The Commission is not meeting but if anyone is interested in joining please reach out to the Borough.
- H.A.R.B. Committee
 - o No applications currently.

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote 6/0

Finance & Personnel Vacant

- Finance
- Grants
- Personnel

Parks & Properties (Council Richard Guerra)

- Highway Department
 - o Worked the first snow fall and they have done a great job for the first snow.
 - o Thanked the residents for parking their cars off the street.
 - o There was an incident with one of the trucks. There was no damage to the building and the Fire Department responded. We are down one vehicle but working to find a replacement for the truck.
- Shade Tree Committee
 - o No applications this month
- Recreation Board
 - o Did not meet.

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second: Michale McGinley

Sue Brochet: Thanked the highway department and fire department for their quick response on saving the building.

Vote: 6/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report
 - o Report attached.
 - o Thanked the officers for all of their hard work and thanked Officer Lazzaro for a special note that we have received from a residents.
 - o Asked residents to lock their car and make sure you look at your car and keep an eye on your neighbors.
- Fire Department Report
 - o Report attached
- Board of Health
 - o Will be meeting tomorrow night
 - o Emergency Management
- Civil Service

Motion Sue Brochet

Second: Dane Collins

Vote 6/0

Michelle Stock Mattus: Spoke on an incident of burglar with one of their vehicles. Thanked for their quick response of the RPPD.

Manager Report**Engineer Report**

Report attached.

Solicitor Report

Meet with Dane about the Verizon agreement and will be working on revisions of this agreement for approval moving forward.

There are Tax appeals for some Borough properties. Will be updating Council if there are any recommendations to council.

Public Comment

Ms Dalessio, regarding the Treasurer consultant that was discussed at Workshop two weeks ago, has any further idea of the cost for these services been received? Keeping in mind that spending in the current Budget increased by \$130,000 and these Treasurer services were not Budgeted to my understanding. That 130k spending will have to be paid for again next year and savings can't be used every year. So sooner or later, this will cause a tax increase. Again any cost info on the Treas services?

Dane: Provided an update on the Tresasue and will be providjng an update for the COuncil workshop.

Paul Mattus 07:49 PM

Paul Mattus 106 Poplar:

What is the criteria for resuming in person council meetings? It appears most of all other borough buildings are open, and as mentioned by Councilor Dalessio – many older people are less proficient with computer access and I know many relied heavily on the television rebroadcasts to stay up to date on items.

PM: On that note, shout out to the Library staff who were working on site even when the borough hall was closed

Michelle Endirss Dalessio: Right now the Borough Hall is too small for the size of our meeting.

Clarification, you mentioned the elderly had issues with computers. - Also I had been in the Library when the borough hall was locked, just to be clear.

PM: The library staff is on average much older, so just props to them

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts Payable for December in the amount of \$ 486,255.91

Motion: Dane Collins

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote: 6/0

- Motion to approve final payment to Allen Myers in the amount of \$12,740.20 for 2020 Road Program using liquid fuel funds

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote: 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2021-01: County Liquid Fuel Funding

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote: 6/0

-Motion to approve Richard Tutak, Jr. Employment Agreement for 2021-2022

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote: 6/0

Old Business

Sue Brochet: COVID-19 funding? Are we going to receive any money back?

Manager responded that we are working with PEMA and FEMA.

Dane Collins: Do we have to do anything for the Grant for the Roof?

Manager responded that we are working to get this project moving and if an extension is required we will submit.

New Business

No New Business

Adjourn

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Dane Collins

Vote 6/0

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak, Jr.

Borough Manager