



Ridley Park Borough Council
Workshop Meeting
November 7th , 2018

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Jared Brennan

Councilor Dane Collins

Councilor Mike Gale

Councilor William Kaelin

Councilor Susan McAtee

Council Vice-President Michele Endriss-Dalessio

Mayor Hank Eberle

Council President Jim Glenn

Approval of September 4th Workshop Minutes and October 2nd Workshop Minutes

Motion SED

Second SM

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Mayor's Report

Read a letter from a resident to the police department about the kind act a police officer did over the last few weeks.

Spoke on the hard work that public work department has done over the last couple of weeks with the leaf collection.

The TCF Trail is almost complete and should be up and running shortly.

Wanted to take a moment to mention election day and everyone that came out to vote and is a part of the democratic process.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan McAtee)

- Planning Commission- no report or new business
- Zoning Hearing Board- no meeting was held
- Code Enforcement- Will have regular update at Regular Council Meeting

- Recreation Board- TCF walking path is almost ready, Halloween parade went off well and Santa is coming to town will be coming up including the Christmas light contest more details to follow.

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report- Will have a report
- Fire Department Report- Will have a report
- Board of Health- Had their monthly meeting and discussed several issues going on over the community. Spoke about the geese being fed down at the lake. The bread is not good and is not sanitary for the community. Wants to urge the community to stop this practice.
- Emergency Management- No update

Communications (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board- They met last month and wanted to bring up some information about updating the website. One member is going to provide services to update the website for Ridley Park to the Borough Manager to investigate.
- Cable TV- Will have updates for Regular Council
- Barnstormers- Will have updates for Regular Council
- Seniors Groups- Will have updates

Community Affairs (Councilor Mike Gale)

- Trash and Recycling - Recycling Green Grant was not filed for next year we are since we did not have matching funds. Will look to submit the grant in the future and will work with Borough Manager to look for further action.
- School Board- Attended school board meeting and spoke to the solicitor was discussing the tax appeal for Taylor Hospital. Will be asking Ernie for an update at the Regular Council Meeting.

Public Relations (Councilor Jared Brennan)

- Library Board- Will have updates for Regular Council
- Historical Commission- Will have updates for Regular Council
- H.A.R.B. Committee- Will have updates for Regular Council

Finance & Personnel (Councilor Bill Kaelin)

- Finance
- Sanitation fees from DCSWA and our trash contractor will see an increase in Trash and Swear fees for 2019. These increases will help cover the increase in our JP contract and CDCA Bills.
- Prospect Holdings is going to Credit our account going into 2019. Money will still need to be returned and that is still to be assessed. Once we have a final number those funds will be returned from the escrow account. Looking to try and have finalized for the end of the year. These tax numbers are what have been billed to them .25 of a mill will bring in 240,000 dollars in increase. This is different than the

possible 1% from an earned income tax. This is in order to balance our operating budget for the reasons discussed at prior meetings.

We are going to start budgeting differently this year especially when it comes to the Highway fund and liquid fuel fund. The budget is going to have the line items coded more accurately for what the funds are being used for. Highway Leaf Collection is going to be moved into the right line item for them to be separate.

The sewer fund see now cost for that money that is going into the General Fund not the Sewer fund showing an increase.

The Borough will be taking out a 500,000-dollar Tax Advance Note for 2019. This will help pay our large bills before tax revenues are collected. These are our CDCA, trash and payroll.

Jared: Per-Capita Tax going to be collected this year?

William: The census taker will not be taking the information this year. This is going to be an increase. We are looking to do the per capita next year and looking to do Keystone tax. Several Council next year that we are financially sound and that we are fine over the last few years. What is the movement and that we do not have spending under control. Looking to put a one percent income

Jim: we will not no what the final year is until at least November 15th

- CDCA- Will have an update for Council. There will be an increase for the services.

Parks & Properties (Council President Jim Glenn)

- Highway Department: Leaf collection has started
- Road program is going to be done next week program is attached

Manager Report

2018 Road Program Beginning on Friday please check the website for Streets.

Leaf Collection has started, check the website and TV for information

Street Light Repairs are on going please report any broken lights to Borough Hall.

Public Comment

Sandi Hess: 317 Burk. What are we going to spend every month. Will there be an update of what the money is going to be spent on? Why do we want to move and change banks? What is the reasoning.

Steve Keenen:101 Baldwin Ave: can the school district take the money. Would the residents be taxed? What is going on with the Sellers Ave bridge?

Kimberly McAnary 109 Lincoln Street: Want to get an additional street light put on the street. Parking on Lincoln Street. There are streets and cars parked in no park signs and tickets are not being issued. Painted lines on the street to help prevent the parking issues. Look at adding a street light.

Frank Garrity 104 Penn Street: Was there a tax passed on consumption passed?

Dan Broadhurst 205 Park Street: Looking to bring in 240,000 dollars of Tax Revenue to balance the budget and bring in the total cost of the EIT what are the total number of people will be paying. What is going to be the tax on the people who don't pay it? What is going to be the deficit and what is in the bank right now?

Mike Dougherty No Address given: What are we going to discuss in the budget to fix the TV system. Are we going to be voting on the EIT?

Matt Spanaic No Address given : What have we done to try and reduce the budget and the expenses? Where can we cut the cost down? Can council look to try and cut tax the budget. What should we do to try and make the final vote on the EIT?

Pat Deculan 24 E Sellers: Wanted to say thank you to Council and the police department for the work. What is the total number of residents in Ridley Park? What would the number be if they implement the tax.?

Why do we want to take our money out of M&T. What would happen to the bank if we pull the account.

Chuck Baily 324 Glenlock: How does the budget not have fat? What are we going to do in a way to save money. What do we do in order to budget the items.

Jared: what are we doing with the leasing the process. Do we lease all the way through? What do we get with our lease?

Jim: We lease and purchase at the end of the lease.

Charles Ward Jr 30 West: What are going to do to stop paving street? Why cant we cut more fund from the budget? How we are going to stop paying department what.

Andy Furman 419 Pomery Street: What are going to increase the millage to and would we lower taxes with an EIT? What are the other options? Is it possible to move forward with half a percent on an EIT? Why is this meeting not being televised? What are the capital projects and what are the needs for the Bourgh? That information should be shared with the residents. Share the capital information with the Capital Projects.

Dian ??? 601 Thayer What is going to be the increase of the budget and what are we going. Why do we no have a capital reserve fund? What is going to be the project. Why would someone want to buy a house in the Borough with an EIT attached to it.

Mike Frost Burk Ave: We were fiscally sound this year why do we need an increase of a million dollars? This all happen for five years. Because taxes were not raised Why are these issues coming up?

Jared: Council is not made any improvements to the lake over the years. Believe we need to manage money for the years.

Paul Baxy 300 Park: Spoke on an EIT is a factor for buying and selling homes. Concerned to the impact. What is going to be the impact to the tax burden of the community? Make some additions to the EIT To tax everyone who is doing business in the borough.

Charles 204 E Rodgers: Will our taxes going to increase over the next years. Are we going to work on the taxes? Will 14 days be enough to decide on having a meeting and passing an EIT?

Steve Corter Russel Street: What are we going to stop people from increasing renters? How are we going to prevent people from just rent the property and not living somewhere else?

Paul Coleman 416 Ridley Ave: Looking to build a strong community. How are we going to keep the people who are going to be successful? How are we going to solve this issue? You want people to stay in the community. EIT is going to hurt.

Aaron 514 Bartlet Ave: When it comes to raising property taxes will hurt residents. Still believes that the .5 is enough and will help solve the issue and is needed and it is fair.

Jay Porter 416 Pomery: Who on the tax will it impact? Asks council who this will impact?

Beth Carbet Morton Ave: how are we going to prepare for the budget and what are we going to do prepare for the future?

Action Items

-Motion to approve publication of Earned Income Tax Ordinance, Ordinance 4-2018

Motion: William Kaelin

Second Sue McAtee

Roll Call Vote:

Councilor Jared Brennan- No

Councilor Dane Collins- No

Councilor Mike Gale- No

Councilor William Kaelin- Yes

Councilor Susan McAtee- Yes

Council Vice-President Michele Endriss-Dalessio- No

Council President Jim Glenn- Yes

Motion Fails 4:No 3:Yes

-Motion to approval 2019 Preliminary Budget

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Sue McAtee

Vote: 7/0

Adjourn

Motion: William Kaelin Second: Dane Collins Vote 7/0

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak Jr.

Borough Manager