



Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Workshop Meeting
November 8, 2017

Welcome-Start at 7:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Jared Brennan-Absent
Councilor Dan Broadhurst
Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio
Councilor Mike Gale
Councilor Jim Glenn
Council Vice-President Samantha Snow-Late 7:03pm
Mayor Hank Eberle
Council President Bob Berger

Mayor's Report

Report on Halloween and the police patrol that was out. Great job. Will continue with history on the regular scheduled meeting.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Mike Gale)

- Planning Commission- no meeting and no new business
- Zoning Hearing Board- no new business
- Code Enforcement- will have report to share

Public Safety (Councilor Jim Glenn)

- Police Department Report
- Fire Department Report-Future forecasting of budget over the next several years. Will share at new business.
- Board of Health
- Emergency Management

Communications (Councilor Jared Brennan)-ABSENT

- Telecommunications Advisory Board

- Barnstormers
- Seniors Groups

Recreation (Councilor Samantha Snow)

- Recreation Board- meet in December
- Recycling/Trash-Did get bid tabulations. Committee would like to meet before the next meeting. Hopefully we can vote at the November meeting. Yard Waste since we are in November, it has switched to the third Wednesday of the month.
- School Board-no new business. Will share about the awards that were given out.

Parks & Properties (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Highway Department-Leaf Collection, only issue with collection is the rain.
- Ridley Park Business Association- Santa comes to town (December 3rd), Halloween parade which was cosponsored by Main Streets of Ridley Park and the Borough. Their membership is dwindling and we hope they can continue this next year.
- Ridley Park Athletic Club-Pee wee and Juniors are in play offs
- Shade Tree Committee-Did not meet because of the holiday.
 - o Tree on Glenloch, Asplundh removed the tree, we are looking to get in contact with them to remove the tree.

Public Relations (Councilor Dan Broadhurst)

- Library Board
- Historical Commission
- Historical Society-Working on the shutter for the pump house, waiting on a quote to repair the rest of the shutters.
- H.A.R.B. Committee

Finance & Personnel (Council President Bob Berger)

- Finance- Tonight the draft of the preliminary budget was presented to council. The plan is to pass the preliminary budget on the November 21st meeting. Then it will be open to the public to review. After that we will look at passing a final budget. We are still waiting on several numbers that have not arrived.
 - o Preliminary Budget-
 - o We made a transfer from the Liquid Fuels to the General Fund to help cover the paving project.
 - o Last month the borough hired two new highway employees, one part time and other fulltime, both have started.
 - o December 7th, blood drive at Borough Hall from 4-9pm, all are invited to attend.
- Contracts
- Main Streets of Ridley Park- updates
- CDCA
- Grants-updates

- o CDBG-has to be finalized by the end of the year. We did receive the 2016 one allowing us to pave a few streets.

Public Comment

Chris Valerio-231 Henderson Ave

Mike, usually we meet the week before because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. I believe it is November 15th, this was advertised at the beginning of the year.

Sara McGraw- 303 Burke Ave

Here with along with several members to ask a few questions about a trailer that is parked at 306 Burke Ave. I believe a couple of you have had the chance to view it. My questions is what council and the borough can do to have this trailer removed. It is a huge eyesore. She did speak with the resident and he stated he goes to car shows. We don't even know if the resident owns it. I did hear there is a citation that was issued and she wants to know who the citation was issued to, the homeowner. Mike- The citation was issued on 10/27/2017, it can take up to 30 days to end up in court. The citation was issued to the home owner, can you please be patient with this processes. Mike was aware. Gentleman stated that both Mike and Dan stopped over and took a look at the trailer. He stated he e-mailed the borough, and Danielle stated that there was a hearing date. Mike states there will be a hearing date, the first step is issuing the citation, the homeowner has 10 days to reply, then there is 30 days to reply. Gentleman also stated that there are off street parking from Ridley Township, why don't we use this?

What was the citation issued for exactly, Mike, the trailer was in front of the house. What regulation exists for this trailer to be parked there? Is this permitted? Mike stated that this is not permitted, but there is a process and we can just have it towed. There is still non-compliance by the homeowner, what happens if they don't comply? Mike, there could be a fine daily, but we are unsure of the issue.

Dan asked Chief if there is anything we can do since it is on the property. Chief stated that once it is on the property it becomes a code issue.

The resident also stated that there are Jet Ski's also parked on the side of the property. Once the trailer moves, she doesn't want to look at the trailer too. He does not have a backyard, it is only a side yard.

Mike Dougherty- 315 Burk Ave

Code Enforcer, is there a way at anytime during the year that the code enforcer can come to the meetings? Mike- is there any reason? Resident- We all have questions about codes. Jim- you are more than welcome to call and speak with the residents he will even come to your house to view any issues. Mike- I just think it's a good idea to have him come to meetings. Gale- we can plan another open house.

The other questions, can I film meetings? Sure, you can do it whenever you would like. CDCA? What is that? Central Delaware Sewer Authority, this is the sewer agency that we are apart of.

The other issue I have, I am very disappointed in how the election went. I don't know who is on either side, but people are disgusted with how the negativity went this race, it's a shame with how the election went this year. Who is in charge with ok-ing these

things? Who is in charge of the party? Bob- there are always things that go out that aren't correct, they are lies, it happens. Mike D- it's not right. I don't appreciate it. I think this is something that should be looked at. Unfortunately, it's the way the world is. Bob- all of these parties have address of where these come from, you are more than welcome to mail letters to these paid for people and let them know you aren't happy. He asked Bob, what is party was, and why he can't tell these people he doesn't want these ad's going out. Jim-these things might be distasteful but there is nothing against the law to do this, but it made its point because you are here for 5 minutes talking about it.

Mike Terrenic- Burke Ave

My name has been smeared because this has been on my property line. He gave out copies of the Ridley Township off street parking ordinance and wants Ridley Park to adopt them. He does have the on street parking ordinance, Danielle gave him a copy.

Sandy Hess-317 Burk Ave

Is it possible since you are paving across the pike. Can you pave from Chester Pike to Johnson ave on Hinkson Ave. Jim- that entire street is going to be paved in the spring.

Bob- we will have the highway gentleman come out and pave.

When will there be a new borough manager? How long will it take. Bob- it could take 30-2 months. Do the jobs that were just hired for advertised? Bob-yes in the Daily Times and on Monster. If your question is do we have to? The answer is no, we do not have to advertise. In the case that you are asking about, we advertised because we were looking for CDL and other qualities.

Like Mike said, I think this is the worst election year ever. It is shameful.

Andy Furman- 419 Pomeroy Street

The two jobs that were hired for in the Highway Department. How many hours a week, and is his permanent?

He was hired at permanent part time, it all depends on the seasons. Weather and etc.

Mr. Gale and Berger, one of the residents asked if it is permitted by ordinance to park in the back yard, Gale stated that as long as it does not proceed in front of the house, the ordinance does permit it. There was discusses back and forth, Andy asked all councilor members what their perspective is. Are you going to work on an ordinance? Mike said we can open a review of the zoning ordinance to see what is going on. Andy stated that Mr. Gale

610 Haverford Rd-

Owns 700 Haverford Rd- 15 months ago his property had a fire. He has been dealing with the county on the tax assessment. He was told by the county that the borough would approve the taxes being reduced temporarily. He sent several letters to Kevin Tobias about getting relief on the taxes. The county has already given him a new tax bill for the construction. He is back and forth with the county about the new tax bill, he also has been back and forth with the tax collector (Nancy Snyder) about this reduction. He has been trying to get in contact with Rich Snyder for 9 months to a year. Who can I take concerns to? He is looking for a temporary wavier from the borough on sewer and trash for 2016 of 25%.

Bob-there is a process you go through for tax abatements. We take from the school. Once they take care of it, we take care of it. He reached out to the school and they stated that it has to come from the borough. The issue with the tax appeal, is the taxes were paid prior from the fire, he believes that the bills should be prorated. The county states that is lies here. In terms of the local borough taxes, the code enforcer has to sign off on the taxes being reduced.

Action Items

- Motion to approve the settlement of the tax appeal for folio number 37-00-00259-00 at an assessed value of \$287,625 for tax year 2017, as recommended by the solicitor.
 - o Maker of the motion is Bob Berger, seconded by Dan Broadhurst, 7/0 passed
- Motion to appoint Officer Tom Byrne Jr., as a full-time police officer in accordance with the borough's civil service regulations.
 - o Maker of the motion is Bob Berger, seconded by Jim Glen, 7/0 passed

Old Business

Shade Tree is planting a new tree where the champion tree was. This should be done in the next few weeks. This is a more mature tree, there are plans to have a fence placed around the tree (Shellie)

New Business

Mike Gale brought up a safety issue at Chester Pike and Sellers ave, there is a tree branch that is blocking the count down for the Crossing Guards. Can we have this looked at?

Mike Eckenrode and Karen Donkin were at the meeting to discuss some repair issues with the Fire Co. They know that the Borough can't afford to buy all new equipment. They want to take the body of the truck and put it on a new chassis, They are looking for rehab of three trucks that they have. They are looking to set a plan in place to have these repaired without costing the borough. They are asking to leave the money that is already paid by the borough and keep it allocated for repairing their equipment. They are looking at a new purchase of 200,000 for a quick attack pumper that they could use in the interim while the trucks are out getting repaired. After these items get paid off, they will look at getting other items repaired. Tires on the ladder truck needs to be replaced by the end of the year. There is money in the 2018 budget to have the ladder and the hoses recertified.

We want to look over what Jim has before we ask any questions.

Sam Snow- 2nd Annual Christmas Light Contest. We are going to do it again this year. Anyone interested in participating, needs to register their address with the borough by the December Workshop, and the weekend before the December council meeting council, council will review and winners will be announced at the meeting.

Adjourn

Jim made a motion to adjourn and Dan seconded.