



Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Workshop
December 1st , 2020

Welcome

Roll Call

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

Motion to approve Council Workshop Minutes for November 4th 2020

Motion Sue Brochet

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

Mayor's Report

Small Business Saturday is a very important day that we need to support our local business as much as we can during the holiday season. Every little bit will help these business as the are trying to survive the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Mayor spoke on the importance of remaining safe during the holidays when it comes to gatherings. He will be remaining socially distance as much as possible from his family. Will also have his normal holiday message at the regular meeting.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan Brochet)

- Planning Commission- No report
- Zoning Hearing Board- Meeting was held and still waiting on final determination letter
- Code Enforcement- Will have code enforcement report.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park- Ridley United Soccer club, the event is Sunday. Please try and support.

Communications (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board- Looking at the Verizon agreement and will move forward to execute that soon after he speaks to solicitor.
- Cable TV- No update
- Barnstormers- No update
- Seniors Groups- No Update

Community Affairs (Councilor Michael McGinley)

- Trash and Recycling - Will have bids for the upcoming meeting
- School Board- Schools will be returning to a hybrid style
- CDCA- We are all paid up to the end of the year and will have final budget numbers for regular meeting

Public Relations (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Library Board- Will have normal report. Is open to business. Contactless pick up is in place again. Please call for more information
- Historical Commission- Did not meet
- H.A.R.B. Committee- Will have normal HARB report

Finance & Personnel (Councilor Bill Kaelin)

- Finance- Received and having normal report millage changed. This is due to the reassessment and will be reflected in the tax ordinance at the regular meeting.
- Grants
- Personnel

Parks & Properties (Council Richard Guerra)

- Highway Department- Leaf Collection preparing for salt and plowing. Road Program is done. Finishing the punch list and should be finished shortly.
- Shade Tree Committee- Did not meet
- Recreation Board- Will be reconvening in the spring

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report- Will have normal reports
- Fire Department Report- Will have normal reports
- Board of Health- Will have normal reports
- Emergency Management- EM was in hospital and DEM stepped up to take his spot when he was in the hospital.
- Civil Service

Manager Report

Asked for approval of the 2021 TAN Resolution in the amount of \$500,000. The earlier we put the paperwork in the easier it is moving into the new year the Manager added.

Downtown signs are up in and around the business district, added, this is a nice addition to the holiday season.

Public Comment

Andy Furman 413 Pomery

Mr Kaelin, Comparing the Prelim Budget to 2020 Final Budget shows \$162,500 in additional tax revenue, \$3,013k up to \$3,176k for 2021, which would be a 5.4% increase. This certainly

looks like a tax increase and at 5.4% would be excessive given the current inflation levels. Any comment Mr Kaelin?

Second, as a follow up to my previous comment regarding no Stop Sign being proposed on Tasker at Park. Only one sign doesn't appear to make sense Any comment from Council, Police Chief or Boro Mgr?

Action Items

Approve Resolution 2020-7: Tax Advance Note for 2021 in the amount of \$500,000

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Old Business

Social Media Policy

Stop Sign at the end of west road. Stop Sign ordinance. William Kaelin

New Business

Michelle Stock Mattus: Thanked Borough Staff for all their hard work if from home or from the office. Wanted to make sure that all of the public know the hard work the staff has done to keep the Borough Open. Michelle Endriss Dalessio echoed this statement. Mattus asked if there was going to be the tradition of Santa coming to town on Christmas Eve. Dalessio stated as of now, Santa is still planning on coming to Ridley Park.

Richard Guerra asked if the Borough could share the Small Business info on our website and social media accounts. Guerra also asked if we could investigate reinstating the Junior Councilor Program.

Michelle Endriss Dalessio added, they are looking to start a small business raffle for the holiday season to support local businesses.

Adjourn

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 7/0

7:47PM

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak, Jr. MPA

Borough Manager