



Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Meeting
December 19, 2017

Welcome

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

CDBG HEARING-Borough Engineer

1. Sanitary Sewer Replacement/Repair – Stonewood Village \$75,000
 - a. Walnut Street- 5 years ago we had an issue with the sewer in that area and noted that there are some issues that need fixed
2. Hinckley Ave Bridge – PADOT inspection noted some deficiencies – repointing, scour protection \$50,000
 - a. Between Hinkson, bridge is not in danger but needs
3. Update of Lake Master Plan - \$35,000
4. Street Resurfacing

Council needs to seek input from the community on these projects.

Comments:

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy St.

So the paving that is planned for Hinkson Blvd have the funds been received. Berger stated that the County is doing the project. Charles stated that the county pays for it but the borough has the contracts. Andy understood why this wasn't being adding into this project.

President Berger asked if Council had any questions. Dan asked if we only have to choose one. Berger stated that one is a primary and the others are secondary. Dan asked when we heard of issues at the Bridge, Charles stated about 5 years ago. Dan

then asked if the master plan at the lake would cover properties at the lake. Berger stated that this covers the lake and surrounding areas.

Jim asked if the lake is covered under this grant. Charles stated that this is planning grant.

Jared stated that the order that these were given to us were the list of priorities. All of council agreed

1. Berger made a motion to make Sanitary Sewer Replacement/Repair – Stonewood Village \$75,000 the first priority, Seconded by Jim
2. Berger made a motion to make Hinckley Ave Bridge – PADOT inspection noted some deficiencies – repointing, scour protection \$50,000 a second by Shellie

Approval of Council Minutes from November 2017-Jared made a motion seconded by Dan carried 7/0

Approval of Council Workshop Minutes from November 8, 2017-Jared made a motion seconded by Dan carried 7/0

Mayor's Report-

Hank began his report by giving President Berger a certificate for his time and work on council in the past 10 years.

Santa came to town a few weekends ago, it was great weather and there were tons of people at the event. Hank stated that there is still time left in the holiday season, stop by our businesses downtown and support local businesses.

Hank read the "Night Before Christmas" a tradition that he has continued for years. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Bob thanked Sam Snow for eight years with the borough.

Bob also thanked Dan Broadhurst for four years with the borough

Shellie made a motion to accept the Mayors report, second by Jim. Passed 7/0

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Mike Gale)-Mike thanked President Berger for his service and help over the past 2 years. He also thanked Dan Broadhurst and Sam Snow for their leadership and service they gave the borough over their time.

- Planning Commission-November meeting was cancelled. December meeting has been moved up to tomorrow. There is no new business, he anticipates the meeting to be cancelled.
- Zoning Hearing Board- no new business
- Code Enforcement-report attached.
- Mike is looking for review from the borough solicitor after the holiday. This was a parking ordinance for office street parking. Mike wished the residents Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays
- Jared made a motion to accept report, seconded by Dan. Passed 7/0

Public Safety (Councilor Jim Glenn)

- Police Department Report-report attached, read by Chief Frazier. Chief noted that we are in the holiday season, there are packages being delivered, watch out for your neighbors, call us with any issues. Chief thanked both Posh and

J. Powley for coming in on their day off to help with the Sassy Massy Toy Drive. They took a tracker Trailer of toys to CHOP.

- Fire Department Report-report attached., read by Chief Eckenrode. On Christmas Eve, Santa will be coming around town, a 45 year tradition.
- Board of Health- No meeting later this month. Check the website for updates on recipes for the holiday. Joanne Sweeney was at a meeting and they noted that there is a Pest Alert of an invasive species.
- Emergency Management
- Motion to accept report made by Mike, seconded by Shellie. Passed 7/0
- Shellie noted that Sassy Massy collected 24,000 toys for children's in local hospitals.

Communications (Councilor Jared Brennan)-Jared wished both Sam and Bob well.

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-No meeting this month, nothing to report
- Barnstormers-one act play festival Jan. 26-27th
- Seniors Groups-private Christmas parties. No announcements.
- Wished Merry Christmas to everyone.
- Motion to accept by Dan, seconded by Sam. Passed 7/0

Recreation (Councilor Samantha Snow)

- Recreation Board-Christmas meeting later this month, keep an eye out for events in 2018. Events like the town fair, borough wide yard sale, summer play ground. More events to come.
- Recycling/Trash-Yard waste is collected tomorrow. Only once a month pick up for winter months. Trash needs to be placed at the curb, not before 7pm and not after 7am. Residents are reminded that recycling is every Wednesday and cardboard is recyclable. Also plastic bags can not be used for recyclables. There is a new hauler for 2018, J.P Mascaro. They will be sending a mailer within the next week or so informing residents about their procedures. Everything is staying the same, pick up dates and times. Just a new hauler. If you have any questions, call borough hall.
- School Board-nothing to report. They reorganized and there are two new board members.
- Christmas Light Contest Winners-Sam thanked Danielle for all her leg work with the competition. There were 15 total houses that were in the competition. The winner is... 106 W. Ridley Ave! Congratulations.
- Sam stated that this is her last meeting and she has loved the last 8 years. She thanked everyone for their service and truly enjoyed everyone. Sam thanked the office staff for all that they do, the town truly does not tick without them
- Motion to accept by Jared, seconded by Dan. Passed 7/0
- Dan asked since we have a new hauler do we still need to keep recyclables out of plastic bags, Sam stated that this is a rule for the county not the hauler.

Parks & Properties (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Highway Department-Has already had snow removal three times this year so far.

- Ridley Park Business Association-Santa came to town, it was one of the most attended event in years to date. There is a new business opening in Ridley Park in January. She is also a resident.
- Ridley Park Athletic Club-Football is over, competition cheerleading is on.
- Shade Tree Committee-no meeting with the weather and the holidays.
- Motion to accept by Dan, seconded by Jim. Passed 7/0

Public Relations (Councilor Dan Broadhurst)

- Library Board-report attached.
- Historical Commission-waiting on the bid for the shutters for the ice house. HARB is planning on fixing the rest of the shutters.
- Historical Society-meeting January 4th
- H.A.R.B. Committee- no meeting, next meeting is January 2018.
- Motion to accept made by Mike, seconded by Jared. Passed 7/0. No questions.
- Dan stated that it has been an honor to serve the past 4 years. We all don't get along, but he gives everyone credit for sitting up here and taking the bullets.

Finance & Personnel (Council President Bob Berger)

- Finance-Accounts payable for the month is \$109,465.94.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park-A new event that MSRP started was a blood drive. They held their second event of the year in December. There was a huge turn out. They plan on having a summer and winter event every year.
- CDCA-Crum Creek pumping station, this will help handle the flow and make the systems more efficient. There are 6 flow meters in RP. There are two meters that are in the program. This is huge for RP, this will help tell us where we can improve. There is a loan meter borrowing program. He will continue to notify council.
- CDBG- In March we look to honor our 2017 grant and resurface our roads.
- Bob thanked the residents for their support
- Jared made a motion to accept his report, seconded by Jim. 7/0
 - o Dan asked about the HVAC line item, wondering why it is zero. Jim stated that we do not have a contact this year. Dan also noted that there is no money in the line item for street lighting. Bob stated that this line item is tied into our liquid fuels line item, and that line item was not deleted from the general fund.

Engineer's Report

- Catania read his report. Catania thanked the councilors that are leaving and wished them luck.
- Report accepted.

Solicitor's Report

No report, thanked the councilors that are leaving and wished them luck. Wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Junior Councilor Report

Public Comment

Kathy Zang W. Ridley Ave

Thanked Bob and Sam for their commitment to the borough. Thanked Dan for severing to the community.

Andy Furman-419 Pomeroy Street

According to the preliminary budget it looks like the sewer fee is staying the same, but there is an increase of 29,000 for the trash fee. Bob stated that there is a 0% real estate tax, a proposed \$14 trash fee and \$16 sewer fee. Bob stated he would look at the budget with Andy after the meeting. Andy stated that last year there was a decrease last year overall from the sewer authority yet there was still an increase. He doesn't see why there was an increase for taxes. It also appeared that the highway leaf fee was included in the trash fee. Andy believes there is a hidden tax increase. Andy believes there should be no trash fee increase. Andy stated that we received 375,000 from the sale of Taylor Hospital, he believes we can expect to see the same amount in 2018. He does understand why we received all these extra funds and anticipating the same next year, why we have to have an increase in fees. Bob asked Andy to have a seat. Bob stated that he would answer the questions. To begin with the sewer, yes our sewer bill is 90% driven by our CDCA costs, but there are many costs that also go into that. We have an agreement with Prospect Park, we have about 325 homes that flow through Prospect Park, at years end we get billed from them. That's a \$125,000 bill over and about the sewer bill. And sewer repair that are the boroughs responsibility to repair, hiring contractors to repair, video the lines etc, also come out of that line. In terms of the trash fee, we just negotiated a trash fee, we do have more of a fee, \$30,000 fee combined. That cost will be offset by the trash fee increase. In terms of Taylor Hospital, that is now a for profit hospital. He tried to explain this to Andy that this is not a one year amount, this was a two year amount.

Steve Madricjk-600 Haverford Rd

Steve received help from several councilors about his issue with taxes. There is a resolution that is in the works. He thanked everyone for their help.

Andrea Rouse-

Thanked all of council for their time. He especially wanted to thank Bob for all his time and dedicated to Ridley Park. She has known Bob for several years, he gets everything done, he listens and has done a lot of this borough. She truly wanted to Thank Bob for everything he has done.

Action Items

Motion to Approve accounts payable in the amount of \$109,465.94.
Motion made by Bob Berger, seconded by Jim Glenn Passed 7/0.

Old Business

Dan stated that he forwarded Jim Walls resume to all of council for an interim position of Borough Manager. Jim stated that he would donate his entire salary to the Lakeview Playground program.

Jared asked if we lost an employee? Bob stated that an office employee who worked in code did quit.

Dan wanted to wish the best of luck to Dane, Sue and Bill for the next few years.

New Business

Adjourn

Bob made a motion to close, seconded by Jim.