



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Council Meeting  
January 16, 2018

**Welcome 7:00 pm**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Councilor Jared Brennan-Late  
Councilor Dane Collins-Present  
Councilor Mike Gale-Present  
Councilor William Kaelin-Present  
Councilor Susan McAtee-Present  
Council Vice-President Michele Endriss-Dalessio  
Mayor Hank Eberle-Present  
Council President Jim Glenn-Present

Approval of Meeting Workshop Meeting Minutes from December 2017-Motion made by Shellie, seconded by Susan passed 6/0-Jared Absent

Approval of Meeting Council Meeting Minutes from December 2017- Motion made by Susan, seconded by William passed 6/0-Jared Absent

Approval of Meeting Minutes from January 2018 Reorganizational Meeting- Motion made by Shellie, seconded by Mike passed 6/0-Jared Absent

**Mayor's Report**

Mayors Annual Address-See attached report. -Motion made by Shellie, seconded by Susan passed 7/0

**Committee Reports**

**Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan McAtee)**

- Planning Commission-No new business, Next meeting January 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- Zoning Hearing Board-No new business
- Code Enforcement-See attached report
- Recreation Board-No official meeting in January, did met and speak about the Borough Wide Yard Sale, Susan will let everyone know of the date closer to May. There is a vacancy on the board if anyone is interested
- Motion made to accept report by Shellie, seconded by Mike. Passed 7/0
  - o Jared asked what Sue meant by saying that code can approve a contractor before a contractor starts. Sue stated that they can only say if code had an issue in the past.
  - o President Glenn, also stated that there is a vacancy on the board for anyone that is interested.

### **Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)**

- Police Department Report-See attached report, presented by Chief Frazier
- Fire Department Report-See attached report, presented by Chief Eckenrode-Shellie noted that the Fire Co. is still selling their discount cards.
- Board of Health-No meeting in December
- Emergency Management-Discussing the snow route, and what works best for that program.
- Civil Service-They meet last week and reorganized. Chris Valerio is still the chair.
- Motion made to accept report by Shellie, seconded by Dane. Passed 7/0

### **Communications (Councilor Dane Collins)**

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-Met last Tuesday. Shelia Glenn was reappointed at the president. They did inform Dane about the issues that the replay. There was a question about the Borough Facebook page playing the minutes, there are a few issues with legality.
- Barnstormers-There are a few one act plays that are on the stage by local residents.
- Seniors Groups-Reached out to Shirley Ruger about Dane being the new representative
- Motion made to accept report by Jared, seconded by William. Passed 7/0
  - o Jim made a comment that there are two vacancies on the board.
  - o Jared stated that Shirley reached out to him, no new business.

### **Public Relations (Councilor Mike Gale)**

- Recycling/Trash-Christmas Tree's will be collected tomorrow Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> with normal yard waste collection.
- School Board-Mike attended a meeting, they did propose an ACT 1 tax for the 2018-2019 school year, that request was approved.
- Business Association- reached out to Janet Pastor about the business association, he has a call with her tomorrow.
- Mike noted that he has two items for old business, off street parking, he reached out to the solicitor who suggested that he update the new members of council.
- Motion made to accept report by Shellie, but seconded by Dane. Passed 7/0

### **Public Relations (Councilor Jared Brennan)**

- Library Board-See attached report.
- Historical Commission-Does not exist.
- Historic Society-has decided not to apply for the CDBG Grant for the lake area. The members do not have time to prepare the grant. They plan to work as a group to submit for next year. They are looking for funds to improve the pump house at the lake.
- H.A.R.B. Committee-Nothing to report. Will update next month.
- Motion made to accept report by Mike, but seconded by Dane. Passed 7/0

- Jim stated that the library board has one vacancy on the Library board. Jim also noted that there are members of the Historical Commission. Jim stated that the society is a private club cannot apply for the grant, it needs to be the historical commission.
- Susan noted that there is also a vacancy on HARB.

### **Finance & Personnel (Councilor William Kaelin)**

- Finance- \$451,315.00 in the general fund.
- Grants- William plans on following up with Bob Berger about the flow meter project to see where we can approve and where our issues are.
- He also noted that there are several grants he looked into for the lake and beautification projects. He is also looking into a dog park, possibly at Catania Park.
- Motion made to accept report by Shellie, but seconded by Susan. Passed 7/0

### **Parks & Properties (Council President Jim Glenn)**

- Highway Department-The Highway Dept. are salting and plowing. They are prepared if we get anything tonight. Please if you park on the street, move into a driveway to help with plowing.
- Shade Tree Committee- planted the champion tree at ABC field, this month.
- Personnel-Working on advertising for a borough manager.
- Motion made to accept report by Shellie, but seconded by Susan. Passed 7/0
  - Mike asked if we are going advertise for a borough manager. Mike also asked if there is an opening in the office. Jim stated that, that was a part-time position, Colleen is handling code for the time being. At this point in time we do not plan on hiring for that position.

### **Engineer's Report-** See attached report.

- Mike asked how long the sewer project will take in Hetzel Park, Catania noted that the entire project will take 6 months, the period they are in the park shouldn't be more than 2 weeks at a time. CDCA is performing sewer relining.
- Shellie asked about the LED lighting for the street lights. Catania noted that within the past two weeks, he requested information from a contractor about what they can provide from the borough. Once he gets more information he will inform council.

**Solicitor's Report-** The solicitor plans to have changed plans for the office street parking at the council workshop meeting.

**Junior Councilor Report-**Ridley School and Interboro school paired together for a can food drive at the women's basketball game.

### **Public Comment**

#### **Jeanie Frantz 308 Constitution Ave**

She got word that Wells Fargo is moving and she wanted to know what is going in there. Hank noted that he received notification as well that they are moving into the branch in Ridley Township. Is there any word of who is going into the building? The

borough has not received any notification of who is going into that building. Someone suggested that it should get turned into a restaurant.

### **Mike Dougherty- 315 Burk Ave**

What is the definition of a snow emergency route? Jim stated that the signs say no parking on the street anytime snow is more than 2 inches. Mike noted that there are a lot of signs in front of St. Mad's. Jim stated that this is a growing problem with cars that are parked on the street during a snow storm. Most of the complaints we receive are about cars parked on the street.

Mike also noted that with the council change he doesn't want the note of the Code Official coming to the meeting to get lost. Sue noted that we do plan on having a meeting in the Spring about code issues. We will let everyone know of those dates.

Jared also noted that the snow emergency's are really for major streets for emergency vehicles. The major intent of these is to get cars off the street so streets can be plowed.

### **Sandy Hess- 317 Burke Ave**

Jim, you know on Hinckely ave where the old nursing home use to be that there are signs for no parking, or two hours parking. Jim noted that those signs do not cover overnight hours. They are really more for commuters so they don't park all day long. Jim noted that on street parking is a nightmare during the storm because of plowing.

Sandy noted that she called borough office today and spoke to Danielle about calendars. Jim noted that the borough hasn't done calendars since 2015 due to so many people putting calendars out. The borough did not put a calendar out due to so many people in the neighborhood putting them out. The calendar is updated on the website, you are more than welcome to visit that. As far as a paper calendar, we did not do one this year.

Sandy wanted to make a suggestion that next year, the two weeks before Christmas we do not charge for parking. Jim noted that we sort of do that now, without the bags over the meters. We try not to advertise it due to train riders using that area to park.

### **Steve Keaney-101 Baldwin Ave**

There is a man way in the middle of the intersection at Chester Pike and Sellers Ave. Catania's office will look into that tomorrow.

The apartment on Ladomas Ave, plowed all their snow into Chester Pike and Ladomas, this is a tuff intersection to see if there is a snow wall. Jim stated to call the police or borough hall if he has an issue.

### **Andy Furman-419 Pomeroy Street**

Andy wanted to bring up a safety issue at Park Street and Kenny. There is no stop sign on Kenny, but is on Park street. This is near one of the baseball fields at ABC field. Andy believes it is a safety concern. He is hoping this is something that can be discussed at the workshop meeting. Along the same lines, what is the process for approving a new stop sign. Jim stated that the police chief needs to do a traffic study

and read the laws about the area. Jim stated that he isn't in favor of putting up more stop signs. He is more than happy to check the intersection. Andy noted that he believes it is an issue during baseball season. Someone turning from Kenny onto Park could hit someone without seeing them. Jim noted that we will have the police look into it.

With a new stop sign, is newspaper advertisement required? Jim asked the solicitor if a advertisement is required. Ernie stated it all depends, this is a zoning matter.

### **Action Items**

Motion to Approve accounts payable in the amount of \$151,313.69 (\$2,600 estimated amount- PECO bills have not arrived) -Motion made by William, seconded by Susan passed 7/0

Motion to Approve the advertisement of the CDBG Ridley Park Street Improvement Bid by the Borough Engineer- Motion made by President Glenn, seconded by Shellie Dalessio passed 7/0

Motion to Approve the release of escrow funds in the amount of \$51,939.00 as recommended by the boroughs Alternate Engineer- Pennoni for the project located at 611 North Swarthmore Ave.- Motion made by President Glenn, seconded by Susan passed 7/0

**Old Business-** Mike wanted to make sure that we have council's approval to move forward about the off street parking ordinance. Jim stated that he wants Mr. Angelos to continue his research and we will discuss at the workshop meeting.

Mike also wanted to bring up an issue with our billboard ordinance. H.A. Steen proposed to raise their billboard, but the zoning hearing board denied it. They appealed and were able to raise it. The Zoning Hearing Board noted that they would look at the zoning ordinance, He wants to continue to look at the ordinance and draft and updated one. The solicitor noted that there was a decision made in court that overturned the zoning hearing board. The Solicitor noted that the borough hired a firm to look into this. The Solicitor noted that it would help to have a representative from the office to come to a workshop meeting. Jared asked if there are restrictions about putting a billboard up. The Solicitor noted that the question Mr. Gale has is an issue with any loop holes that the ordinance has for more billboards in the area. Jared noted that the borough caused this issue because of special zoning we did for the billboard in Hetzel Park. Jim suggest that we really speak with the proper person.

Mike also wanted to know about the codification project. Danielle noted to Mike that we are still in the process of working through the codes. Review is due back to them by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Jared also wanted to touch on the abatement at 204 E. Hinckely Ave. This resident noted that he sent a letter to the borough about an abatement. Ernie noted that this individual filed suit to Kevin Tobias, this case was throw out. Jared wanted know if this

is back in court, Ernie noted that he filed an appeal. Jared asked about a letter, Danielle noted that it was just a notice from court.

**New Business-** Jared noted that he went to the Library and there are two lights that need rewiring. MaryAlice is going to have an electrician come in and give a quote about updating these lights.

Also, there is an issue at the sump pump at the Library. The sump pump dumps into a manhole, there is a board that is rotting overtop of it. Jared wanted to know if the highway would go look at it. Jim thought that there was a manhole cover that covered the hole.

**Adjourn.-** Motion made by Shellie, seconded by Susan passed 7,/0