



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Council Workshop Meeting  
April 3, 2018

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

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

**Mayor's Report**-would like to thank Colleen Scattolini for all the hard work in the office while Danielle out and no Borough Manager. Congrats to Grace Ogden she will be attending Villanova in the fall. March was colon cancer month please get checked as he knows firsthand it's important.

**Committee Reports**

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

- Planning Commission-Jim reported that Taylor hospital is expanding, and Churches Auto is looking to relocate and build where J & M is presently.
- Zoning Hearing Board-no new business
- Code Enforcement-will review report at normal session. Open house April 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Recreation Board-May 12 yard sale please sign up.

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

- Police Department Report- Mark Hanley and Michele formed an Action response committee, working with emergency personnel in case of an emergency/catastrophe.
- Fire Department Report-will review report
- Board of Health-met last week and will review report.
- Emergency Management-will report on the storm and damage.
- Civil Service-no report

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

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-Did not meet no new business. They are looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> bid.
- Barnstormers-looking for the donation. Per Jim not allowed due to a church the Borough can't for a religious organization.
- Seniors Groups-Heat is fixed downstairs and very happy. Nothing new to report.

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

- Recycling/Trash-18 bins were donated to Borough looking to where will place them from Swarthmore College, for free. April 14<sup>th</sup> E Waste event at St. James regional between 9 am and 1 pm.
- School Board-Chief Frazier and other police personal talked to school about safety and a plan. School approved a 5-year contract with teachers.
- Business Association-nothing new to report.

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

- Library Board-will have report
- Historical Commission/Society- looking to rename or a plaque for Jim Garvy but still looking into it and how much it takes to do something like that. The Ice house or Pump house.
- H.A.R.B. 219 Penn Approved window. Committee-will have report

Dane stated that he spoke with Dolan's and they will support a fundraiser to raise money for a plaque for Mr. Garvey.

Mayor Eberle indicated that he is not in favor of renaming any buildings. Jim Glenn agreed.

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

- Finance-Meet with Auditors are the report is sent deadline is Sunday. Will have results for next meeting.
- Grants-?
- Taxes-trying to touch base with the tax collector about setting up office hours for taxes.  
CDCA-doing the work on Chester pike. Delcora 1,500. For new tapping fee for new sewer on new homes.

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

- Highway Department-we had 4 snow storms and the highway guys did a great job. Working on potholes and getting equipment ready for grass cutting. Highway started getting fields ready for opening day then the storms, but we will have the fields ready for opening day on April 15<sup>th</sup>. April 21<sup>st</sup> is the CRC lake clean up and looking for Volunteers. Highway will be present, and everyone is invited to participate.
- Shade Tree Committee-no meeting but commission is reviewing whether or not trees in business district can be removed.
- Personnel- Vote on the new Borough Manager Richard Tutak. Jared wants to research and review his qualifications. Discussion back and forth and a vote

to hire. Jared wants to do more research and table it till next meeting. Voted to table it. 3-3 tie and Mayor decided to table it making it 3-4.

**Grace Ogden-** High School had a blood drive and it went well. High school is hosting the health awareness day and more information on the high school web-site. Grace stated that the school clubs are interested in lake clean up and will give them the information to volunteer.

### **Action Items-**

-Motion to approve certificate of appropriateness for 219 Penn St.-Approved 1<sup>st</sup> Jared and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill

-Motion to approve Resolution authorizing Berkheimer Associates to collect outstanding per Capita Taxes for 2017. Approved 1<sup>st</sup> Jared and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill.

-Motion to approve Resolution Exonerating Tax Collector from collecting 2017 Per Capita Taxes. Approved 1<sup>st</sup> Jared and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill

-Motion to approve final agreement regarding Municipal Pension Plan (PMRS) 1<sup>st</sup> Jim Glenn and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill.

-Motion to approve accounts Payable from March in the amount of \$137,531.85. Approved-1<sup>st</sup> Jim Glenn and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill.

Motion to approve the hiring of Richard Tutak as Borough Manager contingent on contract signing and approval of solicitor. Tabled until next meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Mike ?- What is the Borough Managers job? Jim Glenn replied, he handles the day to day office staff, highway department, he does the budget. Car windows have been smashed in 3 cars along the train tracks. Chief Frazier said that yes and Ridley Township has taken the lead on this as they were hugely affected.

Sandy Hess-317 Burke Ave: question about the Borough Manager. Why would we hire him if he's not sure he wants it? Jim Glenn said that's not what he said he said that Jim Walls interview and stated not sure he will stay or want it. She wanted to know about her Right to know? Why did Bill Stewart leave? She wanted to see his personnel file. Jim said that is not right to know material it is private information. She also wanted to know if Bill Kaelin oversaw grants? Bill said yes but there aren't any grants to file for yet. Why don't we clean up the Borough Hall? Languthus asked to remove tree and we are not taken care of our own tree's and sidewalks. Jim Glenn stated we do have estimates and right now we don't have the money or resources.

Mary Pat King- Highway did a great job during the storm removal of tree's but did a bad job at snow removal. Jim and Mary Pat back and forth about the snow removal and highway performance. Trash removal! Please tell trash company not to leave trash can in the street. Mike Gale said he will let them know. She also stated why did the Borough hall close during the storms? This is when we needed them to answer our calls. The

Borough should have the calls forward to the office people home if they are going to stay home. Ms King then stated that the Borough Manager is a political hire that he is a relative to Tom Judge? Jim Glenn, we have never asked any applicant who their parents or grandparents are.

Andy Furman-wanted to know if the Code Enforcer reports to the Borough Manager? And does the Borough Manager have employee experience? Jim Glenn Yes, he does. Bill Kaelin what is the surplus deficit of the sewer fund and what is the amount? Bill stated he doesn't have the numbers in front of him, but he will have them before the next meeting or he can email them. Bill also said he starting to clean up the books from the past and will be making a separate sewer account at the bank. Andy wanting to know when the report will be ready? Bill said the report was submitted and he is not sure when it will arrive. Andy ask about the temporary stop sign at Kenny and Rogers. Chief Frazier said a traffic study and research is being performed.

Public wants a motion to remove the 5-minute rule. Council voted 3 yes and 3 no and Mayor said no.

**Old Business-NONE**  
**New Business-NONE.**  
**Adjourn-7:45pm**