



Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Workshop
May 4th 2021

Welcome

Roll Call

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus- Present
Councilor Dane Collins- Present (Late)
Councilor Richard Guerra- Present
Councilor Michael McGinley- Present
Councilor Len Pinto- Present
Council Vice-President Susan Brochet- Present
Mayor Hank Eberle- Present
Council President Michele Endriss-Dalessio- Present

Motion to approve Council Workshop Minutes for April 6th, 2021

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 6/0

Mayor's Report

Spoke on the basketball courts being installed and believe that the residents are really enjoying it. Hope that softball will be starting up soon at ABC Field soon. Asked the Council for some guidance on the Memorial Day event and wish to have that event this year. Has been in touch with a speaker and will be trying to coordinate with the rest of the speakers. Asking for a decision by Council if we are going to hold this event. If we wish to move forward would ask for citations from the County Council, State Rep and State Senator.

Michael McGinley: Asked for a motion to approve this event this evening. May have to change the event has been historically held but would like to host the event.

Michelle Endriss Dalessio: Asked if the weather was not great maybe we work with the Fire Department to use the engine bay if needed.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan Brochet)

- Planning Commission-

- Will be reporting from the planning commission on the decision for 102 W Ridley Ave.
- Zoning Hearing Board-
 - Did not meet
- Code Enforcement-
 - Will have normal report
- Main Streets of Ridley Park-
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Communications (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-
 - Spoke to the communication companies of option that the Borough may have in the franchise agreements.
- Cable TV
- Barnstormers
- Seniors Groups
 - Thanked John Hosbach for all of their hard work to clean up Stewart Ave

Community Affairs (Councilor Michael McGinley)

- Trash and Recycling -
 - E Waste Event is going to be held on May 15th at St. James Regional
- School Board-
 - Thanked all of the teachers for the hard work over the last school year. Has been a difficult one but thankful for all of their work.
- CDCA-

Public Relations (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Library Board-
- Historical Commission
- H.A.R.B. Committee-
 - Did meet on April 22nd. Most of the meeting was an advisory discussion.
 - 108 Penn did have a stop work on the property and there was nothing additional.
 - Thanked the homeowners for submitting any plans in the HARB district.

Today is international Firefighter's day. Wanted to thank all our fire fighters for what they do for our town on a volunteer basis.

Shared a story of her husband who had answered a fire call and was injured during that call.

Shared her story on how it impacted her and shared the story on how it impacted the family and thank to all of the volunteers.

Finance & Personnel (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Finance-
 - Spoke on the refinancing of old debt for the Borough. In discussion with several banks on options moving forward. Will have more information for the Regular Meeting.
- Grants
 - No Report
- Personnel
 - No Report

Parks & Properties (Council Richard Guerra)

- Highway Department-
 - o Spoke on the basketball courts going up at ABC Field. Thanked the Highway dept. for their work on this.
 - o Please pick up your trash after yourself i the parks
- Shade Tree Committee
 - o Will be meeting on May 10th at 7PM via Zoom
 - o Will be hosting a Arbor Day event sometime in the end of the month please keep an eye on the website for more information.
- Recreation Board
 - o Borough Yard Sale is this weekend. Please get your map from Borough Hall at 8AM
 - o There are currently two openings for the rec board. Anyone that is interested should contact Borough Hall.
 - o Will be posted on the website

Rich Guerra: Looking to plant some new trees in the park and downtown during the Arbor Day event.

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report-
 - o Normal Report
- Fire Department Report
 - o Normal Report
- Board of Health
 - o Will be meeting
- Emergency Management-
- Civil Service
 - o There are two openings on Civil Service
 - o Several opening on Telecommunication

Manager Report

CSX has contacted the Borough to inform us of a closure at Swarthmore Ave and Morton Ave. This closure will happen in the next few days and will be sure to update residents as time goes on.

Roof project is ongoing and will hopefully be done in the coming weeks. There was some issues with supplies which has held the project up.

Public Comment

Andy Furman 413 Pomery

1. Mr Collins: what is the status of the new Treasurers position that was brought up months ago? Is it still being considered?
2. Again Mr Collins: what is the cost of the additional federal audit needed for the Hillside Road project?
3. Mr Pinto: if you haven't commented already, what is the status of the specs fir the new TV equipment?

Paul Mattus 104 Poplar Walk

I am emailing to offer my services to provide an independent pro-bono assessment of the borough's current in-force insurance policies, as well as a review of the proposed insurance requirements as this is my profession.

In addition to being a licensed Property & Casualty , Life/Health/Accident/Fixed annuity, and Surplus Lines Broker in the state of PA. I also hold the following designations:

- Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter (CPCU)
- Associate in Surplus Lines Insurance (ASLI)
- Accredited Advisor of Insurance (AAI)
- Associate of Reinsurance (ARe)
- Associate in Claims (AIC)

Furthermore, I have an MBA in Finance addition to my quantitative analysis skill set.

Additional relevant experience includes reviewing, negotiating, and meeting the insurance requirements for the following municipalities and agencies (this is not an exhaustive list):

- Media Borough
- City of Philadelphia
- Pheonixville Borough
- Prospect Park Borough
- Ridley Twp
- Tincum Twp
- Commonwealth of PA
- PA DEPT of Transportation
- SEPTA
- PA PUC
- PA Horticultural Society
- Fairmount Park Commission
- Center City District (Philadelphia)
- HeadHouse Historic District (Philadelphia)
- Ciniminson, NJ
- Atlantic City, NJ
- City of Wildwood, NJ
- City of North Wildwood, NJ
- State of New Jersey
- New Jersey Redevelopment Corp
- Delaware County Housing Authority
- County of Delaware
- Can provide additional upon request.

Alsd, I have served as an expert witness on insurance matters in two court cases, with my testimony being directly relevant to the verdict.

Please feel free to reach out or forward documents and questions/requests to my professional email address PMattus@blueridgenational.com in order to better ensure security of documents.

Included is a copy of my Professional E&O policy with a \$3M limit so you can rest assured the information will be handled properly. Please do not attach my policy into the minutes.

Action Items

-Motion to hire Part-time Police Officer Thomas Becker pending completion of training

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 7/0

Motion to approved block party permit for 402 Glenloch

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote: 7/0

Motion to approval for Memorial Day Event following Federal and State Guidelines

Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote: 7/0

Old Business

Dane Collins Spoke on the refinancing of our debt and some of the infrastructure project.

Looking for state and local funding has been hard for these projects and looking to resturcure some current debt.This can be done over 5 years or 7 years rate with M&T. This is our best option since there is a penalty payment if we were to leave the loan earlier than its term.

This would help cover the cost of some major infustrucure project that include, Borough Hall, Fire House and the lake dredging.

Michelle Endriss Dalessio asked what additional cost would this be to the Borough. There will be nearly a \$1,000 a month payment to the principle of this new loan. After the other loan comes to term it will be combined into one loan.

MSM: What is the rate going to be for this type of loan? Rate of the loan will be 2.5%

Michael McGinley asked if this will have any impact on future grants or projects. Borough Manager responded that there is no direct impact bu this may help with matching funds of projects.

Michelle Stock Mattus asked for a status of the website project. Borough Manager followed up that he will be speaking with DMI during the upcoming month to provide more info to Council.
The Website

Michael McGinley: There will be discussion and a vote on the Fireworks for July 3rd at the next Regular Council meeting on May 19th.

Len Pinto: Thanked the council to trying to make this project work and safe for all of the residents.

Michelle Stock Mattus spoke on partnership with local business in the Borough.:

New Business

No New Business

Adjourn

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote 7/0

7:57PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak, Jr.

Borough Manager