



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
August 18th , 2020

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Approve Meeting Minutes for July 21st Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: William Kaelin

Vote: 7/0

Mayor's Report

Wanted to thank the Dean Street Kids for their acts of kindness over the last several months. Was a great gesture.

Kristen Brese

Alex

Nathan Page

Ashland Pervenahorn

Chase Horn

Deklyn Farley

Spoke on VJ day, the end of WWII. Said it was one of the most important days in our nation's history. Was the 75th anniversary this year. Spoke on the Senior Group on wishing to come back into having their regular meeting. They are hoping to come back soon with socially distance measures in place. Thanked and congratulated the Council members for all of their hard work during these times. Glad the office is open and we are back to normal as best as we can.

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote:7/0

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan Brochet)

- Planning Commission
 - o Did not meet and there is no meeting scheduled at this point.
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - o Did not meet and there is no meeting scheduled
- Code Enforcement
 - o Report attached
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
 - o Not a whole let happening. Business are open so please try and go out and support our business

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Michael McKinley

Vote: 7/0

Communications (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
 - o Telecom did not meet but will meet in September.
 - o Will be working with Ernie trying to have a agreement soon for Verizon.
- Cable TV
 - o No update at this point.
- Barnstormers
 - o They are not meeting at this time.
- Seniors Groups
 - o Cannot meet for their monthly meetings. They are happy the library will be open for some browsing

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second : Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

Community Affairs (Councilor Michael McGinley)

- Trash and Recycling
 - o The Brough has been having some issues to collect JP to try and make these collections happen. They are having issues with getting support and there is a heavy volume. We are working to find a way to get resolve for our residents.
- School Board
 - o The School district is going to be going virtual for a month. They will be reviewing in the next few weeks about future options.
- CDCA
 - o No update

Motion; Sue Brochet

Second: Richard Guerra

- Richard Guerra, Mayor Eberle, Michelle Endriss Dalessio and Sue Brochet, offered their support and thanked Michael McGinley for the hard work on the trash issues.

- Michelle Stock Mattus asked if we could put a letter out for the missed and concern collections

Vote 7/0

Public Relations (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Library Board
 - o Report attached
- Historical Commission
- H.A.R.B. Committee
 - o Report attached.
 - o Will be asking for 4 recommendations tonight in action items.

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second William Kaelin

Vote: 7/0

Finance & Personnel (Councilor Bill Kaelin)

- Finance
 - o Provided monthly finance update
 - o Tax Collector will be at Borough hall for school tax collection at the end of August.
 - o Finance did not meet but there was an e-mail back and forth between everything
 - o The Roof bids came in were going to help pay for the rest of the project. Prospect DCED Grant. Moving Per Capita money into the new project for the roof.
 - o Looking to take out additional debt to help raise additional funds for the interest rates Could be a huge cost savings
- Grants
- Personnel

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 7/0

Parks & Properties (Council Richard Guerra)

- Highway Department
 - o The Highway has repaired the Eastlake Park pedestrian bridge and reopened
 - o The are going to be discussing the road programming for 2020 and all the work that has been done already this year.
 - o The Highway was out cleaning up some of the messes created form the tropical storm.
- Shade Tree Committee

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second: William Kaelin

- Michael McGinley thanked the Highway Department for all of the hard work that was done over the storms

Vote 7/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report
 - o Report Attached
- Fire Department Report
 - o Report attached

- Board of Health
 - o Has not met. Been working with Joanne Sweeney and Mike Garvin about several things. Hope to be meeting next month.
- Emergency Management
- Civil Service

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote: 7/0

Manager Report

- The office is now open. We ask that everyone wear a mask when they enter the building.
- We are seeing positive movement from the Amtrak agreement for the Sellers Ave Bridge.
- We suffered minor damage during the storms but will make sure we report any additional damage to the State for possible funding sources.
- The Hillside Road Project is processing nicely and hope to be complete in the next few weeks.

Engineer Report

- MS4 project and plan was discussed. A copy is in the office for review. The Engineer spoke on some of the option we have to reduce runoff. Rain Gardens are options and other sediment projects are options we will be looking at.

Solicitor Report

- No report

Public Comment

Andy Furman 419 Pomery

Will the Thayer and Russell St manhole be included in the street paving list for this test? Currently traffic cones placed and restricting the street.

2, when does storm water projects have to be done?

Judy Leahy

What is the date of the Fall Festival and who can I contact to follow up? Judy Leahy

Mike Gale

I believe there are a number of failure to perform violations and financial penalties outlined in the the Recycling contract. Has the Borough given written notice to Mascaro of any violations and deducted the appropriate penalties from the monthly payment owed? If so what were the violations and penalties, and if not why not?

Considering there is business to be discussed concerning recycling contract, ewaste event, and dog waste stations can a zoom meeting be scheduled so that recycling committee can meet?

When does the 5 year timeline start for the Pollution Reduction Plan?

What is the date that these PRP projects need to be completed by?

When will the Borough have details, and cost estimates for the work, and how much time will be available to complete the work?

What is scope of PRP projects for Cornog Field at the Middle School?

The tax appeal by Rose Tree Investors was filed in Nov 2017. Why did it take so long to reach a settlement?

Does A to U Services still provide abatement services to the Borough?

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts Payable for July in the amount of \$ 123,463.65

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 7/0

- Motion to approve settlement for Rose Tree investors Motion to approve the settlement, as presented by the solicitor, of the tax appeals (docket No. 2017-009837) for folio numbers 37-00-00319-00 and 37-00-00320-00 at an assessed value of \$209,523 and \$610,187 respectively

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

-Motion to approve street lighting contract with A to U Services for 2020 until 2022

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote: 7/0

-Motion to approve salt contract in the amount of \$50.35/ ton with Eastern Salt Company Inc for the year 2020 and 2021

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote: 7/0

Motion to approve Borough Hall Roof Bid in the amount of \$144,500 to A to U Services

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: MM

Vote: 7/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2020-3. Authorizing lease agreement with M&T Bank for 2020 Police Ford Explorer in the amount of \$31,390 for 3 years.

Motion: Michelle Endirss Dalessio

Second: William Kaelin

Vote: 7/0

-Motion approve HARB application for denial for 406 Tome Street

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second Richard Guerra

Vote 7/0

Motion approve HARB application for denial for 411 Swarthmore Ave

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 7/0

Motion approve HARB application for denial for 301 Morton Ave

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 7/0

-Motion to approve Catania Engineering to seek bids for 2020 Road Program for approved street list

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 7/0

Motion to make payment to C. Abanizzo in the amount of \$188,945.41 for the Hillside Road Safe School Project

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote 7/0

Old Business

New Business

Motion: to authorize the solicitor to file an appeal of the borough zoning officer's decision regarding the property located at 105 Morton Avenue to the Ridley Park Zoning Hearing Board.

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

Adjourn

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote 7/0

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak, Jr. MPA

Borough Manger