



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
September 15th , 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 August 18th Council Meeting Minutes

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote 7/0

Mayor's Report

- Spoke on the great work that is being done on the Safe School Project and happy to see it is moving in the right direction. Also spoke on final Amtrak agreement that was signed and we should be seeing the funding from the IDA in the next few weeks.
- Took the time to discuss the Spirit of America Park around 9/11 this year. Talked on how this Eagle Scout Project refurbished this great park in the Borough honoring those who lost their lives on that day.
- Provided some Ridley Park history more specifically the Gaslight Restaurant. Talked about how it use to be a garage and turned into a longtime establishment in the Borough.

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Dane Collins

Vote: 7/0

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan Brochet)

- Planning Commission

- Did not meet this month
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - Did not meet this month but there is an upcoming meeting in October. Please keep an eye on the website for more information
- Code Enforcement
 - Report attached
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
 - Looking to see if it would be possible to host the Fall Festival this year. More information to follow.

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Dane Collins

Vote 7/0

Communications (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
 - The Board's Audit is done of all the franchise fees
- Cable TV
 - There was an issue with the channel over one of the storms. We will be looking at options that the Borough has moving forward. Asked the Borough Manger to do a deeper dive into updating the equipment that we have for our channel.
 - Also looking into updating the Borough website to make it much more user friendly.
- Barnstormers
- Seniors Groups

Michelle Stock Mattus spoke on the importance of having transparency. Wants to ensure that we are getting this information out to the resident especially during a these times.

Mayor Eberle spoke on how the meetings were once filmed in the basement of Borough Hall.

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote: 7/0

Community Affairs (Councilor Michael McGinley)

- Trash and Recycling
 - There will be a E-waste event on 9/12 at St. James. This is free for Ridley Park Residents.
 - DCSWA will be hosting a HHW event on Oct 17th please visit the website for more information.
 - There has been some issue with trash collection in the month of August. The Borough has been working to address those issues with the trash contractor.

Mayor Eberle wanted to thank Mike for all of his hard working on trying to resolve these issue over the last few months.

- School Board
 - No updates from the School Board
- CDCA
 - No Update at this time

Motion: Dane Collins

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote: 7/0

Public Relations (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Library Board
 - o Report Attached
- Historical Commission
 - o No update currently
- H.A.R.B. Committee
 - o No report at this time

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Dane Collins

Vote 7/0

Finance & Personnel (Councilor Bill Kaelin)

- Finance
 - o Will be working on the budget in the next few weeks. Please provide any updates or things you wish to see in the budget for 2021.
 - o You will see on the action items that there is the MMO for 2021. This is our obligation to keep our pensions funded.
- Grants
- Personnel

Motion: Sue Brochet

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote: 7/0

Parks & Properties (Council Richard Guerra)

- Highway Department
 - o Grass season will be wrapping up soon and will be moving over to leaf season. Please keep an eye out for a schedule soon.
 - o Hillside Road will be wrapping up soon and is looking great. Spoke to the Borough Manger about the next steps of the for the 2021 Road Program.
- Shade Tree Committee
 - o Will be meeting soon. Will have an update
- Recreation Board
 - o There will be no Victorian Fair this year

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote 7/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report
 - o Report Attached
 - o Received a grant for several Bullet Proof Vests.
 - o Reminded residents to please park in the correct direction with traffic.
 - o Please follow all signs that are posted in the Borough
- Fire Department Report
 - o Report attached
 - o There was an accident involving one of our fire trucks during drill night. There was damage to the truck, but no injuries.
- Board of Health
 - o Have not meet after their summer break

- Emergency Management
 - o No update
- Civil Service
 - o No update at this time

Manager Report

The Hillside Road project is nearing the end of the project.

The Amtrak agreement is finally signed and will be seeing the IDA payment in the following days.

Provided information on a new phone system in the Borough. Asked for Council to review.

Engineer Report

Report Attached

Solicitor Report

No report

Public Comment

Andy Furman 419 Pomery: What are we doing about the cable TV? Does the Borough really need to update the phone system and not the cable TV? Spoke on his concerns with Seniors not having access to youtube. Asked if there is money set aside for the phones?

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts Payable for August in the amount of \$ 161,442.08

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote 7/0

- Motion to approve 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Non-Uniformed Pension in the amount of \$23,945

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 7/0

- Motion to approve 2021 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Police Pension in the amount of \$254,805

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote 7/0

-Motion to award 2020 Road Program to Allen Myers in the amount of \$150,104.20

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

Michelle Stock Mattus asked for the Borough to look into an event permit when it comes to using borough facilities? Borough Manager will work with Solicitor to see if we have anything or draft an ordinance.

Adjourn

Motion Richard Guerra

Second: Dane Collins

Vote 7/0