



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Session
September 19, 2017

Welcome

The Ridley Park Borough Council met in Regular Session on the above date in Council Chambers of Ridley Park Borough Hall with Council President Bob Berger presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council President Bob Berger led the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Councilor Jared Brennan – Present
Councilor Dan Broadhurst – Present
Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio – Present
Councilor Mike Gale – Present
Councilor Jim Glenn - Absent
Council Vice President Samantha Snow – Absent
Mayor Hank Eberle – Present
Council President Bob Berger – Present

Approval of Previous Minutes

Motion: to approve the minutes for the Council Regular Meeting held August 15, 2017. Motion to accept the previous minutes made by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Broadhurst . With no other questions or comments from Council, motion passed.

Mayor's Report (Honorable Hank Eberle)

Discussed and congratulated the Recreation Board and all those involved with the Victorian Fair held on September 9, 2017. The weather was the best it has been in years, and the event was a major success

Mayor Eberle spoke about the Headstrong Event and 5k run held on September 17, 2017. The Headstrong organization exists to help those families stay with loved ones who are experiencing illness from cancer of the blood.

The Mayor also commended volunteers who were working to improve the Pump House. He was on site to watch youth football this past weekend. He also praised the Ridley Park Athletic Association as a major asset to the community, with over 900 youth being served. Mayor Eberle presented a short synopsis of the history of the pump house from its early beginnings. The area was first known as Flat Iron Park and the redevelopment plans first drafted by Barbara Smith.

The Mayor attended the "Vest a Cop" event held on September 18, 2017 and hosted by the Taylor Community Foundation. The event helps to raise money for the purchase of vests for local police departments. Over \$115,000.00 dollars has been raised and benefits 28 local police departments and has purchased over 48 vests.

The Mayor reminded everyone of the St. James carnival being held September 20-23, 2017.

The borough's Fall Fest will take on Sunday, October 8, 2017 and sponsored by Main Street of Ridley Park. The event draws over 6,000 people.

Mayor Eberle made mention of the 10-year anniversary of construction of the borough's police station. The borough purchased the land from the county, and leases the parcel from the county in Catania Park for \$10.00 a year for 99 years.

Motion to accept the Mayor's report by Mr. Brennan, second by Mr. Broadhurst

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Mike Gale)

Planning Commission – Met on August 23, 2017 to discuss plans for 123 Rosemont St. The applicant wishes to subdivide into two lots with demolition of the garage and house. The Planning Commission is making recommendation to Council to approve the plans. Two questions arose regarding the development including the size of the Bilco door and the driveway size. Both issues have been addressed and Planning Commission was satisfied with the resolution. The next Planning Commission meeting is September 27, 2017 in which the members will be reviewing final plans for 611 N. Swarthmore.

Zoning Hearing Board met on September 14, 2017 to hear an appeal to grant a special exception for front yard parking for 611 N. Swarthmore. The Zoning Hearing Board approved the special exception.

Code Enforcement –See attached report. 92 Site Inspections completed, 21 Rental Inspections

206 N. Swarthmore was cleaned up and garage was rebuilt. Councilor Gale made mention of unsuspecting homeowners needing to be careful from scrupulous driveway contractors.

Councilor Brennan questioned the variances required for 611 N. Swarthmore. A zoning variance was required to allow for front yard parking; in addition a PennDot Highway Occupancy Permit will be required.

Motion to accept Planning and Zoning by Mr. Brennan and second by Mr. Broadhurst

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Public Safety (Councilor Jim Glenn) Absent

Police: Chief Frazier presented his report (See attached monthly report.) In addition, Chief Frazier mentioned: Full time employment of Part Time Officer Vincent Pinto. Officer Pinto has been able to gain full time employment with the Philadelphia Police Department. Chief Frazier spoke very highly of Officer Pinto and how he is very proud of Officer Pinto and that he did an outstanding job as a part time officer. He informed Council that the department is ready for Fall Fest on October 8th, Homecoming on October 20th, and that he and the Mayor will be holding a Drug Awareness program on October 24th at the Middle School. The educational seminar will feature a speaker who will address the issue of what to look for in a teenager. The police department responded to 332 calls for August, 7 Criminal Complaints, 101 Citations, 215 Traffic Citations. The Chief also made mention of the overnight parking ordinance. Very difficult to

enforce outside of the mandated 2 AM to 6 AM. Hours. The department trying to be proactive in getting the word out by posting on police web site.

Fire: Fire Chief Mike Echkenroad- read aloud his report (See Attached) 25 Calls for August, Deputy Fire Chief Brian Gilmore spoke in regards to Fire Prevention Week which begins in October and will take place between October 8-14. This year's theme is "Every Second Counts – Two Ways Out" The Fire Department will hold an Open House on October 15th from 1-3:30pm. Underwriters Laboratory conducting many tests on fire prevention safety. Latest study shows closing bedroom door at night may help in saving lives. "Close before you dose". On average, an individual will have 3 minutes to escape a burning structure.

Councilor Brennan questioned the parking of commercial vehicles on the street. Chief Frazier was able to address his concerns.

Councilor Dileccio had questions relating the continuing sale of gift cards and the paint night which took place. Fire Chief Echkenroad stated that future Ladies Auxillary events are being planned.

Motion to accept Public Safety by Mr. Gale and second by Mr. Broadhurst

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Communications (Councilor Jared Brennan):

Councilor Brennan reported that the television playback system is currently malfunctioning. The juniper router was removed because of potential viruses which resulted from the token virus which affected the borough in March of this year. He noted that a new system may be costly and will operate through the computer via a MPEG format. He will contact a local company to get a "scope on what we need." Council meetings are still being taped, but playback is still an issue.

Arnstormers: George Orwell's 1984 to be held this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (9/21, 9/22, 9/23)

Christmas Carol to be held in December with specific dates to be announced later. Zumba which is being held on Saturday mornings is proving to be very successful.

Seniors Group will meet on 10/28 at 9:00 AM with representatives from Aspire to hold program on income planning for medicare.

Motion to accept Communication by Mr. Broadhurst, second by Mr. Gale. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Recreation Report (Councilor Snow) (Absent) (Manager Tobias read aloud report)

Recreation Board: Councilor Snow wished to thank all those who made the Victorian Fair such a success.

Trash and Recycling: Correspondence sent to current hauler advising them of how dissatisfied the borough is with the level of service. Letter advised hauler that monetary penalties will begin to be enforced should the unsatisfactory level of service continue.

Motion to accept Recreation by Mr. Gale and second by Ms. Dalessio
With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

Parks and Property (Councilor Michelle Endriss—Dalessio)

Highway Department –Continues to cut grass. Councilor Brennan questioned the status of a search for a full- time laborer in the Borough Highway Department. He was told that applications are currently being accepted.

The Business Association- Halloween Parade on October 28, 2017.

Councilor Dalessio asked that the current position in the highway department be advertised expeditiously.

The Athletic Association be holding a beef and beer to benefit cheerleading on 10/01 beginning at 4:00 PM at Creekside in Millmont.

Motion to accept Parks and Property by Mr. Gale and second by Mr. Berger.
With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

Public Relations (Councilor Dan Broadhurst)

Library Board – Report Attached

HARB – No new business; Shutters need to be repaired at Ice House. The historical board is also seeking grant monies to help fund construction of bathrooms and a kitchen at the pump house.

SORA: Councilor Broadhurst reported that approximately 70 people were in attendance for the meeting which took place on September 6, 2017. Much of the discussion is based off of the 2005 Revitalization Plan. Further information can be obtained by viewing the plan on line at RidleyParkDevelopment.com

Motion to accept Public Relations by Mr. Brennan and second By Mr. Gale

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

Councilor Brennan had some follow up questions regarding any proposed tax abatements which may be offered to make this project work. Council President Berger stated that any agreements at this point would just be a boiler plate agreement. Councilor Brennan also questioned the restoration of the shutters and hinges at the lake Pump House which would require intervention from the HARB.

Finance and Personnel (President Berger)

Main Streets – An additional Blood drive to be held on December 7, 2017 between the hours of 4:00 and 9:00 pm.

Based on the success of the first blood drive, held in August, The Red Cross has promised additional staff and beds to accommodate. Fall Fest to be held October 8, 2017 between 1:00 PM and 6:00 PM. Main entertainment stage to be housed in front of borough hall. Sponsorships have been good so far for event, but additional sponsors and volunteers are always welcome. Winter Fest to be held in December in conjunction with shop small business Saturday.

CDCA – Currently working on their preliminary budget for 2018. Crum Creek Pumping Station is also in the process of being upgraded. CDCA will also conduct their flow meter loan program again. This will allow local municipalities to monitor and record flows in the sewer lines. Early detection of leaks in the lines can save municipalities much money.

Street Improvement: Work to begin in late September or early October

Part Time Police Officer: Further discussion needs to take place at the Council Workshop on 10/3 regarding resolution for part time/full time officer.

Budget: 1,465,179.72 General Fund; 330,808.32 Capital Reserve; 192,000 Liquid Fuels

Motion to accept Finance and Personnel by Mr. Brennan and second By Mr. Broadhurst

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

Councilor Broadhurst questioned about the street improvements work and how it might affect school operations. The work will be done in cooperation with the school to cause minimal impact.

Administrative Reports

Solicitor – No report

Engineer – Engineer Catania reported on progress related to the MS 4 permit. The final permit was submitted to the state on September 15, 2017. Engineer Catania reported that the final Pollution Reduction plan has been submitted,

with substantially lower cost numbers than previously reported. Final costs for the borough to reduce sedimentation is \$200,000.00 dollars over 5 years. Engineer Catania also reported on the sinkhole at 317 Burk Ave. The sinkhole was caused by the borough's sewer lines, and thus the borough will be responsible for the payment to rectify the sinkhole. Motion to accept Engineer's report by Mr. Broadhurst and second By Ms. Dalessio

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

Manager: Reported for correspondence received from 700 Haverford in relation to a request to waive sewer and trash fees. Any action was table until the October workshop meeting.

Payment request in the amount of \$2,500.00 received from the Recreation Board.

Correspondence from the Delaware County Planning Commission on funding possibilities for construction of crosswalk at Taylor Hospital. Manager instructed to follow up and research funding possibilities.

Manager instructed to draft preliminary Fire Escrow Ordinance, and policy for the use of borough police services for review at October workshop. A brief discussion took place about the proposed electronic sign to be installed on Sellers Ave. after construction of new bridge has taken place. The state will help fund ½ of the install and construction cost up to \$15,000.00 dollars. At this time, PennDot is looking for direction from the borough. Any action tabled until October workshop.

Also reported on the Ridley Park School District Homecoming activities,

Councilor Brennan addressed the ongoing issues with the current waste hauler. He mentioned the fact that there is a list of complaints written on a list located at the front desk in the office. He questioned whether the contract could be terminated at this time. Solicitor Angelos reminded members of council that the hauler has been put on notice recently by written correspondence regarding stipulated monetary fines which could be implemented. Council President Berger informed the residents in attendance, and the rest of council that the current contract is set to expire at the end of 2017 and the option for 2018 was not exercised. He informed those in attendance that a new contract is currently out for bid.

Motion to accept Manager's report by Mr. Brennan and second By Mr. Broadhurst

Public Comment

Sandy Hess – 317 Burk Ave.: Presented comments in regards to the sinkhole at 319 Burk Ave. Engineer Catania addressed her concerns by stating that since the sinkhole was caused by the sewer pipes, the borough is responsible and it is classified as an emergency repair. She also voiced concerns about the construction at 307 W. Hinkley and the size of the home and lot. Councilor Gale stated that the Zoning Hearing Board would only allow construction that met zoning code. Finally, she had concerns about the mosquito spraying in the borough. She advised that next year during the spraying, perhaps the borough crew could drive a bit slower to maximize the spraying effect.

Mike Dougherty – 315 Burk Ave. Expressed concerns regarding Board of Health issues. Council President Berger stated that the county does not have their own Board of Health, and as such, the borough has their own. Mr. Dougherty also was concerned regarding solicitation in the borough. Council President Berger informed Mr. Dougherty that hours of solicitation now are 10-7pm. Mr. Dougherty was concerned about unsuspecting home owners being solicited by contractors. He used one example of how he was sitting on porch, when solicitors questioned about his roof.

Councilor Dileccio also made mention that the borough does have require solicitation permits.

Action Items

***Motion:** to terminate employee #5278. The motion was made by Council President Berger and second by Mr. Brennan
With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

***Motion:** to approve final development plans for 123 Rosemont St as presented. The motion was made by Mr. Gale, and second by Mr. Brenan. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed.

***Motion:** to approve the accounts payable from August 2017 in the amount of \$133,539.71. The motion was made by President Berger and second by Mr. Brenan. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously

***Motion:** to approve the payment of \$29,500 for the purchase of a 2017 Dodge Durango Police Vehicle. Motion was made by President Berger, and second by Mr. Broadhurst With no other questions from Council, the motion passed.

***Motion:** to approve placement of order for 2018 Ford Explorer Police Vehicle. Motion was made by Council President Berger, second by Ms. Dileccio. With no other questions from Council, the motion passed.

Old Business None

New Business

Councilor Gale informed other members of Council that a Volunteer effort was being coordinated to clean up a tree at the lake. The tree has substantial undergrowth and is an eyesore. The cleanup will take place on October 7, 2017 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Manager was instructed to direct the Highway Crew to clean up miscellaneous overgrowth and weeds at the lake. It was suggested that the Little Crum Creek Conservancy be contacted as to the proper methods to rid vegetation around the lake. It was also noted about the large amount of yard waste being accumulated at the Highway Maintenance Shed.

Councilor Broadhurst made mention of his possession of a flatbed truck for the Homecoming event.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Brenan second by Mr. Broadhurst.

With no other questions from Council, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin R. Tobias
Borough Manager