



Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Meeting
May 16, 2018

Welcome 6:59

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Approval of minutes from: April 3rd, 2018, May 1st, 2018

Motioned: Michele Endriss-Dalessio

Seconded: Susan McAtee

Vote: 6-0

Swearing in of:

Jim Walls- Telecommunication- Sworn in by Mayor Eberle (Copy attached)

Paul Coleman- H.A.R.B.- Sworn in by Mayor Eberle (Copy attached)

Council President, Jim Glenn, made comment that groups and volunteers like this keep communities running and thanked both for their service on their respective boards.

Mayor's Report-

Read a letter sent to our Police Dept. thanking them for aiding in responding to an incident on April 24th Chester City. Mayor Eberle thanked the Police Dept. and Chief Frazier for the work that they did on that day.

Another letter to the Police Dept. a letter of resignation letter from Meter Reader Bill Coats

Mayor wanted to thank Bill Coats for his service to the community over the years.

Made announcement for Memorial Day Program. Introduced the Speaker Col. Flynn and excited to have him at our Memorial Day on May 28th

Provided some information about:

East Ridley Ave Creswell birthplace of John Morton and the farmhouse that once stood on the property.

Sellers Ave: John and William Sellers who were native of Ridley Park and the work that they have contributed to the nation

Motion William Kaelin

Second: Mike Gale

Vote: 6-0

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan McAtee)

- Planning Commission
 - o Planning Commission met on April 25th there was no quorum present, but a resident presented plans for a project. 511-515 Chester Pike.
- Zoning Hearing Board:
 - o Next meeting on May 17th in council chambers to discuss 511-515 Project for Churches auto.
- Code Enforcement: (Report Attached)
 - o Susan McAtee wanted to reiterate code enforcement is there to protect owner and the work that they do in the community
- Recreation Board:
 - o Met on May 10th.
 - o Wanted to mention the success of the Community Yard Sale. 60-70 houses participated this year.
- Rec Board:
 - o is going to be awarding scholarships of 250 dollars over the next few weeks
- June 18 July 12?
 - o Town fair on Sept 8th contact Carol Dunn if you wish to participate
 - o Working on the walking path around the lake. Needs some basic clean up. TCF donated a grant for this project and still waiting for the signs on the path hope to open early June.

Motioned: Michele Endriss-Dalessio

Second: Mike Gale

Vote: 6-0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report:
 - Chief Frazier attended a school about traffic signals and all that goes behind installing a stop signs/traffic signals. Info is on file in the Police Dept.
 - Three officers made a huge impact on a problem property and that these residents will be moving out of the Borough
 - Officers worked together along with community support to help solve a recent theft from 7/11
 - Officers Powel Corsi and Burns will be honored with an award from Gallagher Insurance for exemplary service
 - Grant of \$1,780 came in for police vests. This helped cover the cost of about 4 ½ vests working on another grant for new vests for officers.
 - Chief Frazier wanted to remind residents as the weather is getting warm if there are issues at parks please contact the police dept, so they could go deal with the issue
 - Monthly Report Attached
- Fire Department Report
 - Report Attached
- Board of Health
 - Met last month to discuss some Borough Issues. Next month is the last meeting until the end of the summer.
- Emergency Management:
 - In the action response group working on finalizing plans.
 - Ridley Presbyterian will be offering an active shooter seminar. This is free and open to the public. Presented by Pennsylvania State Police

Motion: Susan McAtee

Second: William Kaelin

Vote: 6-0

Communications (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
 - Did not meet this month
- Cable TV:
 - Presented a proposal for equipment update in Council Chambers. The proposal presented at Council Workshop was a little too expensive. Will work with the Borough Manger to look for a Grant to help pay for some of the expense.
- Barnstormers
 - Reached out to Julie to set up a meeting
 - Spring show was canceled and still waiting for the upcoming performances
- Seniors Groups

- Have not heard from Shirley but they are still offering their regular services and programs for Seniors will be helping provide refreshments for Memorial Day Program.

Motion Mike Gale
Second Michele Endriss-Dalessio
Vote: 6-0

Community Affairs (Councilor Mike Gale)

- Trash and Recycling
 - End of April beginning of May there have been some issue with Yard Waste collection. Yard waste was not being collected
 - April 30th was a problem day with a new driver and grass clippings were not picked up. These issues have been discussed with J.P. Mascaro and hope that the confusion was resolved for the future.
 - Asking residents with any issues to call the Borough Hall to report any issues.
 - Read a letter form the County about the Compost Farm: (Letter Attached)
 - Reviewed the Trash Schedule and what are acceptable items (Document Attached)
 - April E-waste event collected 11,347 Lbs. of electronic waste. Program was budgeted \$5,000 bill came out to \$5,100.00
- Recycling Committee
 - Meeting on May 21st at 7pm in Borough Hall.
 - Going to work on setting up a day for placing bins for parks that were donated.
- School Board
 - School board meet and presented a preliminary budget with raise in the millage by .83. Taking the rate from 39.99 to 40.73. The next meeting will be the Mon June 11th 7pm to pass the budget.
- Business Association
 - No updates
- Planning a cleaning up on Chester Pike and I95 for a cleanup with some Volunteers Tuesday May 22nd at 6PM. Doing some weeding and mulching in this area.
 - Working with highway to provide some mulch at this location along with police protection.

Motion: Michele Endriss-Dalessio
Second: Susan McAtee
Vote: 6-0

Public Relations (Councilor Jared Brennan) (Presented by Councilor Dane Collins)

- Library Board (Report attached)
- Historical Commission
 - o No Quorum and no meeting
- H.A.R.B. Committee
 - o Dan Broadhurst should be placed on the H.A.R.B.
 - Jim Glenn was concerned if there is there an opening on the H.A.R.B. and wanted to take a look at the committee and make sure there is room to add someone else. Jim Glenn suggested we wait to hear from H.A.R.B. for space and table the vote for Dan Broadhurst until next meeting.
 - We may need a letter of resignation Will table Dan till next meeting to make sure there is space

Motion: Mike Gale

Second: Michele Endriss-Dalessio

Vote: 6-0

Finance & Personnel (Councilor Bill Kaelin)

- Finance
 - o Heard from the Auditor will try and attend for the June Meeting have NOT confirmed if he can attend
 - o General Fund Balance \$3,000,015.00
 - o Working on trying to get a Budget Actuals.
 - o CDCA doing work around the Borough any resident with concerns with the project to reach out to the Borough or Bob Berger
 - o Put out the bids for the truck repairs
 - o There will be a new tapping fee from DELCORA. There will now be a \$1,500 onetime fee for connecting to sewers.
 - o Meeting with Tax Collector to discuss concerns about collection
 - o Letter from InR about their purchase and they will be pension plan advisor we will have to notify if we are going to make any changes Rec

Motion Sue McAtee

Second: Michele Endriss-Dalessio

Vote:6/0

Parks & Properties (Council President Jim Glenn)

- Highway Department
 - o Talked to Highway that flags going up around the community.
 - o Some maintenance issues with the backhoe and working to get these addressed
 - o Hired one grass cutting person for the summer and will have a second starting after Memorial Day.

- Personnel
 - o Moving Megan from Commonwealth Code Enforcement from 3 days a week to 5 days a week in the office. This is to help with permitting process as we head into the summer months.
- Shade Tree Committee
 - o Shade did not meet this month
 - o A tree was removed from the front of the Burgundy Lounge during the week.

Motion Sue McAtee

Second Michele Endriss-Dalessio

Vote 6-0

Engineer Report: Document Attached

Solicitor Report: Not in attendance

Junior Councilor: Not in attendance

Public Comment

Cindy Hess Burk Ave: Knowing that the video was down why did we not place the budget to try and repair the equipment?

Jim Glenn is saying that there could possibly be a tax increase)

Dane Collins: Has been working on this since he has been on council. Will Kalin said talked with Dane about placing a small fix for the program

Farmers Marking June 14th will still be out front of borough hall

Trailer on Berk Ave: Is the trailer going to stay. Sue: A garage will be taking its place and a garage is going to be place. Are we going to hire a meter person and are they going to advertise in the paper?

Andy Furman 414 Pomeroy Street: Video Equipment: Had some questions about replacement of the project from Workshop. Rec: 400,000 from Taylor Hospital 197,000 of a fund balance. Did we budget \$10,000 for this project. Believes that this is a high priority to keep the residents informed with what is going on in the community. Allow residents other people to view on their own time.

Asked if the all police officers in Ridley Park have vest. Chief Frazier assured Mr. Furman that all officers have vest when they are on the street for patrol.

Mike Bonnes 411 Harrison Street

Thank they police for taking care of the community. Wanted to thank the police about an arm robbery in a building next door and wanted to say thank you for their service.

Property has some issues next door and there is suspicious activity. Issues with the Landlord and things are not being taken care of. Need to address the property. 415 Harrison St name of the prop. Sue will Check with code enforcement for the last inspection

Dorothy Milson (Did not provide address)

Talking about the issues that occurred on the property. Wanted to make council aware. Was giving more of a narrative about the issues on the property. Lot of chaos on the property and near the community. Need to control a little more in the area. Asked if there were some requirements for tenants and landlords related to safety of the communities.

Elain Scater 410 Harrison Street

Does the Borough have a policy for renters and tenants related to background checks? Wanted to see if there was a way to keep the community safer.

Wants to meet with Chief Frazier about the issues on the property and will set up a time to discuss safety concerns.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts Payable for May in the amount of \$453,348.94

Rich Tutak made a comment that there will be a PECO bill coming in shortly but did not arrive in time for this Council meeting.

Motion: William Kaelin

Second: Dane Collins

Vote: 6-0

- Motion to approve application for County "PAT" Program

Motion: Jim Glenn

Second: Michele Endriss-Dalessio

Vote: 6-0

Old Business: None

New Business

Dane Collins: Playground letter form Council or Borough Hall about a new play ground in the community. Will draft a letter and will submit to organization in support of the project

Adjourn

Motion: Michele Endriss-Dalessio

Second: Susan McAtee

Vote: 6-0

Adjourned at 8:23PM

Respectfully Submitted:

Richard Tutak Jr., Borough Manager