



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
January 18, 2022 – 7pm

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus- Present  
Councilor Michelle Endriss Dalessio- Present  
Councilor Kim Collins- Present  
Councilor Michael McGinley- Present  
Councilor Len Pinto- Present  
Council Vice President-Richard Guerra- Present  
Mayor Hank Eberle- Present  
Council President Dane Collins- Present  
Junior Councilor Colin Walls- Present

There will be a brief executive session at the end of the Council meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting December 21<sup>st</sup> 2021

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 7/0

Mayor's Report

Provided the 2022 State of the Borough

**Committee Reports**

**Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)**

- Planning Commission
  - o Did not meet. They will be meeting in January 2022 to reorganize.
- Zoning Hearing Board
  - o Did not meet

- Code Enforcement-
  - o Report Attached
- HARB
  - o Did not meet

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

**Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)**

Telecommunications Advisory Board-

- o Spoke to Jim Walls, Chairperson, about what is on the Board.

Cable TV

- o No Update

Library

- o Report attached

Historic Commission

- o Three openings on the Historic Commission

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 7/0

**Parks and Properties/ Trash and Recycling (Councilor Michael McGinley)**

Highway Department

- o Spoke on the recent storms. There were good at getting the roads cleared for the safety of all the residents.

Trash and Recycling

- o Christmas Trees will be collected on December 19th. This is recycling of the trees please try and get out to the curb.
- o We have had the same crew for the last few months. We are getting some more consistency of the collection for any misses.

Parks and Properties

- o No update at this time

Community Clean up is April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9-12 at the Ridley Park

E Waste event is going to be 9-12 Rain or Shine

Lake Clean up is March 27th at 9AM at the Ridley Park Lake

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 7/0

**Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)**

School Board

- o There is a new health and safety plan implemented in the district. They are going to encourage proper mask wearing and safety from CDC.
- o St. James has raised some money on a Pie in the Face Event.
- o Presbyterian Church will be starting the registration soon

Recreation Board

- Will be reaching out to see what the upcoming events are  
Barnstormers
- Murder Mystery will be coming up in March  
Main Streets of Ridley Park

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

**Community Organization (Councilor Dane Collins)**

Seniors

- Reached out to the group and waiting to hear on the events  
RPAC
- Softball and Baseball registrations are now open. Please visit the website for more information
- There is now Scholarship Program for RPAC. They are going to help donate two scholarships to athletes.
- Parker Pantry is still open. There is a community donation area.  
Shade Tree
- Reached out waiting to hear back

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 7/0

**Finance and Personnel (Council Richard Guerra)**

Finance-

- Report attached  
Grants
- No Update  
Personnel
- No Update

Dane Collins asked about fund from the ARAP funding if we have received the second installment. Borough Manger will follow up with M&T Bank on the matter.

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Michal McGinley

Vote 7/0

**Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)**

Police Department Report-

- Report attached
- Crossing Guards are needed in Ridley Park Borough. Please reach out to the Borough if you would like to be a crossing guard.

Michael McGinley asked if there was EMS calls included in the 2021 report. Chief Frazier believes it is an increase in all types of calls and could be related to our surrounding communities.

Fire Department Report -

- No report  
Board of Health
- Will meet next Wednesday and will be a reorganization for 2022  
Emergency Management-
- Have been in touch with the group regarding weather related incidents.

## Civil Service

Motion: Len

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

### **Junior Councilor Colin Walls**

Been in touch with students from Ridley High School to help film the Council meetings

### **Manager Report**

Spoke on current opening on Boards and Commissions. Will be sharing information with their respective Council representatives.

Received the resignation of John Mastella from Ridley Park Borough Civil Service Commission.

Borough has been working on updating the Website to provide more information for the community.

Hometown Heroes program is going to be starting again. Please visit the website for more information

### **Solicitor Report**

No Report

### **Engineer Report**

Spoke on the three action items on the agenda.

Report attached.

### **Council Business**

Len Pinto: Spoke on the Fee Schedule. Proposed addressing amending the fee schedule at future meetings.

Dane Collins: Spoke on the order and management of Council Meetings and Council Workshop; proposed adjusting to include more Workshop discussions on Borough business.

Discussed a proposal of local ordinances on obtaining a quorum and conducting Council business in the event virtual meetings are required. Specific concern on need for procedure with respect to Covid necessitating virtual meetings.

### **Public Comment**

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle: Spoke on the recent sale of the properties located on Swarthmore Ave., wanted to understand what will be happening with those addresses. Voiced concerns with Council minutes with respect to their accuracy, specifically regarding his public comments.

Inquired into adjusting minutes to correct errors., Raised concern that Council did not review the minutes for edits prior to the meeting. Asked about a Capital Project list that was discussed at one of the Council meetings and will this be made public for the residents.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street: Asked about the current balance in the bank and if that relates to the ARPA funds the Borough has received. Asked Council president if they can go back to the minutes to revise referencing comments and concerns raised by Mr. Gale. Raised concerns with the minutes not being revised and reapproved by Council. Spoke on the Sellers Avenue bridge and inquired into the status of a letter to be sent regarding same. Asked Council president when the Microphones for Borough Council Chambers will be delivered.

Eileen Sommers 51 Hinckley Ave: Asked who will be representing CDCA on Borough Council. Is the Social Media policy been reviewed for who it applies to related to

Borough Council and Borough Employees. Ridley Running Company looking for a map of the town in order to track an event they are hosting. Asked Michelle Endriss Dalessio about the abstention related to the cleaning bills on the December 2021 bill list.

Mike Farley 12 W Ward Street: Spoke on the two properties on Swarthmore Ave related to how the properties would be used. Inquired into whether either will be used as a rehab facility or something else that would be going into this location.

### **Action Items**

Motion to amend the agenda to add the accepting of John Mastella's resignation from the Ridley Park Borough Civil Service Commission.

Motion Richard Guerra

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

Motion to accept the resignation of John Mastella from the Ridley Park Borough Civil Service Commission

Motion: Richard

Second: Michelle stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

– Motion to approve Accounts payable for December 2021 in the amount of \$479,199.34

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 6/0/1 abstention from Michelle Endriss Dalessio related to Borough Hall and Police Dept. Cleaning.

– Motion to approve Resolution 2022-2: Approving County Aid Application for 2022 Road Program

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 7/0

– Motion to approve US Army Corps of Engineers Maintenance Permit extension for Ridley Park

Maintenance pending Borough Engineer Review

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

– Motion to approve Resolution 2022-3: Approval of Act 537 Plan for DELCORA

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michael McGinley

Len Pinto Spoke on the 537 Plan and the question will be submitted to the plan.

Discussion between with the 537 from Charles from the alternatives and the plan was not amended in order to change the plan. Discussion on impact of the project related to rate payers.

Vote 7/0

Motion to approve Lakeview Home and School application for June 4<sup>th</sup> for Ridley Park Lake

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Kim Collins

Vote 7/0

**Adjourn**

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Michael McGinley

Time 8:32PM

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak, Jr.

Borough Manager