



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Regular Council  
December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**Welcome**

**Roll Call**

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus- All present

Councilor Dane Collins

Councilor Richard Guerra

Councilor Michael McGinley

Council Vice-President Susan Brochet

Councilor Len Pinto

Mayor Hank Eberle

Council President Michele Endriss-Dalessio

Junior Councilor Colin Walls

Motion to approve Council Minutes for November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Dane Collins

Vote 7/0

CDBG Hearing: Applications are due January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Projects are limited to a specific area near the Border or Ridley Park and Township and Stewart Ave.

Mike Gale: Spoke on any improvements for Hetzel Park. Possibly to clean up anything in the park area. Improve Hetzel Park basketball courts. Trees need to be trimmed back for maintenance that can be done.

Andy Furman: Was this the project that we applied for Rosemont Ave footbridge. This area is right on the eligible area that would fall in the CDBG area.

Close the hearing from

Mayor's Report

Thanked the Highway Department for doing a great job this year on the leaf collection this year. Went along to thank the Administrative Staff and all of their work on working with the residents. They handle all types of calls for permits, issues, pothole, and difficult calls. Spoke on the years in 1912-1914 they published a local newspaper that was unique to Ridley Park. Shared this article with the Borough. Shared a gift that he received and provided a nice antidote from this gift. For the 24<sup>th</sup> year the mayor read the T'was the night before Christmas. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and be safe this year.

Rich Guerra Presented the 2021 Holiday Decorating Contest: The Recreation Board took this program over. There were 20 entries this year. The winner this year was 405 N Swarthmore Ave

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan Brochet)**

- Planning Commission
  - o Did not meet and they will not be meeting in December
- Zoning Hearing Board-
  - o Did not meet
- Code Enforcement-
  - o Report attached
- Main Streets of Ridley Park-
  - o Santa came to town on December 4<sup>th</sup> for all that came out who helped that day.

Mayor thanked Sue for her years of service to the Borough and Sue thanked the Borough for her years of services.

Motion: Michelle Stock Mattus

Second: Michael McGinley

Michelle Stock Mattus: Asked how many permits have been submitted over the year. Thanked Sue and the office on this difficult task.

Vote: 7/0

#### **Communications (Councilor Len Pinto)**

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-
  - o Did not meet.
  - o There are vacancies on the Telecommunication. If you are interested in joining please reach out to the Borough.
  - o Asked Junior Councilor Walls on providing services to help run the camera for the event
  - o The legal review has been done for Verizon.
- Cable TV
- Barnstormers
  - o Murder Mystery will be coming back in February
- Seniors Groups
  - o Cards and BINGO will be starting again in the New Year.

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

### **Community Affairs (Councilor Michael McGinley)**

- Trash and Recycling -
  - o There will be no interruption in service. Please reach out to the Borough.
- School Board-
- CDCA-
  - o There is some final numbers going to be shared with the Finance Committee

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Dane Collins

Vote: 7/0

### **Public Relations (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)**

Spoke on a Non Profit that she works with and all of the Ridley Park Business that have shared and donated to this organization. Thanked the Councilors that have been involved in the organization.

- Library Board-
  - o Shared the report
- Historical Commission
  - o No Report not meeting. If you are interested, please reach out to the Borough.
- H.A.R.B. Committee-
  - o No Report for HARB

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Dane Collins

Vote 7/0

### **Finance & Personnel (Councilor Dane Collins)**

- Finance-
  - o Provided the final revenue and expenses in 2021.
  - o Spoke on the ordinances for the Budget for 2022. Mills will be 5.25.
  - o Increases come from CBAs and salary increases.
  - o Trash is up significantly due to the tonnage increase by DCSWA. This is something that is out of our control.
  - o Tipping fees will be going on nearly \$20 in 2022.
  - o Sewer is 406 dollars, and 5 dollars increase.
  - o Provided his calculation and how it will impact the residents.
  - o Share a report provided by the Borough Manager on capital projects.
- Grants
- Personnel

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Sue Brochet

Vote 7/0

### **Parks & Properties (Council Richard Guerra)**

- Highway Department-
  - o Leaf Season is wrapping up for 2021. This was a strong leaf season. Please try and get them to the curb. Lot of compliments to the crew and their efficiency on collection

- We will be moving over to snow soon.
- Shade Tree Committee
- Recreation Board
  - Had their holiday gathering and thanked all that entered for this decorating contest.
  - Thanked the board for all of their hard work for all of their great events.

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Michelle Mattus

Michelle Stock Mattus: Thanked the residents for sharing feedback. If we can communicate to the residents to park off the street for plowing. Please keep this in mind when the snow is forecasted.

Vote 7/0

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

- Police Department Report-
  - Report Attached
  - Wished everyone a Merry and Safe Christmas
  - House Checks are still being all year. Please keep in mind of when the deliveries are.
- Fire Department Report
  - No report
- Board of Health
  - Discussed Covid and its importance on get the Vaccination and being safe during the holidays.
- Emergency Management-
  - Has not meet
- Civil Service
  - Has not meet

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Dane Collins

Michelle Stock Mattus for getting the handicap parking spots in the Downtown District

Vote 7/0

### **Junior Councilor Colin Walls**

Brandon Ritter had a great Eagle Scout Project at the entrance  
Elf was a huge success at the high school.

### **Manager Report**

Amtrak Question and future of the project was provided.

### **Engineer Report**

Report attached

Lake Dam report was submitted was reported

### **Solicitor Report**

**No Report**

## **Public Comment**

Mike Gale: 51 Collier Circle: What is the fee for the all applicants to Zoning hearing board. Please consider recovering all fees. Was determined by a different does this fee needed. Shared a code. And provided the cost of administrative cost.

John Federico: 700 Avondale: SCS has been a senior center. Provided some background on the project. Asked for the future of the future donation.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy St. Thanked Sue for all her work that she has done over the years and dedicated effort. It is one of the hardest positions on Council. Collins asked about the phone systems for the Borough. Workshop meeting in November discussion on what the meeting can be for the event. What can we do to reiterate the priorities? Finance Committee remains as a closed committee. The finance committee should be made a public meeting. Would be beneficial to host open meetings. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

## **Action Items**

- Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-6: Ridley Park Borough Tax Ordinance
  - Dane Collins
  - Second Len Pinto
  - Vote 7/0
- Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-7: Ridley Park Borough Trash Ordinance
  - Dane Collins
  - Second: Michal McGinley
  - Vote: 7/0
- Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-8: Ridley Park Borough Sewer Ordinance
  - Motion: Dane Collins
  - Second: Richard Guerra
  - Vote: 7/0
- Motion to approve 2022 Final Borough Budget
  - Dane Collins
  - Second: Sue Brochet
  - Vote 7/0
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- Motion to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$132,925.07
  - Motion: Dane Collins
  - Second: Len Pinto
  - Vote 6/0/1 Michelle Endriss Dalessio abstained from the Borough Hall and Police Dept. Cleaning. Form was filed with the Borough on the conflict.

## **Old Business**

No Old Business

## **New Business**

No New Business

## **Adjourn**

Motion: Len Pinto  
Second: Dane Collins  
Vote 7/0  
Time: 8:18

Respectfully Submitted  
Richard Tutak, Jr.  
Borough Manager