Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Workshop Mins
December 7th, 2021

Welcome
Roll Call
Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus- Present
Councilor Dane Collins- Present
Councilor Richard Guerra- Present
Councilor Michael McGinley- Present
Councilor Len Pinto- Present
Council Vice-President Susan Brochet- Present
Mayor Hank Eberle- Present
Council President Michele Endriss-Dalessio- Present
Junior Councilor Colin Walls- Present

Motion to approve Council Workshop Minutes for November 3rd, 2021
Motion: Sue Brochet
Second: Len Pinto
Vote: 7/0

Mayor's Report
Spoke on Peral Harbor that happened 80 Years ago. This was a tragic attack that occurred on our nations soil. Spoke on some of his memories from when he was younger and the internment camps that were on the west coast. There were other invasions that were going on at this time and was much more than the war in Europe and Japan. Mayor also read the T'was the night before Christmas. Santa Claus came to town was a huge success and thanked everyone who participated. Please be sure to submit your house for this year's decorating contest.

<u>Committee Reports</u>
Planning and Zoning (Councilor Susan Brochet)

- Planning Commission
  - Did not meet in November
- Zoning Hearing Board-
  - Did not meet
- Code Enforcement-
  - Will have normal report
- Main Streets of Ridley Park-

- Santa came to town on 12/4/2021 and was a huge success.

Communications (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-
  - Verizon agreement is outstanding. Will be following up with Borough Solicitor for more information.
- Cable TV
  - Waiting on microphones to come in for the equipment.
- Barnstormers
  - January 2022 will begin try out for new shows for the spring.
- Seniors Groups
  - No updates at this time

Community Affairs (Councilor Michael McGinley)

- Trash and Recycling -
  - Did not meet
- School Board-
  - Met last night and had their reorganization.
- CDCA-
  - Plan on meeting with the rep soon to help cut some costs on our sewer fees to CDCA.

Public Relations (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Library Board-
  - Will have the normal report
- Historical Commission
  - Still not meeting
- H.A.R.B. Committee-
  - No applications for review
  - Excited that everyone is out there decorating for the holiday season.

Finance & Personnel (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Finance-
  - Normal Report
  - TAN will be voted on this evening. Maturity date is June 30th, 2022.
- Grants
  - No Report at this time
- Personnel
  - No update at this time

Parks & Properties (Council Richard Guerra)

- Highway Department-
  - Leaf Season is beginning to wrap up soon
  - Snow season is right around the corner. Please be sure to keep areas clear
- Shade Tree Committee
  - No update
- Recreation Board
  - Leave your address for the Christmas light display.

- Lakeview and Middle School are doing a lighting contest. Maps are 5 dollars. Please visit the school for more information

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report-
  - Normal Report
- Fire Department Report
- Board of Health
  - Met last week
- Emergency Management-
  - Will be discussing snow emergency route
- Civil Service

Police Chief Robert Frazier has been elected to the President of the Delaware County Police Chief's Association.

Junior Councilor Colin Walls

There was an Eagle Scout project that was a huge success on Stewart Ave. over the weekend. Thanked everyone involved.

Manager Report

Provided update on the Sellers Avenue Bridge and the future of the project.

Public Comment

Sandi Hess 317 Burke: The leaf collection has been doing great this year. Please make sure they know how great they have done. Spoke to Chief Frazier about a parking issue over on Hinkson Avenue.

315 Burke Ave Mike Dougherty: Spoke on the concrete around this borough and its need to be replaced along with dead trees. People running stop signs and concern for safety. There are pot holes on Swarthmore Ave need to be repaired. Asked if we can get the pothole repaired by the Borough and was explained this must be done by PennDOT.

Mike Gale 51 Colloir Circle: Thanked the Eagle Scout for all of his hard work at Stewart Ave. Thanked Rich and the Borough highway dept. for cleaning up Hetzel Park. Asked what the reason the borough is looking into the fence or corner properties. Sue spoke on the process and what the reasoning is for further discussion. Door in community room needs to be addressed as there are concerns.

Andy Furman 419 Pomrey: The resident speaking on the fencing issues, are they able to put a fence up? How is this going to affect the property owner and neighbors? This zoning ordinance can be changed will this be a blanket change over the future?

Eileen Sommer 21 E Hinckley: Will there be a free parking in the downtown district? Is there discussion on the future of this zoning variance when it comes to fences and corner properties?

Council spoke on this matter about next steps, concerns and future discussions on the fence ordinance.

Nick Furman 7 E Ridley Ave: Is there a proposed amendment for this ordinance. How many houses would this impact?

Action Items
-Motion to approve Resolution 2021-11: Ridley Park Borough Tax Advance Note in the amount of $500,000 with maturity date of June 30th, 2022
Motion: Dane Collins
Second: Richard Guerra
Vote: 7/0

Old Business
Fence ordinance conversation:
Motion: To direct Borough Manager to work with Solicitor amending Fence Ordinance as it relates to corner lots.
Motion; Sue Brochet
Second: Len Pinto
Vote: 2/5 Sue and Len vote in favor motion fails 2-5.

New Business
Dane Collins Spoke on the ordinances for the tax funds. How they are going to be broken down in order to better reflect where our funds are going to be directed.
Andy Furman: asked what was the trash and sewar numbers.
Provided the ordinance for the Borough.
Spoke on the ARPA funds and the need to have a separate meeting. Will be held 6:30PM, prior to the December meeting.
Andy Furman: Spoke on the why are we having a meeting to discuss this right before the end of the year? Can we have multiple meetings for the use of these funds going forward?
Discussion from Council on future meetings but since there will be a reorganization in January the hopes is to host a preliminary meeting and to see what the next steps will be for the Borough ARPA funds.

Nick Furman: When will the decorating contest be announced?
Motion to Direct Borough Manager to schedule a ARPA public meeting for 6:30PM on December 21st prior to the Ridley Park Council Meeting.
Motion: Dane Collins
Second: Len Pinto
Vote: 7/0

Adjourn
Motion: Len Pinto
Second: Michelle Mattus
Vote 7/0
8:30PM