



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
May 18th, 2022 7:00PM

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- Absent

Presentation from Tim Sawyer, Ridley Park Borough Auditor
Attached are the Borough Audit and Audit Report

Presentation from Susan Brochet, Ridley Park Tax Collector

Shared the information related to Tax Receipts for the first quarter of 2022. Provided numbers about of about 90% of collection. 242 Payments are still outstanding but hoping to collect in the near future. The Tax Collector is here in person on Wednesday from 4-6 to answer questions or make payments. Will be here on Saturday the weekend of Memorial Day to make those collections.

Presentation from Richard Fasey, Chairperson of Ridley Park Borough Board of Health. Presented some information on the Board of Health that would be centrally run by the County of Delaware. Historically this work was done by each of the municipalities and the local board. The new county board will be working to raise fees on business and make the local board nearly obsolete. There has been very little communication from the County to the Board of Health.

There is a currently a lawsuit that is in the process and looking to see if the Board and Council can take a look into this law suit.

Mayor's Report

The summer is around the corner and is going to be very hot. Please be smart about the temperature especially the seniors.

Library had their Annual Book and Bake Sale which was well attended and a huge success. The rain did not hold back the community from attended. They have raised more money this year in 2022 than pre-pandemic numbers and was a huge success. Thanked the Friends of the Library, the staff and the highway Department for helping to get the Borough Hall set up over the weekend.

The Borough held its Annual E Waste and Paper Shredding Event. This was a great event and huge success. It was held at the Lake this year due to a scheduling the event and was thankful for all that participate. We always have great volunteers.

Memorial Day Observation will be on May 30th. This year we are going to be having the owner of the bakery, who attended the Ukraine over the last few months. This speaker is going to be speaking on his time in the Ukraine. Kyleigh Bleacher, Ray Richards, Fr. Flannagan and Dane Collins will be in attendance. This is one of the longest running events in the Borough.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Planning Commission
 - o Did not meet in April.
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - o Currently meeting about 706 Haverford Road.
 - o Report attached
- Code Enforcement-
- HARB
 - o Did meet and had several applications for reviewed. All applications were approved at the workshop meeting at the start of the month.

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Vote 7/0

Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-
 - o No update currently
 - o Cable TV there were some issues with sounds and what those issues are. Looking into what we can find the issues are.
- Cable TV
- Library
 - o Report attached
- Historic Commission

- Currently meeting at the Historic Commission

Kim Collins spoke on the Tyler Arboretum and about the free passes the Borough has for those with library cards

Motion Len Pinto

Second: Kim Collins

Vote 7/0

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

- Highway Department
 - Borough Highway is cutting the grass throughout the parks and properties.
- Trash and Recycling
 - Please let us know if there are any misses. Please contact the Borough with any concerns related to JP Mascaro.
 - E waste event and Paper event was a huge success thanked all the volunteers who came to provide assistants.
 - The location of the event was at the lake this year and was a huge success and the event Cyber Crunch and was a huge turnout.
 - June 11th will be the next hazardous household waste. This event is registration required please visit the website to register.
- Parks and Properties

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Michelle Stock Mattus

Michelle Endriss Dalessio: Thanked the helpers from Cyber Crunch and all the Volunteers from Ridley Park

Vote 7/0

Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)

- School Board
 - Recently Presented 5 Grants
 - Ridley School District will be moving to have full day Kindergarten around the district. Please keep an eye out for registration.
 - There were some grants for ukulele teaching that went to Ridley Park's own Keighley Bleacher.
 - The Middle School received a grant to help with some improved tech for home economics class and its equipment
 - Thursday and Wednesday will be the Festival of Arts at the Ridley High School. This will be a showcase of all art from around the district.
 - Still several positions our support staff for Ridley School District and St James
 - Lakeview Elementary will be having June 4th Community Day.
- Recreation Board
 - Summer Playground will be June 20th to July 21st
 - This event will be at Lakeview and you can register day off or preregistered
 - Taste at the Lake will be this weekend. This is a small gathering and looking forward to seeing this unfold on Saturday from 7-10PM.
 - Idea for the Pumphouse is resetting the donated bricks in front of the Pumphouse.
- Barnstormers
 - Lion King Jr. auditions will be May 24th to the 26th

- Seussical Jr. will be in the summer please keep an eye of for dates and times.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
 - No update currently.

Motion: Michelle Endirss Dalessio

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote: 7/0

Community Organization (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Seniors
 - Bingo is Monday Night at 7PM
 - They are planning their 40th annual Gala
- RPAC
 - Football is doing offseason workouts over the summer. This is for people who may interested in participating
 - Cheerleading registration is now open. Please visit the website for more information.
 - Baseball and Softball are in full swing.
 - July 25th will be summer football and flag football
- Shade Tree
 - Thanked John Hosbach and all of the volunteers that helped with this event.
 - Thanked Mike Gale for his help as well.

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Kim Collins

Vote 7/0

Finance and Personnel (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)

- Finance-
 - Provided the Council Report attached
- Grants
 - No Update at this time
- Personnel
 - Under action items we have a resolution to accept the retirement of Sgt. James Nasella
- CDCA
 - Quarterly payment has been made and we are all up to date.

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 7/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report-
 - Report attached
 - There are going to be doing vacation checks over the summer. If you are going to be away please let the Police Department know and they will check during the time you are aware.
 - Holcomb Behavioral Health Grant was submitted. This grant is for products that are for community policing. Looking to hear back soon.
 - Working with the Borough Manager to get some funds back for a bullet proof vest.

- The Communities Foundation Grant were able to get First Aide Kits in ever Borough car. Along with CPR Masks.
- Msgr. Bonner has a camp every year for athletes and was able to help secure grants to have people to attend. In 2022 the Borough can send four students.
- Fire Department Report
 - Report attached
 - There was a fire on Bonsall Road. Thanked Len Pinto, Michelle Endriss Dalessio and Borough Manager for their help on the incident.
- Board of Health
 - Meet and had the discussion about the County taking over the health department roll.
- Emergency Management-
- Civil Service
 - Will be meeting in the next few weeks.

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michael McGinley

Richard Guerra thanked the Police and Fire for their work on responding to the incident.

Vote 7/0

Junior Councilor Colin Walls

Manager's Report

Spoke on the update related to the ALS services along with Crozer. There will be a meeting coming in the near future to discuss future steps.

Solicitor's Report

Would like to discuss with the Borough about joining the suit related to the Health Dept. Will be receiving options that the Borough has moving forward.

Engineer's Report

Report on File

Allen Mayer's will be paving Swarthmore Ave as part of a larger project. That is going to start in late spring. This is a large project and little behind.

2022 Road Program will begin in June and PennDOT has allowed a change, as discussed at previous meetings to move Kenny off the list to add Thayer Steet.

Kim Collins: Presented a question related to the Sellers Ave bridge and where the project stands. As it appears DVRPC seems to be moving the date every year. This is a hazardous issue and needs to be resolved. What can the Borough do in order to get our concerns heard? And do we know when the this will start. DVRPC why are they pushing the let date. This is a hazardous and this issue needs to be resolved. Circumstance that they keep pushing this to the deadline.

Council had more discussion related to the issue specifically, who is monitoring the integrity of the bridge, the new weight restrictions related to emergency equipment.

Council Business

Michelle Endriss Dalessio: Grass Cutting ordinance about issuing a ticket to help compete with grass issues. We are having issues with grass cutting and how do we get on top of this.

Len Pinto: Concerned about the sight of the house with Bonsall and its outside appearance. There was a no entry order given to go into the house. Want to make sure all these properties are taken care of sighted and enforced to all properties. This could have been a serious issue if this property was out of hand. Will work with Borough Manager and Code Enforcement to try and resolve this problem.

Michael McGinley: ALS are they going to be the group that is going to respond. Can we investigate the options know that there is going to be help coming?
Wanted to Congratulate Michelle Stock Mattus for running for State Rep.

Public Comment

51 Collier Circle: Wanted to Thank Borough Manager for the help of cleaning Stewart Ave and Chester Pike. Thanked John Hosbach and his team along with the Borough Highway Dept. Thanked the Residents who came out. This is our gateway to our community and thanked all to help clean this up. There were three meetings this evening and would like to attend. Understood that there was scheduling conflict. Attended the School Board meeting and there will be full day kindergarten at there will be a slight bill increase. There is a deficit on the Borough for related to the work and is concerning. Will look to what the Council will be doing. Where is the location of the work and what the next steps will be,.

Katelin Paper 305 Tasker Ave: Fireworks at ABC Field. Wanted to voice the concern about the fireworks go off randomly during the week. Sometimes they are going off at 10PM. This is difficult for people who have young kids. There are a nuisance and there was litter left and they are set off near homes. This has been an ongoing issue.

There is conversation that was had about the fireworks on the next steps on what will be an effective ordinance for the Borough. Shared info on how to report these calls.

Tom Davis 302 E Ridley Ave: Had some safety concerns with E Ridley Ave and Thayer Street. There is many accidents and two flipped cars and several accidents. Wanted to raise the concern on the intersection on the area. Looking to reach out to the next group to help with the traffic calming.

Michelle Endriss Dalessio: Shared some info on what other steps that can be done to take on the next steps of what traffic calming can be.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street: Asked about the ending balance on the books for the month and if that includes the TAN. Asked if the TAN can be voted on since it has been voted on in the past why is it different this year? Are there other steps that the Borough Council will be taking in order to resolve the Sellers Avenue Bridge Project?

Kevin Gallagher 109 McCormick Ave: Spoke on 14 north Swarthmore Ave about what the project to get this resolved. Borough Manager to move this process along. Spoke on his realtor and the document that is being issues related to Borough. Shared the document that is being used to enforce the code. Thanked Anthony Tartaglia for curb and side walks and curb. Concerned that driveways do not need to be repaired when properties transfer. Spoke on issues that need to

be done and does not believe that a driveway should not be done under the code. Anthony Tartaglia has a staff of 5 people can not oversee the entire Borough

Jim Headley 400 Haverford Road: Thanked the Borough Council of all the hard work that the Council does. Wanted to give everyone a thank you from him and his family.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for April 2022 in the amount of \$ 573,110.37

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michael McGinley

Michelle Endriss Dalessio Abstain from the Borough Cleaning Service due to a conflict.

Vote: 7/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2022-10: Approve the retirement of Sgt. James Nasella effective May 27th, 2022.

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 7/0

-Motion to approve Tot Lot Park Permit for The Barnstormers for June 9-12

Motion: Michael McGinley

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 7/0

-Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting April 19th, 2022

Motion Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 7/0

Adjourn

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 7/0

8:51PM

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak, Jr.

Borough Manager