



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
October 18, 2022

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**(Prior to roll call, President Dane Collins stated that we are still having an issue with Telvue to broadcast the meeting.)**

**Roll Call**

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus-Absent

Councilor Michelle Endriss Dalessio-Present

Councilor Kim Collins-Present

Councilor Michael McGinley-Late

Councilor Len Pinto-Present

Council Vice President-Richard Guerra- Present

Mayor Hank Eberle- Present

Council President Dane Collins-Present

**Mayor's Report**

See attached report.

Mayor Eberle present Edward Capriotti with a 100-year-old birthday celebration. He spoke on his life.

Mayor spoke on the Fall Festival. He thanked Shellie and the rest of Main Streets of Ridley Park for putting together such a great together, its not easy to plan such a large event. No police issues with 7500 people in town. Everything worked well with having the bridge closed. It is a great family event that draws people from all over. Mayor also thanked Shellie and Dan Dalessio for putting together the car show as well.

The Fire Police did a great job assisting with traffic, especially with having the bridge out. Lastly Mayor thanked the entire highway department for cleaning up after the event was over.

Mayor thanked the Borough Manager for being on hand to assist with issues.

Mayor spoke on Fire Prevention Week; the events were well attended by all the schools in the area and the pre-k classes. Thank you to the fire department and Mike Eckenrode.

## **Committee Reports**

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

- Planning Commission-No meeting this month
- Zoning Hearing Board-No meeting this month
- Code Enforcement- See attached report
- HARB-Meets on the 27<sup>th</sup> of this month

Maker of the motion to accept committee report: M. Dalessio

Seconded by K. Collins

Question, R. Guerra asked about the orange fence that is around 244 W. Ridley Ave, there is now equipment that is on the sidewalk. L. Pinto stated he would stop by and speak with the contractors.

The concrete that was poured last week caused a traffic issue on that street.

Pass 6/0

### **Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus) Absent, Dane Collins, Council President read Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus report.**

- Telecommunications Advisory Board- No report
- Cable TV-No Report
- Library-see attached report
- Historic Commission- No Report

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

- Highway Department
- Trash and Recycling- No Meeting
- Parks and Properties-Highway did a great job with the fall festival. Leaf season is close, don't start putting them in the street yet.

Thank you to everyone for doing such a great job on the Fall Festival

Maker of the motion to accept committee report R. Guerra

Seconded by L. Pinto

- McGinley mentioned that Sellers Ave will be milled overnight this week and will be paved by 11/01. Just bear with us, this state road really needs to be paved.

Pass 6/0

### **Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)**

- School Board-Did not meet, next meeting is 11/7. 10/29 There is a fun run for the school. K. Collins thanked Chief Eckenrode for everything they did with the schools for Fire Prevention Week.
- Recreation Board-Hosted a movie night on Friday. 75-80 people showed up. It was a great turn out. On Halloween, the rec board will be handing out candy at Borough

Hall. The Christmas Light Contest is on! Call Borough Hall if you'd like to have your house added to the list. There is still an opening on the Rec Board, this closes on 12/3. E-mail Borough Manager R. Tutak if you are interested.

- Barnstormers
- Main Streets of Ridley Park- Huge thank you for everyone that ran this event.

Maker of the motion to accept committee report M. McGinley

Seconded by S. Dalessio

Dalessio mentioned that the Halloween Parade is on 10/29 at 1pm at Veterans Park.

R. Guerra mentioned that the Rec Board is doing such a great job. They have new and fresh ideas. This is great for Ridley Park and everyone in town.

Pass 6/0

### **Community Organization (Councilor Dane Collins)**

- Seniors – 45<sup>th</sup> Gala next week
- RPAC – Season ended last week; football is doing great.
- Shade Tree – Did not meet this past month.

Maker of the motion to accept committee report L. Pinto

Seconded by S. Dalessio

Pass 6/0

### **Finance and Personnel (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)**

- Finance- See attached report
- Grants- Submitted a few this month and there are more on the horizon
- Personnel- there is an action item to hire two new officers
- CDCA- We want to meet with Bob Berger, who heads CDCA for the Borough to see if we can work on water flow in town.
- ARPA- There are a few action items for this as well.

Maker of the motion to accept committee report S. Dalessio

Seconded by L. Pinto

Pass 6/0

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

- Police Department Report- See attached report
  - o Chief Frazier mentioned that the police will be out as always for Halloween. He thanked Officer Hanly for working with Main Streets on the Festival.
- Fire Department Report-See attached report

- Chief Eckenrode stated that he wants to bring more attention to what they do. A few items they have done in the past few months.
  - Block Party on Perry Street with Truck
  - Birthday Drive by for 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Edward Capirotti
  - On standby for the fall festival and EMS
- Chief stated that Brian Gilmore and Karen Donkin love this event, they take off work to make this happen.
- Board of Health- meet last month. They are still in between with Delaware County.
- Emergency Management- No meeting, but they did work with Main Streets on the Fall Festival
- Civil Service- Met last night to make a recommendation for appointments.

Shellie mentioned again how amazing the Fall Festival was. Everyone came together to make this happen.

Maker of the motion to accept committee report L. Pinto

Seconded by K. Collins

Pass 6/0

### **Manager's Report**

See attached report

Action item for third year option for J.P. Mascaro. This will have to be rebid for next year. Working with finance committee and R. Guerra on the budget. Tutak hopes to have the 2023 budget by the November workshop meeting. ARPA resolutions are added.

R. Tutak thanked Borough Secretary Danielle Staccone for submitting a Greenways Grant to acquire a piece of property on E. Rodgers Street for open space.

Tutak stated that an email was sent from PennDOT to Septa, see attached. There is also a PUC letter, see attached.

### **Solicitor's Report**

No Report

### **Engineer's Report**

See attached report

Sellers Ave paving is a different than the Swarthmore Ave

### **New Council Business**

L. Pinto mentioned that there is an opening on the zoning board. There is one letter, if anyone else is interested, please email Borough Manager if interested.

L. Pinto noted that he would like the finance committee together to see how we can combat inflation within the borough. Everything is going on

L. Pinto noted that this time next year we should do another civil service test for the retirees that are in the pike. We should also look at a new solicitor.

## **Public Comment**

Mike Gale- 51 Collier Circle

Regarding the reimbursement to the Borough, that was originally 80k, can you explain why this went up? Tutak noted that this is based on the tax rate and other streams of revenue that were lost (parking tickets, permits, room rentals etc.).

There are 4 ARPA motions for tonight, D. Collins mentioned the four projects. There is a motion to change the tax rate for property located at 10-16 Hinkley Avenue (FOLIO 37-00-00959-00) at an assessment of \$693,000 for Tax Years 2021 and 2022 and \$580,180 for Tax Year 2023 as recommended by the solicitor and the Ridley Township School District. That is owed by the School Board President, is it normal for this change between 2022-2023. Tutak noted that this came directly over from the school district from our solicitor. We aren't involved with the appeal.

The new trash extension, is there going to be an increase for trash and recycling next year? D. Collins mentioned that we don't have the numbers yet but there is most likely an increase.

The Delco Greenways grant for 111. E. Rodgers street, what is it for? Secretary Staccone explained the grant.

## **Action Items**

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for September 2022 in the amount of \$139,608.47

Maker of the motion R. Guerra

Second L. Pinto

Pass 6/0- Dalessio abstained from Cleaning Bill

-Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes September 16, 2022

Maker of the motion K. Collins

Second M. McGinley

Pass 6/0

- Motion to approve Park Permit for Friends of ABC Fields for Chili Cook-Off for November 6, 2022.

Maker of the motion D. Collins

Second M. McGinley

Pass 6/0

- Motion to approve approval Charles Currier for employment as Full-Time Police Officer for Ridley Park Borough as recommended by The Civil Service Commission pending Psychological and Physical Evaluation.

Maker of the motion S. Dalessio

Second L. Pinto

Pass 6/0

-Motion to approve Robert Kewon for employment as Part-Time Police Officer pending Psychological and Physical Evaluation

Maker of the motion S. Dalessio

Second L. Pinto

Pass 6/0

-Motion to approve 3<sup>-year</sup> option with J.P. Mascaro for Year Extension of Collection and Disposal of Residential Refuse, Bulk Trash, Yard Waste and Recyclable Materials.

Maker of the motion M. McGinley

Second S. Dalessio

Pass 6/0

-Motion to approve the settlement of the 2021 tax appeal for the property locate at 10-16 Hinkley Avenue (FOLIO 37-00-00959-00) at and assessment of \$693,000 for Tax Years 2021 and 2022 and \$580,180 for Tax Year 2023 as recommended by the solicitor and the Ridley Township School District.

Maker of the motion R. Guerra

Second K. Collins

Pass 6/0

-Motion to approve Caroline Willoughby to a one-year term as Ridley Park Junior Councilor

Maker of the motion M. McGinley

Second S. Dalessio

Pass 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2022-5: Reimbursement of lost revenue utilizing ARPA Funds in the amount of \$110,000

Maker of the motion R. Guerra

Second M. McGinley

Pass 6/0

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-6: Reimbursement of the Borough of Ridley Park for Stormwater Upgrades at Ridley Park Fire Department utilizing ARPA Funds in the amount of \$24,750

Maker of the motion R. Guerra

Second S. Dalessio

Pass 6/0

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-7: Allocate funds for Ridley Park Library Roof and Gutter repairs in the amount of \$32,000

Maker of the motion R. Guerra

Second M. McGinley

Pass 6/0

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-8: Allocate funds for Shade Tree Enhancements and Maintenance for the Borough of Ridley Park in the amount of \$10,000

Maker of the motion R. Guerra

Second S. Dalessio

Pass 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2022-9: Delaware County Greenways Grant Land Acquisition

Maker of the motion R. Guerra

Second S. Dalessio

Pass 6/0

-Motion to authorize Borough Engineer to seek bids for Little Crum Creek Bank Stabilization

Maker of the motion L. Pinto

Second S. Dalessio

L. Pinto asked if this is public information. The Engineer stated that this public, all bids are on file with the Borough and all bids will be tabulated. Written summary and bids are requested by L. Pinto

## **Adjourn**

Maker of the motion L. Pinto

Second S. Dalessio

**Respectfully submitted**

**Danielle Staccone, Borough Secretary**