



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
November 15, 2022

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

Council President noted that there will be an executive session after the meeting in regards to a contract negotiation. There is also still an issue with the TV system. Verizon is the issue and they have been in the office for hours trying to fix the issue.

Swearing in of Charles Currie as a Full-Time Police Officer

Swearing in of Robert Keown as a Part-Time Police Officer

Swearing in of Caroline Willoughby as Ridley Park Borough Junior Councilor

Mayor's Report

See attached report. Hank mentioned the Chili Cookoff that took place at ABC Field. He also gave background on Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Planning Commission- Meets tomorrow, although there is nothing on the agenda, they are hosting a meeting and greet for new members.
- Zoning Hearing Board- No Meeting

- Code Enforcement- See attached report
- HARB-See attached Code Enforcement Report

Questions?

Maker of the motion M. McGinley, seconded by M. Mattus

Passed 7/0

Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board- No report
- Cable TV- Thanked President Collins for explaining the issues at the beginning of the meeting.
- Library- see attached report 12/16 7pm K-5th Grade. Holiday Night out.
- Historic Commission- No Report

Maker of the motion L. Pinto, seconded by K. Collins

Passed 7/0

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

- Highway Department- Leaf season, we are making great progress but things are moving along. We will run this schedule to the week of Christmas.
- Trash and Recycling- No Meeting, but a reminder that if you are missed, please call Borough Hall to let us know as soon as possible.
- Parks and Properties- No Report

Maker of the motion M. Mattus, seconded by M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)

- School Board-Met last week. See attached Report
- Recreation Board-Met last week to plan events for 2023 as well as discuss the open seat on the board. The board considered several applications.
 - o Phillies Game in Firehouse Park. It was beautiful event. The Rec Board worked hard at this event. Pizza was donated.
 - o Holiday Light Competition. Call Borough Hall to register.
 - o FB Rec page is live.
- Barnstormers- Bat Boy was a wild success. The Murder Mystery is next in February. Ridley Performing Arts.
- Santa comes to Town 12/4 1:00 PM
- Main Streets of Ridley Park

Maker of the motion L. Pinto, seconded by M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

Shellie stated that Main Streets is always looking for members.

Mike stated that the Rec Board has really had some great events this year. Keep up the good work.

Community Organization (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Seniors- 40th Gala was great.
- RPAC- Finished fall football. All teams made the playoffs. Football and Cheerleading are bringing back their annual banquet.
- Shade Tree- No Report
- Business Association- Hoping to hold a meeting later this week or the week after thanksgiving.

Maker of the motion L. Pinto, seconded by M. Dalessio
Passed 7/0

Finance and Personnel (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)

- Finance- see attached report.
 - o Prelim budget is out, it is also online for viewing. Finance committee did meet to go over the budget.
- Grants- several in progress
- Personnel- executive session after the meeting
- CDCA- 4th quarter payment has been made.

Maker of the motion M. McGinley, seconded by M. Dalessio
Passed 7/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report- see attached report
 - o Chief Frazier wanted to thank Council for hiring two new police officers.
 - o With being the holiday season, please watch for packages. The police will be available for when Santa comes to town.
- Fire Department Report - see attached report
- Board of Health-Do not meet in November.
- Emergency Management- Did not meet
- Civil Service-Hiring of fulltime officer is complete.

Maker of the motion K. Collins, seconded by L. Pinto
Passed 7/0

Councilor Guerra thanked the Fire Department for the fire that took place on Crum Lynn Road.

Manager's Report

Mr. Tutak gave us three updates on the Sellers Ave Bridge. PennDot and Amtrack are still working on the paperwork. We are being told that this should be signed and bidding should take place after the new year. We aren't holding our breath that this happens. SEPTA is looking to procure the CAT lines for us.

CAD systems are in, we are waiting for those to be installed.

Solicitor's Report – No report

Engineer's Report- See attached Report

New Council Business

M. Mattus stated that there are several people hopping over the fence to get the train. Is it possible to send a letter to Amtrack and Septa about this safety issue.

Guerra stated that there are Septa and Amtrack police at the station in the AM and after school. We do have a connection with them, we can reach out to them as well.

M. McGinley stated, if we can't fix it, does it make sense to take the fence down. The fence has to be there. It can't be taller due to animals, and we can't get rid of it all together. Manager Tutak is going to reach out to Amtrack and Septa. D. Collins stated that when the fence was installed a crane was on the bridge, it was asked why it can't be open for pedestrians. It was told that those contractors assumed the risk as part of their duties.

2022 House Keeping

All tax bills, Borough and School that are unpaid for 2022 will be mailed to homeowners tomorrow.

There will be a cover letter to advise homeowners that if they find a mistake to call the tax collector.

This is to avoid any issues with next year's taxes.

Councilor Guerra stated that any committees that have dates for 2023 events, please contact Danielle Staccone as soon as possible.

K. Collins asked if there was any news from the County on the board of health. Manager Tutak and Solicitor will speak after the meeting. Manger Tutak stated that the larger municipalities have had inspections. We have not seen anyone in our town.

Public Comment

Mike Gale

51 Collier Road

Who is on the finance committee? Councilors Guerra, K. Collins and Pinto.

Does the preliminary budget have the ARPA account? Tutak stated that D. Staccone has been working with the finance company to get the accounts put together.

\$25,000 grant for fire company, are we taking advantage of this? Fire Company is aware.

Are the meetings being recorded? No, so the meeting minutes are the only record? If this is the case the minutes need to be looked into further. There seems to have been a typo in the last meeting minutes.

Andy Furman

419 Pomeroy Street

Preliminary Budget- There is no allowance for lost revenue with Taylor Hospital, with them going nonprofit. Is there no reason to look at this lost revenue? Tutak stated that they have not submitted anything about going non-profit. It will take one or two years to see the change to nonprofit.

ARPA funding, the \$110k that was lost revenue. Is this lost revenue being budgeted into next years budget? R. Tutak stated that the preliminary budget is being developed from contracts, agreements. The intent is to refund the account for lost revenue.

What is in the Capital Reserve? D. Staccone stated that there is 330K in the account. Furman wanted to know if this was budgeted until next year 2023.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for October 2022 in the amount of \$482,905.12

Maker of the motion R. Guerra, seconded by M. Mattus
M. Dalessio abstained from the Borough Cleaning Bill
Passed 7/0 (6/0 with Dalessio)

-Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes October 18, 2022

Maker of the motion K. Collins, seconded by M. Dalessio
Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Borough Manager secure COSTAR pricing for 2023 Police Car

Maker of the motion M. Dalessio, seconded by R. Guerra
Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Scott Strader to the Recreation Board
K. Collins read a letter that was submitted by the Recreation Board.

Maker of the motion K. Collins, seconded by R. Guerra
Passed 7/0

Adjourn

Maker of the motion L. Pinto, seconded by M. Dalessio
Passed 7/0

8:10pm