



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Regular Council Meeting  
December 20, 2022, 7:00 PM

**Welcome**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus-Absent

Councilor Michelle Endriss Dalessio-Present

Councilor Kim Collins-Present

Councilor Michael McGinley-Present

Councilor Len Pinto-Present

Council Vice President-Richard Guerra-absent

Mayor Hank Eberle-Present

Council President Dane Collins-Present

Junior Councilor- Caroline Willoughby -Present

**Awarding of 2022 Holiday Light Display**

1<sup>st</sup> Place 412 Harrison Street- Locher Family

2<sup>nd</sup> Place 400 Cresswell Street- Margo Family

3<sup>rd</sup> Place 400 Tasker Street- Boyce Family

**Jeff Moffo- Ridley Park Borough Historical Society**

Presented an award to families that have been in Ridley Park for 100 years. Audrey Stevens honorary membership into the historical society.

111 Russell Street 1905, grandfather bought the house in 1905. Presented a drawing of her house.

Mayor's Report- See attached report. Mayor thanked Main Streets and the Borough for all their help with the Santa comes to town event.

## **Committee Reports**

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

- Planning Commission-Did not meet.
- Zoning Hearing Board-Did not met.
- Code Enforcement- See attached report.
  - o L. Pinto announced that we have been looking at other contracts for Code Enforcement. Len thanked Commonwealth for all they have done for the Borough over the years. We are looking for more of a resource for the Borough instead of just enforcing the code.
- HARB-Meets tomorrow.

Maker of the Motion-M. McGinley  
Second M. Dalessio  
Passed 5/0

### **Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus) Absent**

- Telecommunications Advisory Board-
- Cable TV
- Library- See attached report.
- Historic Commission

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

- Highway Department- Huge thanks to all the highway guys for all their help with leaf collection. They have been on top of leaf collection.
- Trash and Recycling-We've had a rough go with them in the past few years. This year things have really turned around. We are very happy with how they served the Borough this year. We are hoping they provide the same service in 2023.
- Parks and Properties-No Report

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto  
Second M. Dalessio  
Passed 5/0

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

- School Board- there are a number of positions that are available for all schools. St. James is also looking for a 7<sup>th</sup> grade school teacher. Winter break is approaching. Please use caution during the day.
- Recreation Board- They just concluded their Christmas Light Contest. The Rec Board worked with local businesses for prizes. They are looking forward to the spring and more events.
- Barnstormers- Youth program Ridley Park Performing Arts Program is a spin off from Barnstormers. Any kids interested can reach out.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park- Santa comes to town, there were over 100 kids that attended.

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second M. McGinley

Passed 5/0

M. McGinley thanked the rec board for all the work they have done.

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

- Seniors- postponed their event to 01/12
- RPAC-They are bringing back their annual banquet. This is the first time they have done this event in 10-15 years Friday January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Springfield Country Club.
- Shade Tree

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

- Finance- See attached financial report.
- Grants-
- Personnel
- CDCA

Combined with the Community Organizations

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second K. Collins

Passed 5/0

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

- Police Department Report- See attached report.
- Fire Department Report-See attached report
  - o We are one of the only towns in Delaware County that has Santa drive around on Christmas Eve.
  - o M. Dalessio thanked both the Police and Fire Department for all their help with the Santa comes to town event.
- Board of Health- Did meet on 12/15 this was their last meeting of the year. They discussed the County take over.
- Emergency Management- No Meeting
- Civil Service- No more meetings this year.

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second M. McGinley

Passed 5/0

### **Manager's Report**

See attached report. We have received several messages that the TV is not working. Everything on our end is working, we will reach back out to the Cable companies. There is a motion item for a \$500,000 TAN notice. This is yearly and is based on our tax income.

### **Solicitor's Report-No Report**

**Engineer's Report-** See attached report.

**Caroline Willoughby Borough Junior Councilor-** Ridley Highschool entered a radio contest and won second place B103, \$2000 was donated to the choir. There has been a lot of talk about SAT prep, Caroline

### **Council Business**

M. Dalessio Pre-emption lights on Sellers Ave, are they down Dupont and are they functioning. McGinley stated that the one of Dupont is working. Tutak stated he would reach out to make sure they are all working.

Dupont and Free Street, a child was hit by a car. School Safety, we have talked about this, there was an incident where a student was struck by a vehicle. We need more involvement with the school district and board to help with this. We could possibly stagger the dismissal times to assist with this. Dalessio suggested we write a letter or go to a meeting to help solve this problem. McGinley stated he wasn't sure if there was anything we could do with our streets and the location of the schools. Dalessio stated that this is an issue with our society and not what they are doing. Hopefully we can adjust the times to help with congestion. K. Collins asked if the schools get out at the same time? Dalessio stated that they times are 2:50 and 3:05. There needs to be another ten minutes in between so there isn't so much traffic in that area. McGinley stated we need to reach out, Dalessio said she has reached out. McGinley stated it was a big ask to have the schools change their times. Dalessio stated maybe we can get the school district to be a little more visuals around that area. L. Pinto stated that one kid hit by a car is one to many. Tutak stated that we will draft a letter from Council and the police chief to the school about this safety concern. Frazier stated that there are so many things we can do through grants and PENNDOT. Tutak stated that this was the reason we used the Safety Route to Schools. Dalessio stated that we need to work together with them to try to remedy this issue.

### **Public Comment**

Katy Wolverton 411 N. Swarthmore Ave-

Her son was the one hit by the car on Free Street. Wolverton stated that he is very shaken up and she wanted to know what the plan is for safety in that area.

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle

Are their funds in the budget for the e-waste event next year? Yes

Is Cyber Crunch doing this? Yes

Does the Borough have to pay the attorney fees in association with Park Ave Settlement

Last meeting, I asked about the ARPA budget. Are they being included in the final budget?

Tutak stated that this is not in final budget. When we spend the funds we allocate these funds to ourselves. This is not in the budget.

Last meeting, I asked about the cleaning bill for accounts payable. The solicitor stated that we are in the process of asking other Boroughs how they handle this.

CDBG meeting on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, would the Rosemont Footbridge be eligible? Catania stated that this is one we are looking at.

**518 Stiles Ave- Andrew Neide**

Is the 420 bridge closure open? Yes, it opened tonight. There was a recent inspection on that bridge, and it needed repaired. He suggested a light timer for the light on Stewart Ave and Chester pike to help when that bridge comes out.

**Action Items**

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for November 2022 in the amount of \$ 128,692.62

M. Dalessio abstained from the Cleaning Bill

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second K. Collins

Passed 5/0 – Minus M. Dalessio for Cleaning Bill

-Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes November 15, 2022

Maker of the Motion K. Collins

Second M Dalessio

Passed 5/0

-Motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10- Fixing the Borough Tax Rate at 5.45 mils for 2023

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second K. Collins

Passed 5/0

-Motion to approve Ordinance 2022-11- Fixing the Borough Sewer Fee to \$440 Per Living Unit

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second K. Collins

Passed 5/0

-Moton to approve Ordinance 2022-12- Fixing the Borough Trash Fee to \$390 Per Living Unit

Maker of the Motion M. McGinley

Second L. Pinto

Passed 5/0

-Motion to approve Final Budget 2023

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second K. Collins

Passed 5/0

-Motion to approve Tax Advance Note for \$500,000 with M&T Bank for 2023 Resolution 2022-13

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second K. Collins

Passed 5/0

-Motion to settle CV-2022-7757 for 206 Park Street by granting rafter approval for subject to the solicitor review

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 5/0

-Motion to approve escrow release for 204 Russell St pending engineer and solicitor review

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second M. McGinley

Passed 5/0

-Motion to approve JMC Contractors for bank stabilization for Glen Loch in the amount of \$94,950

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second M. McGinley

Passed 5/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2022-14 for Pennsylvania Small Water and Sewer Grant Application

Maker of the Motion McGinley

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 5/0

Mayor Eberle read ‘Twas The Night Before Christmas’

### **Adjourn**

Maker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 5/0