



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
August 15, 2023

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 Caroline Willoughby-Present

Presentation of Award to Mayor Hank Eberle

Mayor's Report- SUSPENDED! At the end of this month, Mayor Hank will be 90 years old.

Dane Collins read a letter from a Borough Resident.

Manager Tutak presented Mayor Hank with an award from PSAB for 25 years.

State Representative Dave Dellosso presented Mayor Hank with a citation from the State House.

We all sang Happy Birthday to Mayor Hank.

Mayor Hank said he did everything not to be Mayor. He was on the Board of Taylor Foundation. The Mayor at that time was stepping down and he approached Hank. He didn't want it, he went back home and asked his kids. Two said yes and one said no, he ran his campaign the way he wanted and it stuck, 25 years later.

Ridley Park Fire Department annual Event was great, thank you to all the volunteers.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Planning Commission
 - o Did not meet
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - o Did not meet
- Code Enforcement
 - o See attached report from Linn Ach.
- HARB
 - o Several motions for tonight.

Marker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second M. Mattus

Passed 7/0

Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
 - o No Report
- Cable TV
 - o No Report
- Library
 - o See attached report.
- Historic Commission

Marker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second K. Collins

Passed 7/0

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

- Highway Department
- Trash and Recycling
 - o As we stated in workshop, we are not going to speak on the details of today's event. We want to send all condolences to the family and the JP Mascaro Family. We are all broken hearted over this incident.
 - o Please be patient with us/them this week. We will update as we can.
- Parks and Properties

Marker of the Motion L. Pinto

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

Comment M. Mattus- this is small town and close community. When she went to the scene today, every part of the Borough was there to help. Thank you to the Borough Manager for handling the situation.

Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)

- School Board
 - o Starts at the end of the month, 29th, the high school staggers after that. Just a reminder to residents that there will be increased traffic with parents and students.
- Recreation Board & The Library
 - o The movie night was moved inside half way through. They watch the SandLot.
 - o Huge shout out to Katie Wolverton, her dedication has not gone unnoticed. The resident next door donates their yard for this event, another great thing about Ridley Park
 - o Saturday 9th is the Victorian Fair, there is a cocktail hour the night before, keep eyes out
- Barnstormers
 - o Wedding Singer in the Fall
- Ridley Performing Arts
 - o Just concluded SpongeBob, they plan to do The Wonderful Wizard of Oz this fall.
- Main Streets of Ridley Park
 - o Pints in the Park very well attended although it was very hot.
 - o 10/8 is the Fall Festival, the hours have been changed to 12-5pm
 - o Applications are available online and in the Borough Hall.

Marker of the Motion M. McGinley

Second M. Mattus

Passed 7/0

Community Organization (Councilor Dane Collins)

- Seniors
 - o No Report
- RPAC
 - o B. Berger spoke about the RPAC, they are in the thick of Football and Cheerleading. They are all over town. They had a scrimmage with Rose Tree today. They currently have 160 cheerleaders and 180 football players.
- Shade Tree
- RPBA
 - o PJ Dolans spoke about their meeting. Tutak spoke with them about the parking changes in the district. Shellie stopped by about Fall Fest updates. There is a clock town Kickback dates 8/26-27. If you show up to participating businesses, they will kick back funds for the Clock.
 - o Rosemary recently got lots of press for their Chef being on Chop.

Marker of the Motion K. Collins

Second M. McGinley

Passed 7/0

Mayor stated that Bob Berger use to be one of his Presidents, for 10 years.

Finance and Personnel (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)

- Finance

- See attached report.
- Grants
 - No Report
- Personnel
 - No Report
- CDCA- B. Berger, August is an off month.
 - No Report
- ARPA
 - Motion to move forward with fire alarm system for all buildings. After this we will have an updated balance. We can relook at the list and decide what we want to move forward with.

Marker of the Motion L. Pinto
 Second M. Dalessio
 Passed 7/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report- Chief Frazier said he has been here for Mayor’s entire career. He is more than a Mayor, he talks about life. He is known all over the county and state. He has taught him how to talk, how to listen. He is much like a father figure.
- Today’s incident, the officers did an amazing job today, Officer Hanly, Corsi, Det. Morris all did an amazing job. He shared his condolences to the family.
 - See attached report.
 - The Department is meeting with the schools next week as they come back after summer break.
- Fire Department Report
 - See attached report.
- Board of Health
 - No meeting.
- Emergency Management
 - Hazardous Mitigation
- Civil Service
 - Met twice about recertifying the list for another year.

Marker of the Motion K. Collins
 Second M. McGinley
 Passed 7/0

Manager’s Report

- There is a resolution on the agenda for approval of Delaware County Hazardous Mitigation Plan. The reason for this resolution is to allow the Borough to be put in the County HMP and will allow the Borough to seek funding via PEMA and FEMA if we meet all requirements in the plan.
- Ordinance for Parking and Portnoff Associates is on the Agenda for approval this

evening.

- 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Uniformed and Non- Uniformed Pension are on the agenda for approval. The number is larger than the last few years. There are several more retirees and market adjustments that have created a larger number for 2024. Uniform Officers \$648,798; Non-Uniform \$15,246. We also receive state funds for this.
- 2023-2024 Salt Bid is on the agenda for \$73.73 from Eastern Salt Company, Inc. This is a bid that is made with several other municipalities to receive better funding.

See attached report.

Solicitor's Report

No report.

Engineer's Report

See attached report.

Hetzel Park Improvements, slower than we expected. Buckeye Pipeline fee for use of their property, the fee was wrapped into the grant.

There is no change in the schedule for the Sellers Ave Bridge.

Caroline Willoughby Borough Junior Councilor

Council President Dane Collins presented Caroline with a citation.

Caroline said she appreciates and thanked everyone for everything she learned. She plans to go into politics.

Council Business

M. Dalessio- Chester Pike Meeting

She attend the Chester Pike Corridor (5 Boroughs up and down Chester Pike) meeting, they presented a plan for what residents would like to see. They wanted to see bike lanes, better signage etc. The section in RP, they proposed that some of the intersections adding a meter/light that would give a red light to cross Chester Pike. They look at decreasing the lanes and adding a bike lane, adding medians. Dalessio wants the group to come present their ideas to council. The meeting did give her the idea of the pedestrian light near the schools.

Historical Society is looking for anyone or anything that is from Ridley Park High School, so they can be displayed. They are just looking to borrow this stuff.

K. Collins- Tribute to Mayor

In the Pennsylvania Commonwealth, in the County of Delaware,
Sits a quaint little Borough, most perfect and rare.

This corner of the world hosts a jewel among pebbles-it is home to everyday heroes and historical rebels.

One such fellow, John Morton, was born here, circa 1724, way back in the day when Chester Pike was called (and should be again) Queen's Highway.

Fast forward a century and change- and Issack Hinckley set to it, to buy up the land and run railroads right through it.

Sharon Hill was his goal, but they rejected his offers.
So he gave the Township a chance to reach into his coffers.

Ridley Park is the upshot, the ideal place to be,
But Sharon Hill had a surprise, circa 1933....

That is, 90 years ago, August 1933, a tiny beanstalk sprouted, from the Eberle tree.

Young Henry, busy bee, social butterfly.
He nary let any chance of involvement pass by.
There was sports-football- interceptions-

Aha, thought the boy, I'll try my hand at elections.
And so in his school years, the Sharon Hill resident, rallied to become his senior class president.

A landslide victory, he won by a mile- from his towering frame, could be seen a wry smile.

His college of choice: F&M- off to a rocky start- when the school sent a letter that broke his mom's heart.

He won't make it Mrs. Eberle not with a ball or a book, he should learn a trade- does he know how to cook?

But by the end of his tenure, he showed them all; graduated- then answered Uncle Sam's call.

One day, he met his beautiful bride, graceful and tall and she decided on him, she could wear high heels after all!

The next best decision, after making Ursula his wife, was to make Ridley Park their home for the rest of his life.

They welcomed their little ones who loved their dear fadder- but he continued his work as international globe trodder.

He's known best as loquacious :when you see him about walking, it's best to go the other way, if you aren't up for talking.

He has worn many hats over his 90 years, through laughter and happy times to trials and tears.

Of course, he wears the top hat best- for 27 years, "Mayoring "without rest.

When it comes to elections, it's been said (by him) that he cant help but winning- the subtle smile of youth now ear-to-ear grinning.

Luckiest are we in 19078, to have as a fixture a presence so great.

Happy 90 to you and to you we thank you for your continuing role as our dear Mayor Hank.

Public Comment

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle

Happy Birthday Mr. Mayor, thank you for your service to the Borough. You are the best ambassador for the Borough.

Audit, they are coming in to do final field work within the next two weeks.

Keystone Fire- Does this quote include all five buildings? Yes

Can council pass/publish the ordinance for Portnoff and the parking funds? Tutak stated yes.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for July 2023 in the amount of \$614,757.93

Maker R. Guerra

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve separate line item of Accounts Payable for Borough Cleaning Service
Accounts Payable in the amount of \$800

Maker R. Guerra

Second M. Mattus

Passed 6/0 – Dalessio abstained

-Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes July 18, 2023

Maker K. Collins

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Park Permit for Ridley Lake for Spinsanity and Ridley High School Cheer
for September 23, 2023

Maker R. Guerra

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-4- Portnoff Law Associates Updated Fee Schedule

Maker R. Guerra

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

Motion to approve Ordinance 2023-5- Ridley Park Borough Parking Ordinance and Fee Schedule

Maker R. Guerra

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for 2023-23: 13 W Hinckley Ave- Windows

Maker L. Pinto

Second K. Collins

Passed 7/0

- Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for 2023- 24- 103 W Ridley Ave- Deck Removal

Maker L. Pinto

Second M. Mattus

Passed 7/0

- Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for 2023-25- 312 Morton Ave- Roof and Gutters

Maker L. Pinto

Second M. Mattus

Passed 7/0

- Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for 2023-26- 412 N Swarthmore Ave- Windows

Maker L. Pinto

Second M. Mattus

Passed 7/0

- Motion to approve Mike Brochet to Ridley Park Borough Zoning Hearing Board with a term set to expire December 31, 2025

Maker L. Pinto

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

- Motion to approve Cliff Kellet to Ridley Park Borough Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate with a term set to expire December 31, 2025

Maker L. Pinto

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Eastern Salt Company, Inc. for 2023-2024 Salt Contract at \$73.73 per ton Delivered.

Maker M. McGinley

Second K. Collins

Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve recertification of the Civil Service List as submitted by Ridley Park Borough Civil Service Commission until September 2024

Motion to postpone- M. Mattus

Second L. Pinto

Questions, R. Guerra, we are postponing this for more guidance for a future date.

Roll Call vote

Mattus-Yes

Dalessio-Nay

K. Collins- Yay

McGinley-Nay

Pinto- Yay

Guerra- Yay

Collins-Yay

Pinto suggested to look into an executive session, if allowed.

Tutak stated this is not a personal matter as they are not hired yet.

-Motion to approve Resolution 2023-12- Ridley Park Borough Approve of the Delaware County Hazardous Mitigation Plan

Maker M. Dalessio

Second K. Collins

Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Borough Manager to advertise Trash Bid Specification for 2023

Motion to postpone-M. Mattus

Second M. Dalessio

Comments, just postponing in light of todays incident.

-Motion to approve 2024 MMO for Uniformed Pension for \$648,798

Maker R. Guerra

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

- Motion to approve 2024 MMO for Non-Uniformed Pension for \$15,246

Maker R. Guerra

Second M. Dalessio

Passed 7/0

-Motion to approve Keystone Fire System for Ridley Park Borough Resolution 2023-13
Maker R. Guerra
Second L. Pinto
Passed 7/0

Adjourn

Maker L. Pinto
Second M. Mattus00...
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Passed 7/0