



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
September 19, 2023

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus- Absent
Councilor Michelle Endriss Dalessio- Present
Councilor Kim Collins- Absent
Councilor Michael McGinley- Present
Councilor Len Pinto- Present
Council Vice President-Richard Guerra- Present
Mayor Hank Eberle- Present
Council President Dane Collins- Present

Mayor's Report

Ridley Park Athletic Club had its Ridley High School Day over the weekend. There were seven games and was a great day for all that participated. Thanked, Bob Berger for all of the hard work on this great day for the kids.

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Homecoming will be coming up in the coming month. More information to come.

The Ridley Park Recreation Board held an event on Friday night before the Victorian Fair which was well attended. Thank you to all of the members of the Recreation Board for another great event.

Friends of ABC Field will be having the 6th annual chili cook off on October 7th. Please stop by this is a great event and some of the best chili around.

Shared some information on the Sellers Avenue Bridge. There is work now happening over at the bridge. This work is directly related to the Pedestrian Bridge which will be over the Sellers Avenue Bridge. Thanked the residents for their outcry and attendance at the public meeting with PennDOT, which added pressure to get the bridge progressed to this point.

Borough Manger provided an update on the Sellers Avenue Bridge:a pedestrian bridge will be open over the Sellers Avenue Bridge, but it will not be built directly on top of the current bridge.

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Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto)

- Planning Commission
 - o Planning will meet next Wednesday.
- Zoning Hearing Board
 - o There is a hearing on September 21, 2023, for a Zoning Application for 8 Morton Ave requesting a lot line change.
- Code Enforcement-
 - o Report Attached from Linn Architects
- HARB
 - o There is a motion for 100 N Swarthmore Ave for Window Replacement.

Motion Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second Michael McGinley

Vote 5/0

Communications (Councilor Michelle Stock Mattus) (Absent)

- Telecommunications Advisory Board
- Cable TV
- Library
- Historic Commission

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

- Highway Department
 - o Leaf Season will be around the corner. Please keep an eye out for more information to come on a collection schedule.
- Trash and Recycling
 - o Trash Bids are on the street at this time. There will be pre-bid meeting in the coming week for all that wish to bids.
 - o Wanted to remind all of the public that the second collection day is your bulk collection day. Please do not put anything on the street for your first collections day.
 - o Yard Waste will be moving to once a month in October.

Motion Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 5/0

Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins) (Absent)

- School Board
- Recreation Board
 - o Thanked the Rec Board for their work at the Victorian Fair (asked Council to relay at meeting)
- Barnstormers

- Main Streets of Ridley Park

Community Organization (Council President Dane Collins)

- Seniors
 - o No Update
- RPAC
 - o Their Fundraiser of Beef and Beverage will be Saturday September 23rd. This will support all RPAC and will be at the Club House.
 - o The games the Mayor mentioned were a huge success.
- Shade Tree
 - o Please report any trees that are going to be cut down please come up to Borough Hall.
- RPBA
 - o Met on September 11th and will be working with Main Streets on a future event and the bridge closure.

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michale McKinley

Vote: 5/0

Finance and Personnel (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)

- Finance-
 - o Spoke on the action items on the agenda.
 - o Will be looking into some gaming grant funding for the Borough.
- Grants
 - o Action Items for the Delco Greenways Grant. This will be our 4th application in this program.
- Personnel
 - o There will be a executive session at the end of the meeting for a personnel matter.
- CDCA

Motion: Michale McGinley

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 5/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police Department Report-
 - o Report attached.
 - o Shared that the Borough had a good summer with very little crime in the Borough.
 - o October will be a busy month with the Carnival and the Fall Festival. We also have the upcoming holidays.
- Fire Department Report
 - o Report Attached
 - o Fire Prevention month is in October. This is another busy month.
- Board of Health
 - o Will have another report next month after the summer hiatus.
- Emergency Management

- No Update
- Civil Service
 - No Update
- Fall Festival will now be 12-5 on that Sunday. Will be a good set up. We have South 47, School of Rock and Ridley Youth Performing Arts Group.

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: McGinley

Vote 5/0

Manager's Report

Report Attached

Solicitor's Report

No Report

Engineer's Report

Report Attached

Council Business

Sept 23rd there will be an event at the lake for Ridley Cheer. At this point there is no rain date.

Councilor Rich Guerra spoke on the replacement of the Borough Clock. There are three versions of the clock. Shared information on all three details. Shared some information of the previous clocks history. There was conversation about possibly postpone the agenda item for all of council to review for the October Workshop Meeting.

Public Comment

Mike Dougherty 315 Bruke Ave: Wanted to thank the Borough for putting in the new speed bumps. Really slowed the traffic in this area. Shred a story of a 5 year and asked how they were installed. Thanked the highway department for clearing the stop sign in the area.

Sandy Hess 317 Burke Ave: Wanted to thank the Highway and the Chief for the work that was done in the area with the speed bumps. Asked about the clock:if the cost of the clock includes installation. Called the tax collector and paid the school taxes with the M&T taxes. Concerned about the issues with lock box.

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle; Thanked the Rec Board and Carol Dunn for the great event for the Victorian Fair. The Dead Tree in spirit park was removed thanked the Borough for that. The stump was removed at another location. Had several question on the Borough Audit and where it stands. Asked about whether the news of the new clock will be shared on the website; how it is funded; and whether ARPA funds will be used. Also raised a question on the Greenways Grant.

Steve Valentine 100 Russel Street: Asked how the Borough stands on the Application for HARB Tome and Russel Street will need to replace the manhole cover in this area. Thanked Borough on the clock and the pedestrian bridge.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for August 2023 in the amount of \$359,536.04

Motion: Richard Guerra:

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 5/0

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

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michale McGinley

Vote 4/0/1 Michelle Endriss Dalessio Abstained

-Motion to approve Regular Council Meeting Minutes August 15, 2023

Motion: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 5/0

-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for 100 N Swarthmore Ave for window
replacement as presented in HARB minutes

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Richard Guerra

Vote 5/0

-Motion to approve Chris Capozzoli Jr. to the Ridley Park Junior Councilor for a term to end
September 2024

Motion: Dane Collins

Second: Michael McGinley

Vote 5/0

-Resolution 2023-16- Delaware County Greenways Grant Dock and Trail improvements

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 5/0

-Motion to postpone purchase order for Town Clock with Verdin Clock Company for the amount
of \$25,600.00

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 5/0

-Motion to postpone purchase order for Town Clock with Electric Time for the amount of
\$29,362.00

Motion: Richard Guerra

Second: Len Pinto

Vote 5/0

-Motion to postpone purchase order for Town Clock with Town Clocks, USA Clock Company
for the amount of \$31,490.00

Motion: Richard Guera
Second: Len Pino
Vote 5/0

-Motion to Adjourn: Len Pinto
Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio
8:01PM

Respectfully Submitted
Richard Tutak, Jr.
Borough Manager

Adjourn