



Ridley Park Borough Council
Council Workshop Meeting
February 6, 2024

Welcome
Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Councilor Melissa Ann Boyce- Present
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

Mayor's Report

Will be providing his annual report at the Regular Council Meeting.

Library Report

Katie Wolverton provided the Annual Library Report for 2023. Report attached.
Council President Collins thanked Katie for all of her hard work in 2023.

Manager's Report

With the nice weather Ridley Park Public Works will be filling potholes over the coming weeks.
Please contact the office if there are areas of concern.
The Sellers Avenue Bridge Project is going to be starting overnight work. Please be mindful of the heavy equipment,

Council Business

Len Pinto: Provided two updates on the HARB 30 W Ridley Ave and 112 Barker St both for siding.
The Board recognized.
Keving Gallagher, Chair
Steve Valentin Vice Chair
Ellie Hays Secretary

Dane Collins provide an update presentation on the Budget for 2024 and update from the document from 2023 Budget meeting. Will be speaking on how he provides information on the website for the public to review.

Michael McGinley asked if the school district was still in negotiations with Prospect Medical and what their next steps are going to be?

Dane Collins provided some background information that they are involved with our negotiations and typically the School District takes the leads on these appeals.

Public Comment

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle: Had several questions about the RFP for the Ridley Park Library roof and gutter system. Asked for a status of the RFP of the Borough Audit and where the Borough Stands with the 2022 Annual Audit. Asked questions on what the next steps will be for the code enforcement position in the Borough. Suggested that the Borough consider eliminating the position and have Linn Architects take over the work. Mr. Gale spoke on the new court case that was in the paper that there are 270 days for Prospect Medical to find a new buyer for the system. Dane Collins provided an update that he had a meeting with Sen. Kearny about these issues and advocating for legislation to prevent this from happening in the future.

Sandy Hess 317 Burke: What was the total increase on the taxes this year? Recycling has been an issue with collections and trash issues. Wants to make Council aware of these issues. Shared a concern that the TV Channel has not worked for the last week.

Andy Furman 419 Pomery: Does this budget include any funds from Prospect Medical Holdings settlement? Discussed what the increase on the millage and the trash and sewer. Stated that it was a 31% increase at the end of 2023. Now is saying that the 19% increase to a mil rate of 6.5. Shared the mills from 5.45 and in increase of a 19%. Shared that the residents want honesty and that this is not honest in the way that it is presented. Proposing 171,000 expense on ARPA projects could reduce the TAN. Shared that the capital fund has not changed and where is the \$170,000 is looked in the current version of the budget.

Dane provides some information from 2021 on how he proposed the minutes from 2021. Shared that he was consistent on the minutes from the public comment on how he provides the information on the taxing information.

Mary Atama 1 E Rodgers Streets: Was concerned and in a panic when she first heard the tax increase numbers. Thanked the Council for reevaluating the budget and taking the time to lower the rate.. If they go to nonprofit, will they still have to pay taxes?

Kim Collins and Dane Collins: Spoke on the fact that they are still on the hook for 2024 taxes since they are in the tax year. If they do not sell till 2025 they would still be on the hook for the taxes from there year.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Amended 2024 Final Budget

Motion: Dane Collins

Secnd: Len Pinto

Vote 6/0

-Motion to approve Ordinance 2024-1- Ordinance Setting the Borough Millage rate at 6.5

Motion: Dane Collins

Second: Kim Collins

Vote 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2024-2- Ridley Park Tax Bill Payment Period

Motion: Dane Collins

Second: Melissa Boyce

Vote 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2024-3- Setting Fee Schedule for Borough Tax Collector

Motion: Dane Collins

Second: MM

Vote 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2024-4- Ridley Park Stormwater Reimbursement Utilizing ARPA Funding

Motion: Dane Collins

Second: Len Pinto

-Motion to approve HARB Application 2024-1: 112 Barker Siding and Roofing

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 6/0

-Motion to approve HARB Application 2024-2: 30 W Ridley Ave Siding

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote: 6/0

-Motion to approve January 2, 2024 Council Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Motion: Kim Collins

Second: MED

Vote 6/0

Adjourn

Motion: Len Pinto

Second: Michelle Endriss Dalessio

Vote 6/0

7:57PM

Respectfully Submitted

Richard Tutak, Jr.

Borough Manager