



Ridley Park Borough Council
Regular Council Meeting
May 21, 2024

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

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

Honoring of Marge Adam for 35 Years of Service

Mayor's Report- RP Business Association had their first 3rd Thursday event. It was a great event that was well attended.

Memorial Day is this coming Monday. Our annual event will be held at the Library this year due to the Sellers Ave Bridge repair.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning (Councilor Len Pinto) - ABSENT

- Planning Commission
- Zoning Hearing Board
- Code Enforcement
- HARB

Communications (Councilor Melissa Boyce)- ABSENT

- Telecom Advisory Board
- Cable TV
- Historic Commission

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

- Highway Department
- Trash and Recycling
 - E-Waste Event-125 Vehicles were served 5,000 lbs
 - Yard Waste- We are asking residents to be mindful of what is placed in yard waste.
 - Propane tank was placed in the truck and crushed, this could have been a major event. Please do not dispose of these this way.
- Parks and Property

Maker of the Motion: M. Dalessio

Second: K. Collins

Passed 4/0

Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)

- School Board
 - End of the year, schedules are a little different. Please be mindful of kids at off hours.
- Rec Board
 - Annual Yard Sale was great.
 - Pints in the Park- has been a great event with food trucks, events
- Barnstormers
 - Annie is running in June.
- Library
 - Book and Bake Sale was a huge success.
 - See attached Library report.

Maker of the Motion: M. McGinley

Second: M. Dalessio

Passed 4/0

Finance and Personnel (Council President Dane Collins)- ABSENT

- Finance (Grants)
 - Finance report read by Borough Secretary Danielle Staccone
- Personnel
- Tax Collector
 - Sue Brochet spoke about the new system that the school district is offering for taxes. You can now pay by e-check (\$1.50 fee) or credit card (2.5% fee). You will also enter your email address which will then forward you a receipt. You can still pay this way even with the installments.

Community Organization (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)

- Business Association- PJ Dolan- BA President- Third Thursday. The event went very well, the next one is June 20th. They have 20 vendors. Thank you to everyone who put effort in for this event. It was great to see the town come together to build each person up. If you are interested in the event, please contact Jen Kearney. The Delco Chamber of

Commerce wants to get involved as well. None of this could have happened without Council and the support of our town.

- RPAC
- Seniors – Hosting a luncheon after the Memorial Day Celebration.
- Main Streets- Pints in the Park this Thursday. Live music will also be available.
- CDCA- Quarterly payment will be made with this months accounts payable.

Maker of the Motion M. McGinley
Second M. Dalessio
Passed 4/0

Public Safety (Councilor Michele Endriss-Dalessio)

- Police- See attached report
- Chief mentioned that we have access to a speed counter, one was recently placed on Sellers Ave at Baldwin Ave. The speed limit there is 25, the average speed was 33.
- Fire- Below is the fire activity report for the April 2024:
 - 20 calls for the month:
 - 1 gas leak
 - 10 cancelled calls
 - 4 fire alarms
 - 1 vehicle fire
 - 2 CO alarms
 - 1 brush fire
 - 1 fuel spill
 - Total hours in service – 7 hours 27 minutes
 - Total staff hours – 20.38
 - Cumulative firefighters responding – 59

Fire Chief attended the Safety Committee’s emergency planning meeting

- Board of Health- Did not meet
- Emergency Management
 - Safety Committee (police and fire chief, members of council) met about events that happen in the borough to plan for any issues or incidents that might occur.
- Civil Service – Did not meet

Maker of the Motion K. Collins
Second M. McGinley
Passed 4/0

Manager’s Report-

- Ridley Park Borough Code held a public meeting for Code Enforcement. About ten residents came to talk to the Building Code Official.

- Memorial Day Services will be held at 10AM on Memorial Day. The location is going to be at the library this year.
- High grass and property maintenance season is here. If you have any properties in need to review by code enforcement, please contact Borough Hall.
- Ridley Park Borough Police Chief, Code Enforcement Officer and Borough Manager are currently in the process of reviewing Borough Codes. This process is designed to strengthen our code and enforcement practices.
- Ridley Park Borough 2023 Audit is underway and hope to provide additional updates at the regular council meeting.
- The clock is in, hopefully it will be installed prior to the next Third Thursday.

Solicitor's Report- Verizon Franchise Agreement, it took a very long time to negotiate this. We believe this is the right agreement for the Borough.

Engineer's Report- See attached report.

Council Business

K. Collins- the PennDot resolution, they lost it? Tutak said they wanted an updated resolution. Kim asked if they language as changed? Tutak said it has not changed.

Public Comment

Mike Dougherty 315 Burke Ave-

The Wednesday night Code Enforcement meeting was outstanding. It was very informative. Mike asked if we received any money from the speed counter? Chief said no, it was just a counter, we will be placing a officer there for enforcement.

Sandy Hess 317 Burke Ave-

Like Mike, Sandy wanted to thank Rich for setting up the Code Enforcement meeting. Ryan McCann did a great job and she hopes he continues to.

The clock is going back up? When? Guerra said we are working with our contractor. Two or three months? Guerra said no, not that long we are waiting for the contractor. Sandy wanted to know why the old one was taken down so early. Tutak said a lot of prep work needed to be done. Sandy wants to know if there is an update for microphones. Tutak said that the microphones we were looking at are for digital not for council chambers.

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle

Is there any update on the Prospect settlement? The solicitor said there is no update. Gale mentioned that the appeal goes back to 2020. Mike believes the school made a settlement. Mike is worried the hospital will go bankrupt prior to reaching any settlement. Mike said that nothing has been mentioned since last year.

The Ridley School Board 2024-2025 budget looks like the largest tax increase ever. Unfortunately, Ridley Park is going to be hit with a huge tax hike.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street

Last month, the 2022 Audit was completed. Andy has a few questions, there was a deficit of \$142k, the fund balance went down.

Is there any time frame for the 2023 audit? Tutak There is a mid- June completion date.

The finance numbers tonight was high, what is in that? Tutak mentioned that the expenses include payroll, insurance, etc.

The Verizon franchise agreement, will this number change at all? Tutak mentioned that this number has changed due to cable.

The prospect tax, what happens if the Borough doesn't accept the agreement? The Solicitor mentioned that each entity can move on their own and neither supersedes.

Action Items

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for April 2024 in the amount of \$569,068.24

Maker of the Motion R. Guerra

Second M. McGinley

Passed 4/0

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

Maker of the Motion R. Guerra

Second M. McGinley

Passed 3/0

Abstained 1/0

-Motion to approve April 16, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes

Maker of the Motion K. Collins

Second M. McGinley

Passed 4/0

-Motion to approve Park Permit for June 9th, 2024, for Tot Lot for PJ Dolan

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second M. McGinley

Passed 4/0

-Motion to approve Block Party Permit for 223 Baldwin Ave for July 4th, 2024, for Norman Stanley

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second M. McGinley

Passed 4/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2024-6: 244 W Ridley Ave Land Development Agreement for Richard Neerland.

Maker of the Motion K. Collins

Second M. McGinley

Passed 4/0

Concerns: M. Dalessio- Issues with this property owner in the past, he currently has a property this is being built on Shaw that has not been finished. Tutak stated that this is a little different from Shaw Road. There is a land development agreement that ties them to keeping everything maintained.

-Motion to approve Resolution 2024-7: PennDOT Cost Sharing Project for Sellers Avenue Road Work.

Maker of the Motion M. McGinley

Second K. Collins

Passed 4/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2024-8: Letter of Intent to DCED to conduct study on Emergency Services Study.

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second M. McGinley

Passed 4/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2024-9: Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement for the Borough of Ridley Park.

Maker of the Motion K. Collins

Second M. McGinley

Passed 4/0

-Motion to approve release for CV 2024-002999 Appeal for James Dyer III

Motion to postpone: M. Dalessio

Second: M. McGinley

There are legal issues going on that need finalized.

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-Motion to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-6: 410 Tome Window Replacement

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second M. McGinley

Passed 4/0

-Motion to postpone Council Workshop meetings for July and August from First Tuesday to Third Tuesday at 6:30PM.

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second M. McGinley

Passed 4/0

Adjourn

Maker of the Motion M. Dalessio

Second M. McGinley

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