



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Council Meeting  
February 18, 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	Present
Council Vice President Richard Guerra	Present
Mayor Hank Eberle	Present
Council President Dane Collins	Present

Citation Awarded – John Morris presented by Mayor Hank Eberle and Chief William Thomas.

**Mayor's Report-**

February is the shortest month of the year but the most temperamental weather. Mayor is ready for Spring.

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

- Planning Commission
  - o Did not meet.
- Zoning Hearing Board
  - o Did not meet.
- Code Enforcement
  - o See the attached report.
- HARB
  - o Did not meet, but working on some training ideas for members.

Maker of the Motion Councilor McGinley

Second Councilor Kim Collins

Passed 6/0

**Communications (Councilor Melissa Boyce)      ABSENT**

- Telecom Advisory Board
- Cable TV
- Historic Commission

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

- Highway Department
  - We have had several ice/snow events, and the highway department has done a great job. Huge thank you to the borough manager for keeping up with the weather and keeping the guys on schedule.
- Trash and Recycling
  - Action item to approve E-Waste event on May 10<sup>th</sup>
  - There is also a Borough Wide shredding event on the same day at Borough Hall.
- Parks and Property
  - March 29<sup>th</sup> is the Annual CRC Lake Clean-up event. There will be more information on Facebook in the coming weeks.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Kim Collins

Second Councilor Richard Guerra

Comment: Councilor Pinto, the Highway is and has done an amazing job with all the storms this year.

Passed 6/0

**Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)**

- School Board
  - Meets March 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Rec Board
  - Met on Thursday and they are hosting a Yoga event on Wednesdays. Drop in event that is \$10/ session. They are hoping to extend their series through May. 7-8pm.
  - Playground program is on the calendar for this summer, more information coming soon.
  - Borough Wide Yard Sale is May 10<sup>th</sup>, please sign up through their Facebook page.
  - Pints in the Park is starting on Thursday starting in May. There is food, music and more right in the Tot Lot.
- Barnstormers
  - Beauty and the Beast will be performing this Spring.
- Library
  - See the attached report as well as Annual Library Report.

Maker of the Motion Councilor McGinley

Second Councilor Pinto

Passed 6/0

### **Finance and Personnel (Council President Dane Collins)**

- Finance (Grants)
  - See the attached report.
- Personnel
  - No new business
  - Bankruptcy for Prospect Holdings, there is a motion to appoint council for this proceeding.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Pinto

Second Councilor Kim Collins

Passed 6/0

### **Community Organization (Council Vice President Richard Guerra)**

- Business Association
- RPAC
  - Ongoing sign-ups for baseball and softball.
- Seniors
  - No new business
- Main Streets
  - No new business
- CDCA
  - No new business

Maker of the Motion Councilor

Second Councilor

Passed 6/0

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

- Police
  - See the attached report.
  - Police and Fire Departments have been very busy over the past several weeks with the Septa Train fire. Thank you for all your hard work.
- Fire
  - See the attached report.
  - Feb 6<sup>th</sup> there was a Septa train that caught fire.
  - Mayor mentioned that the new Fire Department sign looks great.
- Board of Health
  - Did meet but no information
- Emergency Management
- Civil Service
  - Motion items for new members.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Pinto

Second Councilor McGinley

Passed 5/0 Councilor Kim Collins stepped out.

**Manager's Report-** See the attached report.

**Solicitor's Report-** Bankruptcy council so Ridley Park will be represented in the suit against Prospect Medical.

**Engineer's Report-** See the attached report. March 3<sup>rd</sup> for construction on the Rosemont Ave Sanitary Sewer.

### **Council Business**

Councilor Dalessio- Concerns about some of the appointments that are on the agenda for tonight.

Councilor Guerra- DELCO 250 Grant is open for celebrations with in Delaware County. This is for the 2026 250 anniversary of the USA.

### **Public Comment**

Trish Holztinger 421 Stiles Ave-

The 250 Event has contacted the Historical Society, and they are happy to assist with the grant application.

A resident noted changes on their tax bill and inquired if there is any information from Keystone from an EIT perspective. Guerra confirmed that he contacted Keystone, and they were very helpful and informative.

There was discussion regarding the increase in trash and sewer fees.

Questions were raised about the qualifications of the resident appointed to the CDCA. President Collins stated that the appointee previously served as council president for eight years and has been on the board for over five years.

Regarding sewer maps, President Collins estimated the last update occurred in 2013. Guerra discussed efforts to explore alternative sewer billing methods, noting that the Borough Code does not specify a required timeline for map updates.

Bob emphasized that his role is to support the borough and ensure relevant information is brought back for review.

Finally, it was confirmed that the outdated sewer map is not related to the increase in sewer fees.

Susan Desae 308 E. Hinckley

Last year, her grandson was struck by a car on MacDade Blvd. Since then, she has been actively working on pedestrian safety, primarily in Ridley Township. State troopers were brought in to help enforce the speed limit, and she suggested implementing a similar measure for Chester Pike. Additionally, they have compiled a list of potential pedestrian safety improvements for Ridley Park..

Mike Gale 51 Collier Circle

At last Monday's School Board Meeting, it was announced that a new superintendent will take office. Chaz Mayor will replace LeeAnn in July.

Additionally, Dave Dalleso announced a \$500,000 grant for the construction of a footbridge over Rosemont Avenue.

Regarding the Civil Service meeting scheduled for January 22nd, what actions were taken? The Council President stated that no quorum was present. Three board members resigned just before the meeting, preventing any decisions from being made.

On February 6, 2025, a bankruptcy hearing for Prospect Holdings is scheduled. There is concern that RPB was not represented in this matter. However, the Council President clarified that Council Anthony Gigularity represented RPB. Tonight's motion seeks to formalize this representation by securing joint legal counsel and sharing legal fees with the Ridley School District.

In July 2024, a settlement was agreed upon. If this bankruptcy goes through, will we still owe taxes? The Council President responded that the agreement was never finalized. Bankruptcy counsel is now reviewing whether the settlement remains viable.

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street

At the last meeting, Andy inquired about expenditures exceeding \$1 million. He specifically asked whether the CDCA payment was included in that amount. The Council President confirmed that it was not. Andy then asked what the \$1 million was spent on. The Council President stated that he could reach out to the Borough Manager for further details.

Regarding the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for this year, it was confirmed that the amount is \$1 million. Andy also asked about the additional \$240,000 in revenue, but President Collins did not have a detailed breakdown of the sources.

As for the 2023 audit, it is currently in the partner review phase. The auditing firm has been asked to attend the March meeting to present their findings and address any questions from residents. Andy asked if the audit report could be made available to the public in advance. The Council responded that the auditors were hired by the Council and would report directly to them. Residents would have the opportunity to ask questions during public comment. Andy expressed concern, noting that taxpayer dollars fund the audit, and he questioned why the public could not directly engage with the auditors.

### **Action Items**

-Motion to approve February account payables in the amount of \$ 261,638.65

Maker of the Motion President Dane Collins

Second Councilor Kim Collins

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve January 7, 2025 Council Workshop Meeting Minutes

Maker of the Motion Councilor Kim Collins

Second Councilor Len Pinto

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve January 21, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes

Maker of the Motion Councilor Kim Collins

Second Councilor McGinley

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve application for Pints in the Park Block Party to be held May 15<sup>th</sup>, May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the Tot Lot.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Kim Collins

Second Councilor McGinley

Passed 6/0

-Motion to Approve Resolution 2025-1 County Aid for Liquid Fuels

Maker of the Motion President Collins

Second Councilor McGinley

Passed 6/0

-Motion to Approve E-Waste Event to take place on May 10, 2025, at the Highway Garage from 9am to Noon.

Maker of the Motion Councilor McGinley

Second Councilor Kim Collins

Question: How many devices can we get rid of? L. Pinto Mike, bring all your devices.

Passed 6/0

-Motion to Approve Exterminating Services for the Chesco BugMan at Borough Hall.

Maker of the Motion Councilor McGinley

Second Councilor Pinto

Do we have a cost?

Passed 5/1 Dalessio

-Motion to Appoint Bob Berger to the Central Delaware County Authority for a 5-year term set to expire 12/31/2029.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Guerra

Second Councilor McGinley

Passed 5/1 Dalessio

-Motion to Appoint Brian Bonnes to the Civil Service Commission for a 6-year term set to expire 12/31/2030.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Dane Collins

Second Councilor L. Pinto

Passed 6/0

-Motion to Appoint Matt Flynn to the Civil Service Commission to fill the vacancy of the term set to expire on 12/31/2027.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Dane Collins

Second Councilor McGinley

Passed 5/1- Dalessio

-Motion to Appoint Mary Quinn to the Civil Service Commission to fill the vacancy of the term set to expire on 12/31/2029.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Dane Collins

Second Councilor McGinley

Passed 6/0

-Motion to Appoint Bill Corey to the Library Board for a 3-year term set to expire 12/31/2027.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Kim Collins

Second Councilor Guerra

Passed 6/0

-Motion to Appoint Amy Naill to the Library Board for a 3-year term set to expire 12/31/2027.  
(School Board Seat).

Maker of the Motion Councilor Kim Collins

Second Councilor Pinto

Mention: President Collins stated that the school board does have a seat on the library board.

Passed 6/0

-Motion to Appoint Brian Mossor to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term set to expire 12/31/2028.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Pinto

Second Councilor McGinley

Passed 6/0

-Motion to Appoint Tammy Tursi to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term set to expire 12/31/2028.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Pinto

Second Councilor Kim Collins

Passed 6/0

-Motion to Appoint David Rowlyk to the Shade Tree Commission for a 5-year term set to expire 12/31/2029.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Guerra

Second Councilor McGinley

Passed 6/0

-Motion to Appoint Mike Daly to the Zoning and Hearing Board for a 5-year term set to expire 12/31/2029.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Pinto

Second Councilor Dalessio

Passed 6/0

-Motion to Appoint Tina Loesher to the Recreation Board to fill the vacancy of the term set to expire on 12/31/2026.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Kim Collins

Second Councilor Guerra  
Passed 6/0

-Motion to allow Raffaele and Puppio to obtain Bankruptcy Counsel for Ridley Park in the  
Chapter 11 filing of Prospect Medical and the authority to sign the fee agreement.

Maker of the Motion President Collins  
Second Councilor Kim Collins  
Passed 6/0

**Adjourn**

Maker of the Motion Councilor Pinto  
Second Councilor Kim Collins  
Passed 6/0