



Ridley Park Borough Council  
Council Meeting  
Tuesday, January 21, 2025

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Executive Session after the meeting**

**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

Citations Awarded- Copies Attached.

**Mayor's Report-** Mayor read an article from the Daily Times about D' drummers Parade.

**Committee Reports**

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

- Planning Commission – no meeting
- Zoning Board – no meeting
- Code Enforcement
  - See attached Report
- HARB
  - Met and have an application for 100 Chester Pike for a slate shingle roof.

Marker of the Motion Councilor McGinley  
Seconded 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
  - Huge thanks to the Highway Department for the past few storms we have been through. They have salted and plowed every storm, they are doing a great job.
- Trash and Recycling
- Parks and Property
  - Please work with your neighbors to park on one side of the street so plowing can be done.
  - Huge thanks to Trish the Borough Manager who have kept everyone in the loop on all the storms and keeping on top of the salting and plowing with the Highway Department.

Marker of the Motion Councilor Pinto  
 Seconded Councilor Kim Collins  
 Passed 6/0

### **Community Affairs (Councilor Kim Collins)**

- School Board
  - Met last week, they gave a summary of services. Tomorrow is the concert band
- Rec Board
  - Planning 2025 events. There are new board members, with great ideas. With spring all our beloved events will be taking place.
- Barnstormers
  - 2/7-2/15 12 Angry Jurors; March Beauty and the Beast and Bingo in the month of May.
- Library
  - See attached report.

Marker of the Motion Councilor McGinley  
 Seconded Councilor Guerra  
 Passed 6/0

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

- Finance (Grants)
  - See attached report.
- Personnel
  - No issues to discuss.

Marker of the Motion Councilor Pinto  
 Seconded Councilor McGinley  
 Passed 6/0

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

- Business Association
- RPAC
  - Baseball and Softball registration are happening now. You can sign up on the website.
- Seniors
- Main Streets
- CDCA
  - Working with an EDU map and having it updated.

Marker of the Motion Councilor McGinley

Seconded Councilor Dalessio

Passed 6/0

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

- Police
  - See attached monthly report.
  - Corporal John Morris is retiring after 35 years on February 14, 2025.
- Fire
  - See attached monthly report.
  - See attached annual report.
- Board of Health
  - Meets tomorrow night at 7pm
- Emergency Management
- Civil Service
  - Meeting tomorrow night at 6pm.

Marker of the Motion Councilor McGinley

Seconded Councilor Pinto

Comment/Questions: Christmas AM CO call, Councilor McGinley was on scene. He wants to commend all those who responded. The Fire Co. took such great care of this family. It was a proud moment.

Passed 6/0

**Manager's Report-** Officer Howell took boss lady to a new level. Thank you to all the first responders for everything they did. Huge thank you to Jen Kearney for volunteering her services to take photos tonight.

**Solicitor's Report-** No Report

**Engineer's Report-** See attached report. Mentioned that Engineer and Manager met last week with PECO on a large project that is going to start in February on Haverford Rd.

### **Council Business**

Councilor Dalessio- Chief Thomas and herself are working on an abandon vehicle ordinance. She plans to have a copy to present to Council at the workshop meeting.

New staff member working in the borough office, she was not aware of any interviews that took place. President Collins stated that he spoke with the solicitor about this given the gap of employees in the office, she is also already an employee for the Borough. Solicitor said it was fine for the Borough Manager to request a currently employee to help in a different department.

Councilor Guerra- Thank you to Borough Manager for jumping on the safety issue with the bridge. There is now a 6ft fence up to help protect our community.

Councilor Kim Collins- There is a motion on the agenda to update the Library bi-laws with revisions.

### **Public Comment**

Jason Flynn- 48 Hetzel Rd

Back to talk about the issues at 50 Hetzel, his next door neighbor, the property is a mess. The code enforcer went out. He believes nothing has been done, he is dumping waste in his driveway. He is throwing waste in the park behind his house onto another private property. This area of RP neighborhood is a mess. People drive by and look at.

President Collins, a letter has been sent and he has time within that letter to make these adjustments. If he does not handle what is requested we will get the sheriff involved.

Flynn- can a RTK be filed for a copy of the letter?

Andy Furman 419 Pomeroy Street-

2023 Audit, which was due March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024. It is still not completed.

President Dane Collins, he is not happy the fact that it is not completed. The new auditors are looking for the information from the 2022 audit. Council has asked the Borough Manager to make this a priority.

The 2022 audit was completed late, the 2023 audit is already 3 months late. What is taking so long? President Collins, he is in agreement with Andy, this is why we switched firms. The new auditor said he lost staff and had to hire more staff to complete ours as well as others audits. This is why we put out an RFP for a new auditor. We have been told that this is going to be done ASAP but they have not given us a date.

In the finance report this evening, 485k was new revenue that came in, in December. Was that tax revenue? Dane- no the TAN came on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025. Expenditures were over 1m, was any of that the CDCA for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter?

Chuck Hall 50 Hetzel Rd-

Sewer Fee, can we look into tying that to usage? He believes that's the only fair way to tax.

President Collins, yes we agree that is a fair way and this should be part of the process.

Stop sign at Collier, can an X be placed at the stop sign so no one can park there. There is a car that parks at the stop sign making it hard to see.

Manager Hollabaugh, we had this conversation last week. We are in the process of taking care of this. The highway isn't able to paint in the snow.

Basketball courts on the street- are they legal? Councilor Pinto, they are not illegal.

**Action Items**

-Motion to approve Accounts payable for January in the amount of \$221,430.19

Marker of the Motion Councilor Dane Collins

Seconded Councilor Kim Collins

Passed 6/0

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

Marker of the Motion Councilor Dane Collins

Seconded Councilor McGinley

Passed 5/0

Abstained- 1 Dalessio

-Motion to approve December 17, 2024, Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Marker of the Motion Councilor Kim Collins

Seconded Councilor Pinto

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve December 23, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

Marker of the Motion Councilor Kim Collins

Seconded Councilor Pinto

Passed 6/0

-Motion to approve Resolution 2025-01: Library-By-Laws

Marker of the Motion Councilor Kim Collins

Seconded Councilor McGinley

Passed 6/0

**Adjourn**

Marker of the Motion Councilor Pinto

Seconded Councilor Dalessio

Passed 6/0