



**Borough of Ridley Park
Biennial Organization Meeting Agenda
January 5th, 2026, 6:30pm**

**Oath of Office Administered to Newly Elected Officials by Magisterial District Judge
George Dawson**

Robert Berger, Mayor
Sue Brochet, Tax Collector

**Oath of Office Administered to Newly Elected Officials by Magisterial District Judge
District Lee Cullen Grimes**

Joshua Harris, Councilor
Raven Horan, Councilor
Emily Schatzman, Councilor
Walter Taggart, Councilor

Call to Order

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Richard Guerra	Present
Micheal McGinley	Present
Melissa Ann Boyce	Present
Joshua Harris	Present
Raven Horan	Present
Emily Schatzman	Present
Walter Taggart	Present
Robert Berger, Mayor	Present

Nomination and Election of President

Councilor Boyce made a motion to nominate Councilor Guerra for Council President, second by Councilor McGinley.

Councilor Schatzman made a motion to nominate Councilor Horan, second by Councilor Harris
Councilor Guerra-3 yay, 4 nay

Councilor Horan-4 yay, 3 nay

Motion carries for Councilor Horan for President

Nomination and Election of Vice President

Councilor McGinley made a motion for Councilor Guerra, second by Councilor Boyce

Councilor Taggart made a motion for Councilor Schatzman, second Councilor Harris

Guerra 3 yay, 4 nay

Schatzman 4 yay, 3 nay

Motion carries for Councilor Schatzman to be Vice President

Nomination and Election of President Pro Tem

Councilor Harris made a motion for Councilor Taggart, second by Councilor Schatzman

Councilor McGinley made a motion for Councilor Guerra, second by Councilor Boyce

Councilor Guerra 3 yay, 4 nay

Councilor Taggart 4 yay, 3 nay

Motion carries for Councilor Taggart to be President Pro Temp

Borough Appointments

Borough Manager

- Councilor Boyce motion to postponed until February meeting, second by McGinley

Favor to postpone- 3, vote to move ahead- 4

- Melissa mentioned that the current borough manager has 90-day notice, interviews were not conducted, salary was not discussed etc. This is a breach of contract and opens to Borough up to legal issues.

Motion to nominate Douglas Leake made by Council President Horan, second Councilor Schatzman ... Roll Call vote requested...

-Councilor McGinley said this is a slap in the face to see the current borough manager
Mayor Berger stated that this should probably be discussed at an executive session, as we do not discuss personnel matters in a public setting.

Motion to postpone appointment until February meeting

Motion made by Council President Horan to table the Borough appointments until the regular council meeting, Second by Councilor Schatzman

Passed 7/0

Borough Solicitor

Boyce, motion to postponed until February meeting, second by McGinley.

Motion made by Council President Horan to table the Borough appointments until the regular council meeting.

Passed 7/0

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- 1) Labor Relations Solicitor
 - a) Tabled
- 2) Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor
- 3) Civil Service Commission Solicitor
- 4) Engineer
- 5) Code Enforcement

New Business

Motion to move these appointments until the next Council meeting –

Maker of the motion Council President Horan, seconded by Councilor Harris

Passed 7/0

Council Committee Assignments

- 1) Finance and Personnel
 - Finance (Grants)
 - Personnel
- 2) Community Organizations
 - Business Association
 - RPAC
 - Seniors
 - Main Streets
 - CDCA
- 3) Public Safety
 - Police
 - Fire
 - Board of Health
 - Emergency Management
 - Civil Service
- 4) Planning and Zoning
 - Planning Commission
 - Zoning Hearing Board
 - Code Enforcement
 - HARB
- 5) Communications
 - Telecom Advisory Board
 - Cable TV
 - Historic Commission
- 6) Community Affairs
 - Highway Department
 - School Board
 - Rec Board
 - Barnstormers
 - Library
- 7) Parks and Properties
 - Trash and Recycling

-Parks and Property

Public Comment

No Comment

Action Items

Motion to accept Robert's Rules of Order in order to conduct borough council meetings

Maker of the Motion Councilor Schatzman

Second Micheal McGinley

Passed 7/0

Motion to change the Ridley Park Borough Council meetings from the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month to the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the Month

Motion to **TABLE** by Councilor Schatzman

Second Councilor Harris

Question: Why change the dates? Boyce, Horan stated that their prospective solicitor is not available on the current dates. Mcginley stated that this might have a conflict, Guerra, we have committee meetings that meet all throughout the month.

Passed

Motion for Borough Manager to advertise the new meeting schedule in the paper

Motion to Table made by Councilor Guerra

Second Councilor McGinley

Passed 7/0

Motion to adopt the Resolution 2025-14 as presented, authorizing, among other things, the issuance of a tax and revenue anticipation note in the principal amount of \$500,000.

Maker of the Motion Councilor Schatzman

Second Councilor Boyce

Passed 7/0

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn Councilor Guerra Second Councilor McG0inley

7/0

Respectfully submitted:

Danielle Staccone, Borough Secretary