

**Ridley Township Board of Commissioners**  
**October 25, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on October 25, 2023 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette, Mrs. Cummins, Mr. McMenamin, Mr. Warwick, Mr. Willert, Mrs. Melasecca and Mr. Bidoli.

Also present were Mr. Ryan (Township Manager), Mr. Catania (Township Engineer), Mr. Neill (Township Solicitor) and Mr. Betzler (Controller).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Saraceni, in his role as President of the Delaware County Association of First-Class Township Commissioners, presented Commissioner Pat McMenamin with a plaque for his 12 years of service.

**Public Forum**

Ray Bunting appeared before the Board to relay that the contractor's are doing a great job on the drainage project on this street.

**Manager's Report**

Mr. Ryan requested approval of a request to block Girard Ave from 7<sup>th</sup> Ave to Rolling Creek on Halloween night 5:30pm to 9pm.

**Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to approve the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Ryan requested adoption of Ordinance No. 2079 permitting Portnoff Law Associates to extend their services to also collect outstanding high grass and weed accounts.

**Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. McMenamin to adopt Ordinance No. 2079 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Ryan announced the Trunk or Treat event will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Recycling Report**

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in September was 1171.50 tons and recycling collected in September was 160.32 tons. 7 televisions were collected in September. Mrs. Melasecca thanked everyone who attended the Shredding Event. Almost 5,000 pounds of material were disposed of that day.

**Controller's Report** - No Report

**Solicitor's Report** - No Report

**Engineer's Report**

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – 2023 Road Program Phase 2 - \$136,171.00; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – Clymer Lane Drainage Project - \$2,728.75; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – PENNVEST Projects - \$158,279.14; Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – MacDade Blvd. Improvements - \$405.00; Joseph J. Danielle, LLC – Amosland Rd ADA Curb cuts - \$11,490.50; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – 9<sup>th</sup> Ave Drainage Improvements - \$164,084.00; MOR Construction Services – Sewer Repairs - \$34, 807.79; A to U Services, Inc. – Culvert Repair and Manhole repair - \$53,605.60.

**Motion made by Mr. McMenamin, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the certificates as read. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania recommended release of escrow for 2603-2623 MacDade Blvd. (Urgent Care and Chipotle) in the amount of \$12,861.00.

**Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to approve the escrow release as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise for bids for the 2024 Diesel and 2024 Unleaded contracts.

**Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to authorize the advertisement as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania requested adoption of a Resolution to make application to the PECO Green Region Grant Program to install shade trees at Nall field.

**Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to adopt the Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania requested adoption of a Resolution designating the President of the Board to sign any documents necessary for the FEMA and PEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant program.

**Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to adopt the Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

**Highway/Sanitation Committee Report**

Mr. Warwick reported there is no trash collection on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of Election Day. He also reported the 2023 Curbside Leaf Collection Program will begin the week of October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Law & Ordinance Committee Report** - No Report

## **Recreation Committee Report**

Mr. McMenamin reported on the current recreation programs and announced the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Public Safety Committee Report**

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in September as follows:

- Crum Lynne - 111
- Folsom - 289
- Holmes - 118
- Milmont Park - 54
- Morton - 44
- Ridley Park - 123
- Secane - 68
- Swarthmore - 60
- Woodlyn - 257

Mr. Willert highlighted calls for service that the police made during the month.

## **Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report**

Mr. Saraceni read the Health & Code Enforcement Committee report for September as follows:

- Permits Issued - 218
- Contractors Registered - 10
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued - 36
- Rental Inspections - 191
- Health Inspections - 18

## **Building Committee Report**

Mr. Warwick requested approval of a reverse subdivision at 2415 Grand Avenue subject to the applicant installing curbs along Lawnton Terrace and Grand Avenue.

**Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the application as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

### **Library & Resource Center Committee Report**

Mrs. Cummins reported that 6,953 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,704 books and other items in September. Program attendance at 53 programs was 1,876. She also reported on upcoming library programs.

### **Finance Committee Report**

Mrs. Morrisette reported all Commissioners received a list of this month's bills.

**Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mr. Bidoli that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

### **Old and New Business**

The Board urged all residents to be careful driving or walking on Halloween.

Mrs. Melasecca reported the Marine Corps Reserves will be holding an Open House the first week in December. More information will be available when the event is finalized.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion made by Mr. Willert, seconded by Mr. McMenammin to adjourn the meeting, Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Meeting concluded at 6:18pm.