

**Ridley Township Board of Commissioners**  
**September 28, 2022**  
**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 September 28, 2022 at the Township Building.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Forum**

Kris Egan, 714 Swarthmorewood Lane and Betty Donegan, 708 Swarthmorewood Lane appeared before the Board requesting cleanup of the overgrowth on township property behind their homes.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the August 24, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

**Manager's Report**

Mr. Ryan requested Thomas Henry and Anthony Calise, Jr. be appointed to the Planning Commission.

**Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the appointments as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

**Recycling Report**

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in August was 1,214.03 tons and recycling collected in August was 152.20 tons. 13 televisions were collected in August.

Mrs. Melasecca reported the Commissioners will host a Community Shredding Day on October 15<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 11am at the township building.

### **Controller's Report**

Mr. Betzler requested approval of the Township's 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) as follows: Police MMO – \$656,480.00; Non-Uniformed MMO - \$1,030,603.00.

**Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to accept the 2023 MMO as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

**Solicitor's Report** - No Report

### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Radio Communications Service – 2022 Police Radio Maintenance - \$3,229.01; A to U Services, Inc. for the 2022 Storm & Sanitary Sewer Repair Contract - \$87,573.24; N. Abbonizio Contractors – PENNVEST Stormwater Improvements - \$32,918.66; Kuharchik Construction, Inc. – Traffic Signal Improvements - \$134,298.21; Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe – Braxton Road Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation – Change Order No. 2; Traffic Planning & Design for MacDade Blvd. improvements - \$3,660.00; Traffic Planning & Design for Green Light Go documents - \$13,580.00; and McMahon Associations – ARLE Grant - \$2,347.50.

**Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the certificates as read. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

Mr. Catania requested approval of a contract extension for the 2023 Ejector Station Maintenance done by John Lewis Electric HVAC for their proposal of \$700.00 per month.  
**Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the contract extension as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise for bids for MacDade Blvd & Sutton Ave. Storm Sewer Improvements.

**Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to authorize advertisement as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the PENNVEST Projects.

Mr. Catania requested approval of Resolutions for the Delco Greenways Nall Rehabilitation Phase II grant application.

**Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to adopt the application Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

Mr. Catania requested approval of a DCNR Grant Resolution for Nall Rehabilitation Phase III application.

**Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to adopt the Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

### **Highway/Sanitation Committee Report**

Mrs. Melasecca reminded residents the County will hold their final Household Hazardous Waste event on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Upper Chichester Township Building.

### **Law & Ordinance Committee Report**

Mr. Bidoli deferred to Mr. Neill who requested approval of Ordinance No. 2065, the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

**Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to adopt Ordinance 2065 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

Mr. Neill requested approval of the Stormwater Management Schedule of Fees.

**Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to adopt the Stormwater Management Fee Schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

Mr. Neill requested approval of Ordinance No. 2066 regarding procedures for working within the streets of the township and resident notification.

**Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. Saunders to adopt Ordinance 2066 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

Mr. Neill requested approval of Ordinance No. 2067 updating traffic regulations.

**Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to adopt Ordinance No. 2067 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

### **Recreation Committee Report**

Mrs. Cummins reported on upcoming recreation programs, and thanked all involved with the Fall Festival for a successful event.

### **Public Safety Committee Report**

Mr. Willert commended the police officers who responded to an incident at the High School in the morning. He also received correspondence from the School District thanking all involved with their Homecoming celebrations.

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

- Crum Lynne – 110
- Folsom – 250
- Holmes – 87
- Milmont Park – 48
- Morton – 57
- Ridley Park – 173
- Secane – 92
- Swarthmore - 50
- Woodlyn – 2261

Mr. Willert highlighted some calls for service our officers responded to during the month.

Mr. Willert reminded residents about Fire Prevention Day on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Home Depot. All township fire companies will be represented.

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

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

- Permits Issued – 242
- Contractors Registered – 41
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 59
- Rental Inspections – 19
- Health Inspections – 14

### **Building Committee Report**

Mr. Saunders stated the township received a final subdivision and land development application from DELCORA to incorporate multiple lots totaling 2.6 acres into one lot and to construct a waste water conveyance facility located southeast of Sellers Ave and I-95.

**Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the application as presented. Mr. Willert abstained from the vote. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).**

Mr. Saunders also stated the township received a final land development application from Wawa at MacDade Blvd & Bullens Lane to consolidate (3) existing lots, demolish the existing Wawa and adjacent commercial building at 219 Bullens Lane and construct a new Wawa with fuel dispensers. The work will include improvements to MacDade Blvd. & Bullens Lane.

**Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the application as submitted. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

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

Mrs. Cummins reported on upcoming events at the library. 6,858 patrons visited the library in August and checked out or downloaded 16,141 books and other items. Program attendance for children's, teens and adult classes in August was 1,976. Use of library materials through August reached 103,734 – the highest in 8 years.

### **Finance Committee Report**

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

**Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Saraceni that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

Susan, 623 Clymer Lane, arrived late to the meeting and inquired about the township's property rental process.

### **Old and New Business**

Mr. Saraceni thanked the Captain of Police for the traffic study information.

Mrs. Melasecca announced Folsom Fire Co. will be hosting their Octoberfest on October 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Morrisette wanted to thank the police for their assistance with traffic during the football season at Blackrock Park.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion made by Mr. Willert to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Bidoli. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

Meeting concluded at 6:31pm.