

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
June 22, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on June 22, 2022 at the Township Building.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Forum

Beverly Melarangni, 1144 Bullens Lane, appeared before the Board concerning the work being done at Nall Field.

Bob Bowers, 234 Crum Creek Drive, appeared before the Board regarding the proposed Wawa expansion at MacDade Blvd. & Bullens Lane.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mr. McMenamin, seconded by Mr. McCrea to approve the April 27, 2022, May 19, 2022 and May 25, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan stated a request was received for a Block Party along Mildred Avenue for July 9th and he recommended approval with the following conditions: Block Party ends at 8pm, the DJ not be located near 1237 or 1239 Mildred and any bounce house be located near the curb line to give access to emergency vehicles.

Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the block party request with the conditions listed. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Ryan also received a Block Party request for the 600 block of Clymer Lane and recommended approval.

Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the block party request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Folsom Fire Company will be holding their Octoberfest on October 8th and requested the following street closures from 7am to 4pm on the 8th – 4th Ave from Tasker to Sutton; Sutton Ave from 4th to Orchard.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the street closure request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Ryan reported all Commissioners received an updated copy of the township's Right-to-Know policy and requested approval. He stated it will be posted on the township website.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Saunders to approve the township's Right-to-Know policy as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Ryan stated in furtherance to the Telecommunications Committee's recommendation, appointment of Grim, Biehn & Thatcher law firm to review the township's current cell tower agreements is requested.

Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. McMnamin to appoint Grim, Biehn & Thatcher to review cell tower agreements as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Recycling Report

Mr. Bidoli reported trash collected in May was 1,410.66 tons and recycling collected in May was 162.67 tons. 6 televisions were collected in May.

Controller's Report – No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill requested approval of a tax assessment appeal for the property at 1212 MacDade Boulevard which will fix the assessed value for 2021 at 1,340,000 for the property.

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

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 - \$59,058.09; N. Abbonizio Contractors – PENNVEST Stormwater Improvements - \$162,344.90; N. Abbonizio Construction Inc. – Greenhouse Drive Sanitary Sewer - \$6,369.75; Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe, Inc. – Braxton Road Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project - \$75,924.00; Pro Max Fence Systems, LLC –

Nall Field Improvements - \$165,031.00; Frania, Inc. – Nall Field site work - \$4,820.00; and Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – Kedron & Franklin Ave - \$2,797.50.

Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. McMenamain to approve the certificates as read. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Catania requested approval of the following escrow agreements: Chick-fil-A, 405 MacDade Blvd. - \$422,827.95 and RJ Sun Realty – 2603-2623 E. MacDade Blvd. - \$265,007.10.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the escrow agreements as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the status of the 2022 Road Program.

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the PENNVEST Projects.

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. McCrea announced there will be no trash collection on July 4th, Independence Day.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamain reported on upcoming summer recreation programs. Movie Night will be held on August 19th.

Public Safety Committee Report

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

- Crum Lynne – 83
- Folsom – 257
- Holmes – 143
- Milmont Park – 65
- Morton – 43
- Ridley Park – 135
- Secane – 95
- Swarthmore - 53
- Woodlyn – 230

Mr. Willert highlighted a few calls for service our officers responded to, and how they went above and beyond to assist residents.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

Mrs. Morrisette read the Health & Code Enforcement Committee report for May as follows:

- Permits Issued – 236
- Contractors Registered – 32
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 44
- Rental Inspections – 68
- Health Inspections – 12

Building Committee Report

Mr. Saunders stated the township received an application for a reverse subdivision application from Lauren McManus, 193 Balignac Avenue to consolidate two lots into one. He recommended approval subject to the Alternate Township Engineer's comments.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. McCrea to approve the reverse subdivision application as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported on upcoming events at the library. 4,910 patrons visited the library in May and checked out or downloaded 11,897 books and other items. Program attendance for children's, teens and adult classes in May was 1,470.

Finance Committee Report

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

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

Old and New Business

Mr. McCrea reported the Leedom July 4th Parade will take place this year. Festivities will begin at 9:15am at Leedom Elementary School and continue with a parade through the community and picnic afterwards at Leedom Community Hall.

Mr. McMenamin thanked everyone involved with upgrading the fields and parks throughout the township.

Mrs. Morrisette reminded residents who have library cards to look into Hoopla to borrow digital media.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:27pm.