

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
December 21, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on December 21, 2022 at the Township Building.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Forum

Paul McGonigle, 414 Ohio Avenue, appeared before the Board concerning the loud speakers at the Milmont Republican Club's recent party.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, second by Mrs. Cummins, to approve the meeting minutes for September 28, 2022. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval for the Administration and Highway & Sanitation employee contracts with Teamsters Local 107 which includes a 5-year term, total wage increase of 15% over 5 years, new safety wear dress code for Public Works employees and exchanging Veterans Day for Columbus Day for Sanitation employees.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Ryan reviewed & requested approval of the proposal from Leitzell & Economidis to perform the 2022 fiscal year audit.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to accept the proposal as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in November was 1,263.91 tons and recycling collected in November was 168.38 tons. 5 televisions were collected in November.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill reported on a tax assessment appeal for 2034 Parker Avenue which will result in an increase in assessment.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the settlement and give authorization to sign stipulation as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Neill reported on a tax assessment appeal for 537 W. MacDade Blvd which resulted in a reduction in assessment.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the settlement and give authorization to sign stipulation as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Neill reported on another tax assessment appeal for 1253 MacDade Blvd. which will result in an increase in assessment.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Saunders to approve the settlement and give authorization to sign stipulation as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

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 - \$49,422.10; N. Abbonizio Contractors – Haig Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement - \$6,651.71; Kuharchik Construction, Inc. – ARLE Grant Traffic Signal Improvements - \$30,388.04; MOR Construction Services, Inc. – Stockton Circle Sanitary Sewer Manhole - \$13,975.00; MOR Construction Services, Inc. – Morris Avenue Sanitary Sewer Check Valves - \$7,450.00; Battlefield Enterprises, LLC – Arlington & Haverford Storm Drain Reconstruction - \$12,985.00; Battlefield Enterprises, LLC – Dale Road Inlet Replacement - \$19,330.00; Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – MacDade Blvd. Improvements - \$2,316.25; and Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – Green Light Go Design - \$2,953.75.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to approve the certificates as read. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania reported bids were received for the Hutchinson Terrace Drainage Improvements and came in higher than expected. He recommended the bids be rejected and the project authorized to be rebid.

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to reject and rebid the project as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania stated the township received a proposal from Ferguson & McCann, Inc. for stage two decommissioning for the underground storage tank at the Municipal Building in the amount of \$5,980.00. This proposal will allow us to be compliant with the state's new regulations as far as dispensing fuel.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the proposal as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania requested approval of the following Resolutions: Approval to apply for a H2O Grant in the amount of 603,750.00 for sanitary sewer work in the Crum Lynne area and approval to apply for a PA Small Water & Sewer Grant in the amount of 441,692.00 for stormwater quality improvements at various locations in the township in order to meet our MS4 requirements.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve both Resolutions as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the PENNVEST Projects.

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Saunders reminded residents of the holiday trash schedule.

Mr. Saunders announced the 2022 Leaf Collection Program has ended and residents are now asked to bag their leaves. He thanked the Public Works personnel for their hard work during leaf collection season.

Mr. Saunders requested approval to authorize the purchase of two (2) 2023 Ford F350 vehicles for the Public Works Department through the PA COSTARS Program.

Motion made by Mr. McMnamin, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to authorize the purchases as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Law & Ordinance Committee Report

Mr. Willert announced there will be no tax increase in 2023 and no increase in the sewer or rubbish service charges for 2023. Ordinance No. 2068 – 2023 Budget and Ordinance No. 2069 – 2023 Tax Levy are up for adoption.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Warwick to adopt Ordinance No. 2068 and Ordinance No. 2069 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Neill discussed and requested approval of Ordinance No. 2070 regarding the parking and storage of trailers, recreational trailers or boats.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to adopt Ordinance No. 2070 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania reported on and requested approval of a Resolution authorizing application to the County's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for recreation improvements in 2 eligible areas and also for traffic calming along Bullens Lane from MacDade Blvd. to Chester Pike.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to authorize application of the two (2) projects as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Neill discussed and requested adoption of a Resolution approving an Intermunicipal Liquor License transfer request of CBOS Pennsylvania, LLC (Cracker Barrel).

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Saunders to adopt the Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamain reported on the recent Christmas Tree Lighting and other recreation programs.

Public Safety Committee Report

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

- Crum Lynne – 82
- Folsom – 239
- Holmes – 117
- Milmont Park – 46
- Morton – 42
- Ridley Park – 133
- Secane – 69
- Swarthmore - 36
- Woodlyn – 237

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

Mr. Willert announced Reserve Crossing Guards are needed. Anyone interested can contact their Commissioner.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 190
- Contractors Registered – 13
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 30
- Rental Inspections – 123
- Health Inspections – 14

Building Committee Report - No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported on upcoming events at the library. 5,433 patrons visited the library in November and checked out or downloaded 11,963 books and other items. Program attendance for children's, teens and adult classes in November was 1,928.

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 (9-0).

Old and New Business

The Commissioners wished all residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. They thanked Mr. Ryan and all township departments and fire companies for their work during the year.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Willert to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. McMnamin Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Meeting concluded at 6:32pm.