

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
April 27, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on April 27, 2022 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette, Mrs. Cummins, Mr. McMenamin, Mr. Saunders, Mr. McCrea, 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.

Mr. Willert held a moment of silence and acknowledged the passing of Fred Sach, long-time leader of Woodlyn Boy Scout Troop in Ridley Township.

Public Forum

John Shaffer, 309 Kossuth Ave., Milmont Park, appeared before the Board concerning a manhole on MacDade Boulevard, the embankment on MacDade Boulevard by Raymour and Flanigan, Ace Transmission property on Chester Pike, Eddie's Market on Buchanan Avenue and a commercial truck on Milmont Avenue.

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested ratification of the bid to award the 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee through Municibid in the amount of \$8,200.00.

Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. McMenamin to award the vehicle to the highest bidder as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Ryan requested the Board ratify the 2022 through 2024 Ridley Township Police FOP Contract which calls for wage increases of 4%, 2%, 2% for each year respectively, and also provides for an Act 44 retirement program (DROP).

Motion made by Mr. McMenamin, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to ratify the contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Ryan reported the township received two requests from Notre Dame de Lourdes – one for their food truck festival on May 20th and the other for their annual carnival in October.

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

The Board discussed allocating approximately \$2 million ARPA funds to fully fund or supplement stormwater quality projects, storm drainage project and sanitary sewer projects. *(A full list of projects is available on the township's website.)* Further funding will be discussed at future meetings.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. McMnamin to approve the ARPA funding allocation as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in March was 1,187.61 tons and recycling collected in March was 202.03 tons. 23 televisions were collected in March.

Controller's Report – No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill reported a tax assessment appeal for 2021 was filed by the homeowner at 500 W. Sellers Avenue. An appraisal was done and the parties reached a fair market value which would reduce the township taxes by 2,748.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the settlement and authorize the stipulation to be signed 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 - \$3,329.01; A to U Services, Inc. for the 2022 Storm & Sanitary Sewer Repair Contract - \$21,943.55; N. Abbonizio Contractors – PENNVEST Stormwater Improvements - \$325,538.88; N. Abbonizio Construction Inc. – Greenhouse Drive Sanitary Sewer - \$92,873.90; Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe, Inc. – Braxton Road Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project Change Order #1; Frania, Inc. – Nall Field Improvements - \$43,380.00; Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – Kedron & Franklin Ave - \$15,264.67; McMahon Associates – ARLE Grant - \$487.50

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of an escrow agreements for Leonard Builders at 317 Gorsuch Street in the amount of \$15,796.00 and Kim Broomall for Adams Street development in the amount of \$9,557.66.

Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. McMnamin to approve the escrow approvals as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania reported the bids received for the Muhlenberg Avenue culvert project came in over the budget estimate and requested the bids be rejected and re-advertised.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to reject the bids and re-advertise. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania reported four bids were received for the 2022 Road Program. He recommended award to Glasgow, Inc. at their base bid of \$758,538.00 plus an alternate of \$76,157.50 with concurrence of Darby Township and Glenolden Borough since it is a shared street.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to award the bid as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise for the 9th Avenue Drainage Improvement Project.

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

Mr. Catania announced DELCORA will be holding a meeting in Garling Hall on April 28th concerning their proposed tunnel project in the Route 291 area of the township.

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the PENNVEST Project. The contractor getting toward the end of the project. Sixth & Stanbridge is currently underway, Armstrong & Wendy has been delayed due to on-going supply issues and restoration work has begun.

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. McCrea announced there will be no trash collection on May 17th, Primary Election Day.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report

Mr. Neill and the Board discussed the proposed Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance and the public hearing scheduled for this proposed ordinance on May 19th.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. McMenamain announcing their intent to adopt the Medical Marijuana Facilities Ordinance as presented at a future meeting. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Neill and the Board discussed the proposed Resolution increasing electrical permit fees for non-residential projects from \$55 per \$1,000 of cost for the first \$250,000 of cost to \$60 per \$1,000 of cost for the first \$250,000 of cost.

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

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamain reported on upcoming recreation programs. He also announced the township received a \$5,000 grant from the PECO Green Region Open Space Program for the S. Swarthmore Avenue shade tree project and thanked PECO for their generosity and support of our efforts to improve our parks.

Public Safety Committee Report

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

- Crum Lynne – 82
- Folsom – 287
- Holmes – 99
- Milmont Park – 54
- Morton – 50
- Ridley Park – 104
- Secane – 69
- Swarthmore - 49
- Woodlyn – 236

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

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

- Permits Issued – 241
- Contractors Registered – 42
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 64
- Rental Inspections – 346
- Health Inspections – 16

Building Committee Report

Mr. Saunders reported RJ Sun Realty, LLC's application for a Chipotle and Urgent Care at 2603/2623 MacDade Boulevard is ready for approval subject to the engineer's comments and the conditions that the development provide for Enter Only signage on Brighton Terrace and a Left Turn Exit Only on Highland Terrace.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the application as read. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Saunders reported the subdivision application of Stella Maris Bridal Salon at 2339 E. MacDade Boulevard was ready for approval subject to the Alternate Township Engineer's comments.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the application as read. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported on upcoming events at the library. 4,769 patrons visited the library in March and checked out or downloaded 12,688 books and other items. Program attendance for children's, teens and adult classes in March was 2,483.

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 (9-0).

Old and New Business

Mr. Saunders thanked Woodlyn Troop 43 for cleaning up the creek behind the High School. He stated there were about 17 volunteers and they did a great job.

Mr. McCrea reminded everyone to slow down while driving. Summer is fast approaching and kids are out and about. He also thanked all the volunteers in every organization for what they do.

Mr. McMenamain discussed the ARPA funding and how the projects that were approved will make a difference.

Mrs. Morrisette thanked the Highway Department and the coaches and parents who helped get Blackrock Park ready for Opening Day.

Mr. Bidoli thanked the Police Department for everything they do.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:46pm.