

**Ridley Township Board of Commissioners**  
**August 24, 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 August 24, 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), Mr. Betzler (Controller) and Mr. Catania (Township Engineer).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Forum**

Russell Sladek, 507 Johnson Avenue, Folsom, appeared before the Board concerning neighboring properties in disrepair.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the July 27, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

**Manager's Report**

Mr. Ryan received Block Party requests from Grace Road for September 10<sup>th</sup>, 731 thru 760 Michelle Street for September 10<sup>th</sup> and the 500 block of Perry Street for September 24<sup>th</sup>. All paperwork has been received. Mrs. Morrisette requested the police department coordinate traffic away from Grace Road since there are football games at Blackrock Park that day.

**Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to approve the block party requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

**Recycling Report**

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in July was 1,169.35 tons and recycling collected in July was 169.24 tons. 10 televisions were collected in July.

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** – No Report

**Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Neill requested approval of a Land Lease Agreement with Verizon Wireless for their tower at the Municipal Building.

**Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the land lease agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

Mr. Willert asked that a moment of silence be observed for Kevin Lyons.

**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 - \$31,454.80; A to U Services, Inc. – 411 Cedar Avenue sinkhole repair - \$6,844.05; N. Abbonizio Contractors – PENNVEST Stormwater Improvements - \$10,922.00 plus Change Order Nos 5 & 6; N. Abbonizio Contractors – Haig Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement - \$91,033.75; Glasgow, Inc. – 2022 Road Program - \$46,908.35; JMC Contractors – 9<sup>th</sup> Ave drainage improvements - \$10,375.00; Kuharchik Construction, Inc. – Traffic Signal Improvements - \$63,797.49; Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe – Braxton Road Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation - \$18,967.33 Traffic Planning & Design for Kedron Ave Traffic Signals - \$4,518.75; Traffic Planning & Design for Green Light Go documents - \$9,152.99; and McMahon Associations – ARLE Grant - \$270.00.

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

Mr. Catania requested adoption of updated Work Zone Maintenance and Protection of Traffic Standards.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval to advertise for the 2023 annual contracts.

**Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to authorize advertising for the 2023 annual contracts. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the PENNVEST Projects.

Mr. Catania informed the Board the township received notice that PennDOT is scheduled to begin work on the MacDade Boulevard / I-476 ramp improvements after Labor Day.

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

Mr. McCrea announced there will be no trash collection on September 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

Mr. McCrea reminded residents the County will hold their Household Hazardous Waste event on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Emergency Services Training Center in Darby Township.

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

### **Recreation Committee Report**

Mr. McMenamain reported on upcoming recreation programs, including the Fall Festival on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **Public Safety Committee Report**

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

- Crum Lynne – 108
- Folsom – 256
- Holmes – 111
- Milmont Park – 36
- Morton – 53
- Ridley Park – 168
- Secane – 79
- Swarthmore - 49
- Woodlyn – 236

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

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

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

- Permits Issued – 227
- Contractors Registered – 11
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 42
- Rental Inspections – 34
- Health Inspections – 15

### **Building Committee Report**

Mr. Saunders reported the township received a reverse subdivision application for 185-189 Fairview Road to incorporate 4 lots into 1 lot.

**Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the application subject to the alternate township engineer's comments. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

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

Mrs. Cummins reported on upcoming events at the library. 6,434 patrons visited the library in July and checked out or downloaded 15,700 books and other items. Program attendance for children's, teens and adult classes in July was 2,258.

### **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. Saraceni asked the police to patrol Acres Drive and Hoffman Road area for speeding and STOP sign violations.

Mr. McCrea reminded residents that kids are going to be back in school and to slow down and obey all traffic regulations.

Mrs. Morrisette echoed Mr. McCrea's statement.

### **Adjournment**

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

Meeting concluded at 6:25pm.