

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
November 15, 2023
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on November 15, 2023 at the Township Building.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Willert announced an Executive Session was held on November 9, 2023 to discuss personnel matters.

Public Forum

Kevin Horan, 325 Fairview Road, Woodlyn, appeared before the Board regarding traffic concerns on Fairview Road.

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of a Small Business Saturday Resolution.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to adopt the Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in October was 123.21 tons and recycling collected in October was 144.27 tons. 3 televisions were collected in October.

Controller's Report

Mr. Betzler requested approval of Leitzell & Economidis' 2023 audit proposal in the amount of \$27,100.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to accept the proposal as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill announced the Board received a request from Wawa, Inc. to transfer a liquor license to their store at 1920 MacDade Blvd., Woodlyn. The public hearing is scheduled for December 14th at 6:30pm.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Musco Sports Lighting – Nall Field - \$158,963.00; A to U Services, Inc. – Storm Sewer inlet repair - \$22,762.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the certificates as read. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Catania recommended award of the Eisenhower Avenue Drainage Extension bid to A. Gargiule & Sons in the amount of \$39,620.00. He recommended award of the Muhlenberg Avenue Culvert Replacement project to Joseph J. Danielle, LLC, d/b/a Battlefield Enterprises in the amount of \$77,845.00. He recommended award of the Diesel Fuel and Unleaded Gasoline bids to Riggins, Inc. for their bid prices of OPIS + .0695 differential and OPIS + .0385 respectively.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to accept the recommendation of the Engineer on all bids as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Catania recommended approval of a contract extension for John Lewis Electric HVAC for the Ejector Station Maintenance contract in the amount of \$700.00 per month – the same as last year.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the contract extension as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Catania requested authorization to purchase mast arms for the Green Light Go Grant Projects through COSTARS.

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the purchase as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Catania requested approval of a Resolution authorizing application to the Local Share Account Grant Program.

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mr. Saunders to approve the Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reported there is no trash collection on Thursday, November 23rd or Friday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamin reported on the current recreation programs and announced the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on December 5th.

Public Safety Committee Report

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

- Crum Lynne – 99
- Folsom – 273
- Holmes – 129
- Milmont Park – 43
- Morton – 47
- Ridley Park – 130
- Secane – 69
- Swarthmore - 44
- Woodlyn – 226

Mr. Willert announced Officer Sara Howell received the American Legion Post 777 2023 Ridley Township Officer of the Year award. He also highlighted calls for service that the police made during the month.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 229
- Contractors Registered – 14
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 42
- Rental Inspections – 26
- Health Inspections – 21

Building Committee Report

Mr. Saunders requested approval of a Subdivision/Land Development application for JMT Builders subject to the Alternate Township Engineer's comments.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the application as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 7,365 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,627 books and other items in October. Program attendance at 83 programs was 3,147. She also reported on upcoming library programs.

Finance Committee Report

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

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mr. Warwick that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Old and New Business

The Board wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Melasecca announced Holmes Fire Company will host a Cow Pie Bingo on November 18th and Folsom Fire House will be holding a Breakfast with Santa on December 3rd. The Marine Corps Reserve Center will hold their Open House on December 3rd.

Mr. McMenamin thanked Marina Manager Denise Faber and staff. He also spoke on Senior Community Services Aging at Home Program.

Mrs. Morrisette announced Ridley United Soccer's Mud Run will be held at Blackrock Park on December 3rd.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Willert, seconded by Mr. Saunders to adjourn the meeting, Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Meeting concluded at 6:23pm.