

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
November 16, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on November 16, 2022 at the Township Building.

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

Executive Session Announcement

Mr. Willert announced the Board met in executive sessions on November 10th and November 15th to discuss personnel matters and labor negotiations.

Public Forum - No one present

The Board presented a Resolution to Mike McCrea honoring his 13 years of service as 6th Ward Commissioner.

Mr. Willert announced three inquiries were received for the position of 6th Ward Commissioner and two candidates were interviewed.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to nominate Jeffrey Warwick to the position of Sixth Ward Commissioner. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to adopt a Resolution filling the vacancy of Sixth Ward Commissioner. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

The Honorable John J. Whelan swore Mr. Warwick in as Commissioner.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to elect Patrick McMenamin as Board Vice President. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval for a Resolution in recognition of Small Business Saturday on November 26th.

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

Mr. Ryan requested approval to ratify the Municibid awards for four vehicles.

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

Mr. Ryan requested approval to appoint Mr. McMenamain to fill the position of Municipal Pension Plan Chief Administrative Officer, previously held by Mr. McCrea.

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

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in October was 1,177.53 tons and recycling collected in October was 156.53 tons. 8 televisions were collected in October.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill reported a tax assessment appeal filed for the property at 1553 Chester Pike which resulted in a negotiated settlement. Mr. Neill requested approval of the settlement and authorization to sign the stipulation fixing the assessed value for 2021 and 2022 at \$1,540,000.00.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Saunders to approve the settlement and authorize the stipulation as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Neill announced the Cracker Barrel Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer public hearing will be held on December 15, 2022 at 6:30pm.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Radio Communications Service – 2022 Police Radio Maintenance - \$2,704.01; A to U Services, Inc. for the 2022 Storm & Sanitary Sewer Repair Contract - \$17,623.68; N. Abbonizio Contractors – PENNVEST Projects - \$85,583.02, plus change orders; Duke's Root Control – Sanitary Sewer

Manhole Inspections - \$18,270.00; Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe, Inc. – Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation - \$29,581.72; and M. Razzi, Inc. – Eisenhower Avenue Drainage Improvements - \$7,800.00.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of an escrow release for Auto Zone, 435 MacDade Blvd in the amount of \$230,825.00 subject to payment of fees due and resolution of damaged concrete.

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

Mr. Catania reported five bids were received for the MacDade Blvd. & Sutton Ave. Drainage Improvements and recommended award to LB Construction Enterprises for their bid amount of \$49,600.00, subject to final review by his office and the Solicitor.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of a Resolution authorizing Mr. Ryan to execute any agreements relating to the Michigan Avenue bridge replacement over Little Crum Creek on behalf of the township.

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

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the PENNVEST Projects.

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Bidoli reminded residents there will be no trash collection on November 24th and November 25th. He also announced the leaf collection program is progressing well.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report – No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMnamin reported the township received a PECO Green Region grant to plant shade trees at S. Swarthmore Avenue Park. He also announced the Christmas Tree Lighting will be held December 6th.

Public Safety Committee Report

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

- Crum Lynne – 86
- Folsom – 291
- Holmes – 117
- Milmont Park – 57
- Morton – 44
- Ridley Park – 132
- Secane – 87
- Swarthmore - 42
- Woodlyn – 200

Mr. Willert highlighted some 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 October as follows:

- Permits Issued – 232
- Contractors Registered – 11
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 46
- Rental Inspections – 18
- Health Inspections – 16

Building Committee Report

Mr. Saunders requested approval for a land development application at 120 Kedron Avenue for Ridley Self Storage subject to the alternate township engineer's comments.

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

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported on upcoming events at the library. 5,290 patrons visited the library in October and checked out or downloaded 12,516 books and other items. Program attendance for children's, teens and adult classes in October was 2,138.

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 & Officials wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and welcomed Mr. Warwick as 6th Ward Commissioner.

Mr. Warwick thanked the Board and Mr. McCrea for his years of service

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:30pm.