

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
February 22, 2023
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on February 22, 2023 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette, Mrs. Cummins, Mr. McMenamin, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Warwick, Mr. Willert, 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 None

Certificates of Commendation

Mr. Willert announced the presentation of Certificates of Commendation to Retired Lieutenant Charles A. Palo, Jr., Detective Shawn McGee and Sergeant Dennis Valerio for their work in the investigation and trial on the Malaki Trice murder case which resulted in a first-degree murder conviction.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the meeting minutes of December 15, 2022 (CDBG Hearing), December 15, 2022 (Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer Hearing), and December 21, 2022. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of the Act 47 Resolution, which allows taxpayers who failed to receive a tax notice during their first year of occupancy to apply for a waiver from penalties and additional costs from the tax collector.

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

Mr. Ryan reported that Assistant Township Manager, Mr. Caponi, was able to recover over \$7,000 in unclaimed funds from the PA Treasury for the township. These funds were from unclaimed checks, credit balances, etc., and will be deposited into the general fund of the township.

Recycling Report

Mr. Bidoli reported trash collected in January was 1,270.45 tons and recycling collected in January was 195.87 tons. 6 televisions were collected in January.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report - No Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: A to U Services, Inc. for sewer maintenance - \$11,594.41; Mobile Dredging – Braxton Road Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation - \$76,738.76; and N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – PENNVEST Project - \$94,957.23.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of an escrow release for R.J. Sun Realty, LLC at 2603 & 2623 MacDade Boulevard in the amount of \$195,426.10.

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

Mr. Catania reported three bids were received for the Hutchinson Terrace Drainage Improvement project and recommended award to Premier Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$47,255.00.

Motion made by Mr. McMnamin, seconded by Mr. Saunders to award the bid as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise for bids for the following projects:

- Balignac Avenue Playground Accessibility Improvements (CDBG Project)
- 2023 Road Resurfacing Project
- Clymer Lane Playground Alley Reconstruction
- Amosland Road ADA Curb Cuts

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of two (2) FEMA Resolutions. One was adopting the Delaware County Hazard Mitigation Plan of 2023 as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of Ridley Township. The second was to authorize Joseph A. Ryan to execute any documents required for our FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant application.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. Warwick to approve both Resolutions as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the MacDade Blvd. & Sutton Ave Storm Sewer Replacement Project.

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the PENNVEST Projects.

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report - No Report

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenemy reported on upcoming Spring recreation programs.

Public Safety Committee Report

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

- Crum Lynne – 91
- Folsom – 258
- Holmes – 108
- Milmont Park – 42
- Morton – 46
- Ridley Park – 119
- Secane – 74
- Swarthmore - 39
- Woodlyn – 289

Mr. Willert 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 January as follows:

- Permits Issued – 158
- Contractors Registered – 53
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 23
- Rental Inspections -34
- Health Inspections – 17

Building Committee Report - No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 5,785 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 13,495 books and other items in January, the highest circulation in 13 years. Program attendance at 46 programs was 1,241. 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 Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Saraceni that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Old and New Business

The Board thanked the officers of the Ridley Police Department for all their work. Mr. Willert reported PennDOT is moving along with their work along MacDade Blvd. & I-476. He also reported the Aldi store in the MacDade Crossing Shopping Center at MacDade Blvd. & Fairview Road is open.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:24pm.