

**Ridley Township Board of Commissioners**  
**March 22, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice President McMenamin 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, Mrs. Melasecca and Mr. Bidoli.

Also present were Mr. Ryan (Township Manager) and Mr. Catania (Township Engineer).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Forum**

Filomena Merlino, 405 Private Lane, Woodlyn, appeared before the Board requesting a streetlight at the top of her street.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Saunders to approve the minutes of January 25, 2023 and February 22, 2023. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

**Manager's Report**

Mr. Ryan reported Diane White retired as Treasurer. He requested approval of the appointment of Caitlin Sullivan as Treasurer.

**Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to appoint Caitlin Sullivan as Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Ryan announced the Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association will hold their annual stream cleanup on March 25<sup>th</sup> behind Woodlyn Shopping Center. Scout Troop 43 will clean the stream behind Ridley High School the same date.

**Recycling Report**

Mr. Bidoli reported trash collected in February was 969.41 tons and recycling collected in February was 146.69 tons. 8 televisions were collected in February.

## **Controller's Report**

Mr. Saunders requested approval to modify the bank signature cards to reflect Ms. Sullivan's appointment.

**Motion made by Ms. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to modify the bank signature cards. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

**Solicitor's Report** - No Report

## **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – PENNVEST Projects - \$69,091.60; Duke's Root Control, Inc. – 2023 line cleaning & video inspection - \$37,318.50; Traffic Planning & Design – Kedron & Franklin project - \$676.00; Traffic Planning & Design – MacDade Blvd. improvements - \$420.00.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of an escrow for the property at 719 Belmont Avenue in the amount of \$20,993.50.

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

Mr. Catania reported three bids were received for the 2023 Road Program project and recommended award to Glasgow, Inc. in the amount of \$686,668.80 subject to the Solicitor's review.

**Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to award the bid as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania requested ratification of the emergency demolition of 1250 Mildred Avenue and award the demolition to A.J. Jurich, Inc. for the amount of \$88,060.00.

**Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to approve both requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania requested authorization to purchase a lighting system through the COSTARS Program from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC in the amount of \$321,890.00 to be partially funded through a DCNR grant.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval for highway improvements property acquisitions along Fairview Road at Chester Pike, Jefferson Avenue and Parklane Road.

**Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to initiate highway property acquisitions as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania requested authorization of a stormwater maintenance agreement between PennDOT and the Township for the Popeye's project at MacDade Blvd & Amosland Rd. The township would then incorporate or delegate that responsibility to Popeye's as part of the land development agreement.

**Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. Saunders to authorize the agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania requested approval of a sanitary sewer maintenance agreement for Wawa at MacDade Blvd. & Bullens Lane, assigning the responsibility of the grinder pump maintenance to the developer.

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

Mr. Catania stated FEMA requested the township adopt a resolution approving the update to the 2019 County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

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

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the MacDade Blvd. & Sutton Ave storm sewer replacement project and the PENNVEST projects.

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

Mr. Warwick reported there is no trash collection on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday.

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

### **Recreation Committee Report**

Mr. McMenamain reported on the spring recreation programs and the upcoming summer programs.

### **Public Safety Committee Report**

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

- Crum Lynne – 56
- Folsom – 254
- Holmes – 116
- Milmont Park – 55
- Morton – 27
- Ridley Park – 92
- Secane – 75
- Swarthmore - 36
- Woodlyn – 226

Mr. McMenamain 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 February as follows:

- Permits Issued – 143
- Contractors Registered – 43
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 33
- Rental Inspections – 32
- Health Inspections – 14

**Building Committee Report** - No Report

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

Mrs. Cummins reported that 6,333 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 12,241 books and other items in February. Program attendance at 70 programs was 3,009. 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. Warwick that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

## **Old and New Business**

Mrs. Melasecca reported Holmes Fire Company is purchasing new self-contained breathing apparatus and acknowledged their 15-year anniversary of rescuing a trapped fire fighter in Upper Chichester Township which changed the training standards for similar incidents.

Mrs. Morrisette announced Swarthmorewood AA's cleanup day on March 26<sup>th</sup> and reminded residents to stop at STOP signs.

Mr. Bidoli reiterated Mrs. Morrisette's reminder about STOP signs.

## **Adjournment**

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

Meeting concluded at 6:32pm.