

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
May 24, 2023
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on May 24, 2023 at the Township Building.

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

Also present were Mr. Catania (Township Engineer) and Mr. Neill (Township Solicitor).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Willert recognized scouts from Woodlyn Troop 43 who were present at the meeting as part of their requirements for their Community merit badge.

Mr. Willert acknowledged Donna McAlea and Theresa O'Brien from Lakeview Elementary School on their retirements. He also acknowledged Chelsea Cosella, 10 years old from Folsom, who won the bronze all-around gymnastics title at the USA IGC Pennsylvania State Championship meet held in Broomall, PA.

Mr. Willert announced Jahmir Taylor was chosen by the Ridley School District as this year's recipient of the Anne E. Howanski Memorial Scholarship.

Resolutions

The Board presented a Resolution to Eagle Scout Wyatt McCafferty, a member of Troop 355 in Holmes.

The Board read a Resolution in honor of Sister Catherine McErlean, IHM, Director of Religious Education at St. Rose of Lima, which will be presented to her at her retirement dinner.

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

Manager's Report

Mr. Willert reported two block party requests were received – one from Hood Road for June 3rd and one from Clymer Lane for June 24th.

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

Mr. Willert presented a Special Events Permit request from Spinsanity at Fairview Road & Jefferson Avenue to hold outside workouts on May 29th.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Warwick to approve the Special Events Permit request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in April was 1,223.69 tons and recycling collected in April was 156.51 tons. 15 televisions were collected in April.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill reported on a tax assessment appeal for the Wells Fargo Bank property and requested approval of a settlement and stipulation that fixes the assessed value for 2021 and 2022 at 2,862,000 and 2,315,400 for 2023 resulting in an increase in tax revenue.

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to approve the settlement and stipulation as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Neill received a request for an Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer to the property located 2171 MacDade Boulevard and informed the Board a public hearing would be scheduled.

Mr. Neill requested approval for a final extension on the agreement of sale for a portion of Mann Field for the RVN development at MacDade Blvd. & Kedron Ave.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to approve the final extension subject to the Township Manager's and Solicitor's review. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: SWERP, Inc. – Amherst Ave Sanitary Sewer Relining - \$19,650.00; McMahon Associates – ARLE Grant Construction Services - \$3,500.00; Duke's – Manhole Inspections - \$4,146.50; LB Construction

Enterprises, Inc. – MacDade Blvd. & Sutton Avenue - \$4,600.00; Glasgow, Inc. – 2023 Road Program - \$250,490.58; A.J. Jurich, Inc. – Demolition & Site Clearance – 1250 Mildred Ave. - \$3,060.00; A to U Services, Inc. – Sewer Maintenance - \$22,342.99; Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe, Inc. – Braxton Road Sanitary Sewer Relining - \$42,178.13; General Sewer Service, Inc. – Municipal Bldg. Sanitary Sewer Relining - \$11,200.00; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – Municipal Bldg. Sanitary Sewer Lateral Repair - \$5,616.00; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – Michigan Ave. & Muhlenberg Ave. Manhole Repair - \$42,296.00.

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

Mr. Catania reported bids were received for the Clymer Lane Alley Drainage Improvements. He recommended award to N. Abbonizio Contractors for their low bid amount of \$45,690.00.

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

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the PennDOT Intersection Safety Improvement Project at Route 420 & Franklin Avenue.

Mr. Catania requested adoption of Construction Site Safety & Maintenance Standards to establish the minimum requirements for construction sites.

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

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reported there is no trash collection on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report

Mr. Neill requested approval of Ordinance 2074 which reduces the time to remediate grass, brush, and weed violations from 10 days to 5 days.

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

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamain reported on the current recreation programs and activities.

Public Safety Committee Report

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

- Crum Lynne – 89
- Folsom – 295
- Holmes – 127
- Milmont Park – 54
- Morton – 48
- Ridley Park – 133
- Secane – 101
- Swarthmore - 44
- Woodlyn – 239

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 April as follows:

- Permits Issued – 177
- Contractors Registered – 26
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 36
- Rental Inspections – 258
- Health Inspections – 14

Building Committee Report

Mr. Saunders requested approval for a 6-month extension to act on the land development application of 130 South Fairview Road, LLC.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to grant the extension as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Saunders requested approval for a 3-month extension to act of the subdivision/land development application of Alibert Properties, Inc. – 1919 W. MacDade Blvd., Woodlyn.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to grant the extension as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 6,042 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 12,901 books and other items in April. Program attendance at 58 programs was 1,914. 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 (9-0).

Old and New Business

Mrs. Morrisette thanked Relish for inviting the Board to their Grand Opening.

Mr. Bidoli thanked Troop 43 for attending and congratulated Eagle Scout Wyatt McCafferty on his accomplishment.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:35pm.