

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
September 25, 2024
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on September 25, 2024 at the Township Building.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of a Block Party request for Sixth Ave between Tasker & Sutton on September 28th and October 12th.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to approve the block party request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval of a Block Party request for Grace Road from Swarthmorewood Lane to Blackrock Rd for October 12th.

Motion made by Mrs. Melasecca, seconded by Mr. Warwick to approve the block party request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Ryan received the following Special Events permit requests: Relish Community Day on October 20th; Eastlawn Cemetery Storytime on October 28th and Our Lady of Peace/Milmont & Friends Winterfest on November 30th.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the requests, subject to the Township Manager's approval. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Ryan announced the Commissioners and Police Department will hold their annual Trunk or Treat event on October 26th.

Mr. Ryan requested approval of a Records Disposal Resolution authorizing disposal of old police records in accordance with the Municipal Records Retention schedule.

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

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in August was 1,184.39 tons and recycling collected in August was 161.21 tons. 10 televisions were collected in August.

Mrs. Melasecca announced the Township's Community Shredding Day will be held on October 12th from 9am to 11am at the Municipal Building.

Controller's Report

Mr. Betzler announced the 2025 Minimum Municipal Pension Obligation as follows: Police MMO - \$764,007.00; Non-Uniform MMO - \$1,216,352.00 for a total of \$1,980,359.00.

Motion made by Mr. McMenam, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to approve the 2025 MMO as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Solicitor's Report - No Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Traffic Planning & Design – MacDade Blvd Improvements - \$821.25; Ford Brothers Electrical Co., Inc. – Blackrock Park - \$22,500.00; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – 2024 Road Program - \$71,772.32.

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

Mr. Catania recommended the following escrow releases: Iacona & Iacona, LLC – 2325 MacDade Blvd. - \$4,930.00; 2329 MacDade Blvd. - \$15,882.25 and 2333 MacDade Blvd. - \$17,276.25; Huang – 719 Belmont Ave - \$17,844.48.

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

Mr. Catania reported bids were received for the Cedar Ave and Holmes Road drainage improvement project and recommended award to Joseph J. Danielle, LLC (Battlefield Enterprises) for their bid in the amount of \$211,958.90.

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

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reminded residents that trash won't be collected on Monday October 14th in observance of Columbus Day. He also announced the County's last Household Hazardous Waste collection event will be held on October 12th.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No report

Recreation Committee Report

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

Mr. McMenamain thanked all involved with the Fall Festival – it was a great day.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in August totaled 1,249.

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 August as follows:

- Permits Issued – 220
- Contractors Registered – 22
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 31
- Rental Inspections – 51
- Health Inspections – 21

Building Committee Report- No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 6,941 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 17,422 books and other items in August. Program attendance at 65 programs was 3,198 people. 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

Mr. Saraceni thanked Donna Murray for speaking at the Association of Township Commissioners membership meeting. All were very impressed with Donna and the work of the staff at the Ridley Township Public Library and Resource Center.

Mrs. Melasecca reminded residents that Folsom Fire House Octoberfest will be held on October 5th from 10am to 4pm.

Mr. Saunders also thanked Donna for speaking to the Commissioners group.

Mr. McMenamain thanked Peg Whelan for her work on this year's Fall Festival.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:16pm.