

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
July 26, 2023
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on July 26, 2023 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. Catania (Township Engineer), Mr. Betzler (Controller) and Mr. Neill (Township Solicitor).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Willert expressed the Board's sympathy to the family of Edna Hopkins Rozier, who recently passed away.

Mr. Willert welcomed the Marina Corps back to the Training Center on Kedron Avenue.

The Board presented a Certificate of Commendation to Officer Sara Howell for her life-saving efforts assisting Glenolden police in saving a one-year old child.

Manager's Report

Mr. Willert requested approval of the following block parties:

- 1100 block of Villanova Avenue – August 5th
- 200 block of Gilmore Street – August 19th
- Dale Road – August 19th
- Ridley Circle – September 9th

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

Mr. Willert requested approval of a Special Events permit request from East Lawn Cemetery to hold 2 story times at their location.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to table action on the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in June was 1,350.62 tons and recycling collected in June was 198.20 tons. 8 televisions were collected in June. Mrs. Melasecca reported the Shredding Day will take place on September 30th.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill reported the request for an Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer to the property located 2171 MacDade Boulevard has been resubmitted by the applicant and a public hearing is scheduled for August 17th at 6:15pm.

Mr. Neill also reported RVN requested an additional extension to October, 2023 for the sale of the subject property contingent upon concurrence of the Township Manager.

Motion made by Mr. Willert, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the extension as stated. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – Sewer Maintenance - \$10,400.00; A to U Services, Inc. – Sewer Maintenance - \$16,856.00; Battlefield Enterprises, LLC – Darby Road Culvert - \$35,236.00; Battlefield Enterprises – Sixth Ave Storm Sewer - \$8,635.00; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – Moore's Lake Walking Trail - \$21,500.00

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

Mr. Catania recommended approval for an escrow release in the amount of \$16,643.00 for Neerland Building & Remodeling – Lot 5 Michigan Avenue.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. McMnamin to release the escrow as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania reported on several bids that were recently opened:

- Balignac Ave Playground Improvements – no bids received. Mr. Catania requested authorization to readvertise.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to readvertise the bid as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

- 2023 Road Program Phase 2 - Mr. Catania recommended award to N. Abbonizio Contractors for their low bid amount of \$128,740.00.

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

- 9th Avenue Drainage Improvements – Mr. Catania recommended award to N. Abbonizio Contractors for their low bid amount of \$172,720.00.

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

- 6th & Ridley Avenues Drainage Improvements – Mr. Catania recommended award to N. Abbonizio Contractors for their low bid amount of \$161,265.00.

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

Mr. Catania reported the township received notice that SEPTA will be replacing the grade crossing on Kedron Avenue at the Morton Train Station July 28th through July 31st. Road closures and detours will be in place.

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report - No report

Law & Ordinance Committee Report

Mr. Willert requested adoption of a Resolution setting the permit license fees for Commercial Trash Collectors at 200.00 annually.

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

Mr. Willert requested adoption of the Resolution amending the duplicate tax bill and certification fees charged to third parties, not residents.

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

Mr. Willert requested adoption of Ordinance No. 2075 and Ordinance No. 2076 increasing the rubbish and sewer rebate to \$200. total to eligible residents.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Ms. Morrisette to adopt the Ordinances as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Willert requested adoption of Ordinance No. 2077 permitting the township to cite and/or revoke Commercial Trash Collectors for violation of noise ordinance.

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

Mr. Willert requested adoption of Ordinance No. 2078 updating traffic regulations throughout the township.

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mr. Saraceni 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 June as follows:

- Crum Lynne – 110
- Folsom – 289
- Holmes – 120
- Milmont Park – 46
- Morton – 41
- Ridley Park – 115
- Secane – 69
- Swarthmore - 36
- Woodlyn – 234

Mr. Willert announced information about National Night Out on August 1st. He also 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 June as follows:

- Permits Issued – 232
- Contractors Registered – 22
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 64
- Rental Inspections – 289
- Health Inspections – 16

Building Committee Report

Mr. Saunders requested approval of a subdivision/land development application from 130 South Fairview Road LLC for a proposed warehouse building subject to the township engineer, fire marshal and Delaware County Planning Department's comments.

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

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 7,238 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 13,758 books and other items in June. Program attendance at 49 programs was 1,783. 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

The Board congratulated Officer Sara Howell and thanked her and all our officers for the great job they do every day.

Mr. Warwick congratulated Ridley Area Little League district and tournament teams.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:31pm.