

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
January 3, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Special Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on January 3, 2022 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mr. Donahue, Mrs. Cummins, Mr. McMenamin, Mr. Saunders, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Willert, Mrs. Melasecca and Mr. Bidoli.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Willert welcomed everyone and thanked Mr. Donahue for his years of dedicated service as Second Ward Commissioner.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamin, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to adjourn the meeting Sine Die. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Meeting was adjourned Sine Die.

Election of Temporary Chairman

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to elect Mr. Willert as temporary Chairman. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Willert welcomed the Honorable Jack Whelan, along with the Honorable George Dawson to the meeting.

Mr. Willert introduced Mary Beth Diostillio, who presented Patti Rodgers Morrisette's Election Certificate. Judge Whelan administered the oath of office to Mrs. Rodgers Morrisette as Second Ward Commissioner. Mrs. Rodgers Morrisette thanked Mr. Donahue, the residents of the 2nd Ward and her family.

Mr. Willert introduced Patrick M. McMenamin, who presented Patrick J. McMenamin's Election Certificate. Judge Whelan administered the oath of office to Mr. McMenamin as Fourth Ward Commissioner. Mr. McMenamin thanked his family, township employees and the 4th ward residents.

Mr. Willert introduced Tim McCrea, who presented Michael J. McCrea's Election Certificate. Judge Whelan administered the oath of office to Mr. McCrea as Sixth Ward Commissioner. Mr. McCrea thanked his family, past and present Commissioners, township employees, Committee people, Leedom organizations and the residents of the Leedom & Lakeview sections.

Mr. Willert introduced Frank Melasecca, who presented Shanin Melasecca's Election Certificate. Judge Whelan administered the oath of office to Mrs. Melasecca as Eighth Ward Commissioner. Mrs. Melasecca thanked everyone in attendance, her family and Judge Dawson.

Mr. Willert introduced Donna Jennings, who presented Kevin Jennings' Election Certificate. Judge Whelan administered the oath of office to Mr. Jennings as Tax Collector. Mr. Jennings thanked the Commissioners, the Tax Office staff and his family.

Mr. Willert announced that Mr. Betzler, who was elected as Controller, was unable to attend and will be sworn in by Judge Whelan at a later date.

The meeting was taken out of Sine Die & the Organization Meeting called to order. The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Rodgers Morrisette, Mrs. Cummins, Mr. McMenemy, Mr. Saunders, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Willert, Mrs. Melasecca and Mr. Bidoli.

Election of President, Board of Commissioners

Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to elect Mr. Willert as President of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Election of Vice President, Board of Commissioners

Motion made by Mr. McMenemy, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to elect Mr. McCrea as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Appointment of Township Solicitor

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to appoint William T. Neill, III, Esq. as Township Solicitor. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Appointment of Township Engineer

Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to appoint Charles J. Catania, Jr., PE, as Township Engineer. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Appointment of Alternate Township Engineer

Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to appoint David P. Damon, PE, as Alternate Township Engineer. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Appointment of Vacancy Board Chairman

Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. McMenamin to appoint Thomas A. Donahue as Vacancy Board Chairman. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Commissioner Committee Appointments

Mr. Willert read the Commissioner's Committee appointments as follows:

- **Police Committee:** Willert – Chairman; McCrea – Vice Chairman; McMenamin
- **Recreation Committee:** McMenamin – Chairman; Cummins – Vice Chairman; McCrea & Melasecca
- **Highway/Sanitation Committee:** McCrea - Chairman; Saunders – Vice Chairman; All Township Commissioners
- **Building Committee:** Saunders – Chairman; Saraceni – Vice Chairman; Rodgers Morrisette
- **Library & Resource Center Committee:** Cummins – Chairman; Saraceni – Vice Chairman; All Township Commissioners
- **Law & Ordinance Committee:** Bidoli – Chairman; McMenamin – Vice Chairman; Saunders
- **Finance Committee:** Rodgers Morrisette – Chairman; Bidoli – Vice Chairman; Saraceni
- **Health/Code Enforcement Committee:** Saraceni – Chairman; Rodgers Morrisette – Vice Chairman; Melasecca
- **Recycling Committee:** Melasecca – Chairman; Cummins – Vice Chairman; McMenamin, Bidoli

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

FEMA Grant Application/Resolution

Mr. Catania requested approval of a Flood Mitigation Grant Resolution authorizing the submission of the grant application and authorizing the Township Manager to sign any documents needed for the application. The grant application is to address some of the flooding problems in the township.

Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to authorize submission of the FEMA grant and authorize the Township Manager to sign documents as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.