

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
March 26, 2025
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Board President Willert at 6:00pm on March 26, 2025 at the Township Building.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Forum

- Russell Sladek – 507 Johnson Avenue appeared before the Board concerning property maintenance issues on his street
- Elizabeth Hocker appeared before the Board concerning safety issues on MacDade Boulevard
- Doug Hocker – 1209 Harper Avenue appeared before the Board concerning safety issues along MacDade Boulevard
- Suzanne deSeife – 1209 Harper Avenue appeared before the Board concerning safety issues along MacDade Boulevard

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of two (2) Special Event permit requests – one from Notre Dame de Lourdes to hold their carnival September 25th thru 27th on the school grounds and the second from Home Depot to hold a car show on May 3rd.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the Notre Dame Carnival request and table the Home Depot request. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Executive Session Announcement

Mr. Willert announced the Board met in an Executive Session on February 27th to discuss collective bargaining agreement negotiations.

Recycling Report

Mr. Capozzoli reported trash collected in February was 884.79 tons and recycling collected in February was 142.79 tons. 12 televisions were collected in February.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report - No Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – Green Light-Go Improvements - \$376.25; Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – MacDade Boulevard - \$4,061.25; Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – MacDade & Holmes traffic signal - \$3,253.00; Armour & Sons Electric, Inc. – Green Light-Go Fairview & Parklane - \$59,345.10; A. Gargiule & Sons, Inc. – Michigan Ave Sanitary Sewer Replacement - \$32,365.00; Mr. Rehab, LLC – Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Change Order No. 1 and payment - \$183,631.05; Joseph J. Danielle, LLC – Cedar & Holmes Drainage Improvements - \$180,232.61; Musco Sports Lighting, LLC – Blackrock Park Ph 2 - \$29,226.00.

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

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following escrows: John Michael Thomas Builders – 425 Rutledge Ave - \$22,000.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to accept the recommendation as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise for bids for the Secane Road Storm Sewer Improvements and the Blackrock Park Phase 3 Improvements.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Warwick to authorize the bid advertisements. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Catania requested approval of a resolution to apply for a PA SITES grant which is a grant program for the development of industrial sites. In cooperation with the developer of the site at 130 Fairview Road, the township is going to make a submission for this grant for Fairview Road intersection improvements, including traffic signal upgrades, at MacDade Boulevard, Jefferson Avenue & Chester Pike.

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

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick announced there will be no trash collection on Friday, April 18th in observance of Good Friday. He also thanked the Sanitation Department workers for their good work.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenemy reported on upcoming recreation programs.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in February totaled 1,110.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

Mr. Saraceni read the Health & Code Enforcement Committee report for February as follows:

- Permits Issued – 176
- Contractors Registered – 29
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 35
- Rental Inspections – 49
- Health Inspections – 14

Building Committee Report- No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 7,750 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,022 books and other items in February. Program attendance at 73 programs was 2,658 people. In addition, the library staff accepted 140 new passport applications in February and currently have 4,512 followers on Facebook. 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. Cummins, 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 stressed the importance of educating pedestrians as well as drivers on safety issues.

Mr. Capozzoli announced Folsom will be holding an Italian Festival on March 29th from 11am to 5pm.

Mr. Warwick reminded residents to please be aware of parking, speeding, obey Stop signs.

Mrs. Morrisette announced Swarthmorewood AA's opening day of baseball will be April 12th.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:38pm.