

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
April 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 April 26, 2023 at the Township Building.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Forum

Ray Bunting, 529 Ridley Avenue, and Dave Ryan, 6th Avenue, appeared before the Board asking the status of the proposed drainage improvement project in their area.

Maribel Blythe, 700 South Avenue, appeared before the Board concerning having chickens.

Bett Williams, 1283 Haverford Road, appeared before the Board concerning the polling place and also a floodlight on an apartment building.

Mr. Willert recognized members of Troop 339 who were in attendance as a requirement to obtain their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

Mr. Willert congratulated the Ridley High School Swimming & Diving Team on their recent participation in the PIAA State Championship.

Resolutions

The Board presented a Resolution to the Board and Staff of the Ridley Township Public Library & Resource Center on their 66th anniversary, 5th year in the new building & Library Week.

The Board presented a Resolution to the Billy Fox Foundation.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Warwick to adopt the Resolutions as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval to award the disposal of equipment to the highest bidder through the Municibid website totaling over \$10,400.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to make the awards as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval of a maintenance agreement with Delaware County for the Michigan Avenue Bridge.

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

Mr. Ryan reported Amosland Elementary School will hold their annual Awareness Walk in honor of Nick Colleluori on April 28th.

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in March was 171.24 tons and recycling collected in March was 176.58 tons. 13 televisions were collected in March.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill reported RVN LLC proposed to construct a car wash at MacDade Blvd. & Kedron Ave. and have been approved to purchase a portion of township property at that location. The developer requested settlement be pushed back 6 months.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to table action on this request. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: LB Construction Enterprises, Inc. – MacDade Blvd. & Sutton Avenue - \$41,940.00; AF Damon, Inc. – Blackrock Park driveway Widening - \$11,450.00; A.J. Jurich, Inc. – Demo of 1250 Mildred Avenue - \$88,060.00 (*\$85,000.00 paid by the County OHCD*); N. Abbonizio Contractors – PENNVEST Project - \$39,617.26; MOR Construction Services – Municipal Bldg. Sinkhole - \$11,700.00; Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe, Inc. – Braxton/Clymer Sanitary Sewer Rehab - \$38,144.40; A to U Services, Inc. – Bullens Lane Sanitary Sewer - \$5,454.70; Premier Concrete, Inc. – Hutchinson Terrace Drainage Improvements - \$42,529.50.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of escrows for the following development: Popeye's at MacDade Blvd & Amosland Rd - \$504,370.80 and MacDade Bullens, LLC for the Wawa at MacDade Blvd. & Bullens Lane - \$2,287,309.64 and for Wawa, Inc. at the same location - \$770,520.63.

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

Mr. Catania reported one bid was received for the Balignac Avenue Playground Accessibility Improvements (CDBG Project) and recommended, per County policy, that the bid be rejected and the project rebid.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to award the bid as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the 2023 Road Program and the PENNVEST Projects.

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reported there is no trash collection on Tuesday, May 16th in observance of Primary Election Day.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamain reported on the current recreation programs and announced the Annual Fall Festival will be held on September 17th.

Public Safety Committee Report

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

- Crum Lynne - 77
- Folsom - 300
- Holmes - 102
- Milmont Park - 57
- Morton - 34
- Ridley Park - 140
- Secane - 79
- Swarthmore - 46
- Woodlyn - 244

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 March as follows:

- Permits Issued – 223
- Contractors Registered – 48
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 35
- Rental Inspections – 51
- Health Inspections – 17

Building Committee Report

Mrs. Morrisette reported an extension request was received from Wave Car Wash asking for a 6-month extension on their Land Development application.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. McMenamin to grant the extension as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 6,490 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,220 books and other items in March. Program attendance at 78 programs was 3,214. 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

Mrs. Cummins thanked the Library Board and staff for the excellent job they do.

Mr. McMenamin wished the members of Troop 339 luck with their merit badges.

Mr. Warwick thanked the Police Department and Leedom Fire Co. for their assistance with the Ridley Area Little League Opening Day Parade.

Mrs. Morrisette also thanked the Police Department for assisting with the Swarthmorewood AA Opening Day Parade. She also thanked all the volunteers and coaches who help with the baseball program.

The Board congratulated the Library Board & Staff on their 5th Anniversary in the new building.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:43pm.