

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
March 23, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on March 23, 2022 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette, Mrs. Cummins, Mr. McMenamain, Mr. Saunders, Mr. McCrea, Mr. Willert, Mrs. Melasecca (*by phone*) and Mr. Bidoli.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Forum

Janet DiIorio, 426 Ridley Avenue, Folsom, appeared before the Board concerning updates on the ARPA funds, Waverly & Agnes project and the Marine Training Center.

James Michael Donahue, Jr., 2644 Armstrong Avenue, Holmes, appeared before the Board concerning the 2021 audit and the ARPA funds.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Board authorized approval of the February 23, 2022 meeting minutes.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Willert wished long-time newspaper reporter, Barbara Ormsby, a happy 90th birthday and thanked her for her many years of fair, unbiased work.

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan reported the township received a request for a block party along the 700 block of Clymer Lane on June 11, 2022.

Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the block party request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval of Quit Claim Deeds for the properties located at MacDade Blvd. & Brighton Terrace area that are being considered for redevelopment. The deeds were never recorded after the vacation of street public hearing back in 1981.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. Saunders to approve the deeds as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval to award the sale of two (2) vehicles through the Municibid website. 2006 GMC Envoy went at auction for \$6,010.00 and the 2009 Dodge Durango went for \$5,400.00. Bids are still be received for the 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to award the (2) vehicles to the highest bidder as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Recycling Report

Mr. Bidoli reported trash collected in February was 939.99 tons and recycling collected in February was 160.10 tons. 7 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: Radio Communications Service – 2022 Police Radio Maintenance - \$3,229.01; A to U Services, Inc. for the 2022 Storm & Sanitary Sewer Repair Contract - \$12,577.20; N. Abbonizio Contractors – PENNVEST Stormwater Improvements - \$512,247.58; Mobile Dredging & Video Pipe, Inc. – Braxton Road Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project - \$48,793.18; MOR Construction Services – Swarthmore & University Ave Storm Sewer - \$5,220.00; MOR Construction Services, Inc. – 2014 MacDade Blvd. Storm Sewer Installation - \$7,650.00; Mar-Allen Concrete Products, Inc. – Haverford Road Bridge Rehabilitation Change Order #1 and payment of \$51,903.92; McMahan Associates – ARLE Grant - \$1,927.50; and Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. for Green Light Go Grant - \$5,731.14.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of an escrow release for Wawa, Inc. 390 Chester Pike in the amount of \$469,908.00.

Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the escrow release as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania reported the bids received for the Muhlenberg Avenue culvert project are still being reviewed and he should have a recommendation at the April meeting.

Mr. Catania requested approval of the Resolution authorizing reimbursement for the Bullens Lane Bridge Project.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise for the 2022 Road Resurfacing Program.

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

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the PENNVEST Project. Pipe works continues on Winona Avenue and Glenside Avenue, and restoration work is ongoing on Hazel Avenue, Michele Street, Fernwood Avenue and Wyndom Terrace. Three projects remain – Stanbridge Road, Armstrong Avenue and Wendy Road. Because of supply issues, those materials will be delayed until the end of April.

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. McCrea announced there will be no trash collection on April 15th. He also announced the County's first Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event will be held on April 23rd at the Emergency Services Training Center in Darby Township. Registration is required and more information is available on the township website.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report.

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamain reported on upcoming recreation programs. The Summer newsletter will be available next week and registration begins April 1st.

Public Safety Committee Report

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

- Crum Lynne – 84
- Folsom – 209
- Holmes – 97
- Milmont Park – 43
- Morton – 45
- Ridley Park – 122
- Secane – 63
- Swarthmore - 43
- Woodlyn – 186

Mr. Willert wanted to commend everyone associated with the discovery at the Marina of a vehicle in the creek which appeared to solve a 19-year old cold case.

Mr. Willert presented a letter of commendation to Officer Michael Greeley from the Salerno family.

Mr. Willert also commended the police concerning a car-jacking and swift arrest of the individuals responsible. He also encouraged residents to be alert at all times and aware of their surroundings.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 145
- Contractors Registered – 39
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 36
- Rental Inspections – 26
- Health Inspections – 14

Mr. Saraceni requested Jacqueline Smith be appointed to the Board of Health.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to appoint Jacqueline Smith to the Board of Health. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Building Committee Report

Mr. Saunders reported RJ Sun Realty, LLC requested a three-month extension on their Land Development application.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. McMenammin to approve the extension as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Saunders reviewed the application of Jon Prichard, 646 Michigan Avenue to develop over three acres of property at that location with 12 single family dwellings, a new road and new stormwater basin.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. McCrea to approve the application subject to compliance with the Alternate Township Engineer's comments. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Saunders reviewed the application from Chick-fil-A to demolish a portion of the existing building, construct a building addition with dual drive-thru lanes and canopies.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the application subject to satisfaction of the Township Engineer's comments. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported on upcoming events at the library. 4,001 patrons visited the library in February and checked out or downloaded 11,124 books and other items. Program attendance for children's, teens and adult classes in February was 3,122.

Mrs. Cummins requested Edna Fury be appointed to the Library Board.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to appoint Edna Fury to the Library Board. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Finance Committee Report

Mrs. Morrisette reported all Commissioners received a list of this month's bills.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Saraceni that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Old and New Business

Mr. Saraceni announced in Ward 1, Precinct 1, there will be a Crum Lynne Clean-up Day on April 2nd beginning at 9am at the Knights of Columbus parking lot on Haverford Road.

Mrs. Cummins wanted to thank the police and employees who handled a variety of issues that came up this week.

Mr. McCrea reminded residents to slow down when driving and obey STOP signs.

Mr. McMenamin reminded residents not to blow lawn clippings in the street.

Mr. Bidoli wished everyone a Happy Easter. He also wished Mrs. Ormsby a happy birthday.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:29pm.