

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
January 25, 2023
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on January 25, 2023 at the Township Building.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Condolences

Mr. Willert requested a moment of silence in memory of Carmen Zizza, former Ridley Township Plumbing Inspector, who passed away on January 15th.

Public Forum None

Resolution Presentation

Mr. McMenamain presented a Resolution to Leilani Felicity Valdehueza Hencinski, who was recently crowned as Miss Philippines 2022 by the Filipino Executive Council of Greater Philadelphia.

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

District Attorney Jack Stollsteimer, along with Brian Corson of MVP Recovery, appeared before the Board to commend the Board of Commissioners, Ridley Township Police Department, Cpl. Doyle and Officer Marenic for participating in the Law Enforcement Treatment Initiative, which is a program allowing individuals seeking treatment for addiction to use local law enforcement for resources to contact participating treatment partners without the threat of arrest.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the meeting minutes of October 26, 2022, November 16, 2022, November 21, 2022 and November 29, 2022. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Willert listed the 2023 Public Committee reappointments:

Frank Hagan, member and Michael Reagan, alternate member, to the Zoning Hearing Board; William Sprague, William Boyer and Thomas Henry to the Planning Commission; Rick Saraceni, CDCA Representative; Joe Carollo, Civil Service Commission; Mike Reagan, Recreation Board; Susan Brown, Edna Fury and Michele Karpyn to the Library Board; and Jackie Smith to the Board of Health.

Mr. Ryan requested approval of a Resolution adopting the Township's Emergency Operations Plan which updates township and fire personnel.

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

Mr. Ryan requested approval to dispose of obsolete vehicles and equipment through the Municibid website.

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

Mr. Ryan requested a motion to ratify the purchase of a 2023 backhoe as authorized in the approved 2023 budget.

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to ratify the purchase as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in December was 1,049.08 tons and recycling collected in December was 239.86 tons. 8 televisions were collected in December.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report - No Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: A to U Services, Inc. for the 2022 Storm & Sanitary Sewer Repair Contract - \$13,5777.58; McMahon Associates - ARLE Grant - \$736.25; and Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. - MacDade Blvd. Improvements - \$688.75.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of Public Improvement escrow in the amount of \$513,824.00 for RVN Enterprises, MacDade Blvd. & Kedron Ave.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of the following resolutions: PA DCNR – Nall Field Grant Professional Services; PA DCNR – Ridley Area Little League Development Project; Green Light Go Grant authorizing upgrade of several traffic signals; and 2023 County Aid Resolution for road resurfacing.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of a resolution to permit the Wawa (MacDade Blvd. & Bullens Lane) developer to file an application with PennDOT for the maintenance of the storm sewer that is going to be installed as part of the Wawa project.

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

Mr. Catania requested authorization to proceed with the Amherst Avenue Sanitary Sewer Relining Project.

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

Mr. Catania informed the Board that Aqua is scheduled to begin a water main project next week on Swarthmore Avenue from Morton Avenue to Seventh Avenue and then also on Dartmouth Drive which will last for several months.

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the PENNVEST Projects.

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reminded residents there will be no trash collection on Monday, February 20th in observance of President's Day.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of Ordinance No. 2071 which updates various traffic regulations.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to adopt Ordinance No. 2071 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Neill discussed Ordinance No. 2072 which amends the definitions of dwelling unit and family and adding definitions for tourists house and rooming house.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to adopt Ordinance NO. 2072 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Neill discussed Ordinance No. 2073 amending the Recycling ordinance to include community activities and events.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. McMenemy to adopt Ordinance No. 2073 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

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 December as follows:

- Crum Lynne – 74
- Folsom – 264
- Holmes – 111
- Milmont Park – 44
- Morton – 42
- Ridley Park – 108
- Secane – 75
- Swarthmore - 34
- Woodlyn – 243

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 158
- Contractors Registered – 12
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 24
- Rental Inspections – 20
- Health Inspections – 14

Building Committee Report - No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported on upcoming events at the library, including the Prom Dress Giveaway. In 2022, 61,149 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 152,172 books and other items. Program attendance for children's, teens and adult classes in 2022 was 24,338, a 75% increase over 2021 and the highest it has been in at least seven years.

Finance Committee Report

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

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

Old and New Business

Mr. Willert thanked Bob Bowers and Chris, residents of Derwood Park, for keeping him apprised of activities in Derwood Park and for their help in keeping the neighborhood clean. He encouraged all residents to communicate any concerns with their Commissioner.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:28pm.