

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
February 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 February 26, 2025 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette, Mrs. Cummins, Mr. McMenamin, Mr. Saunders, 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

- Stephen Powers – 470 Wyndom Terrace, Holmes requested a meeting with the Board
- Doug Hocker – 1209 Harper Ave., Woodlyn re: status of pedestrian improvements on MacDade Boulevard and in general
- Suzanne deSeife – 1209 Harper Ave., Woodlyn re: MacDade Blvd. traffic calming measures
- James Bergman – Bike Delaware County re: bicycle safety
- Bella Englebach – 600 Cypress Lane, Morton re: Amosland Road school zone flashers
- Philly Beep Baseball (Frank O’Neill and John Margistt) thanking the Board for their support

Manager’s Report

Mr. Ryan announced Caitlin Sullivan resigned as Treasurer. He recommended appointing Donald Ferguson to fill that position.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the appointment of Mr. Ferguson as Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Ryan announced the township should be received approximately \$38,000 from the state for recycling efforts in 2023 and thanked Hough Associates for their work in handling our submission.

Mr. Ryan requested approval to update the Township’s Emergency Operations Plan to include Commissioner Capozzoli along with other miscellaneous updates.

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

Mr. Ryan requested approval of Ordinance No. 2088 updating various traffic regulations.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve Ordinance No. 2088 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval of Notre Dame de Lourdes Special Event Permit to hold a car show on the school grounds on May 31st (raindate June 1st).

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve NDDL's request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Recycling Report

Mr. Capozzoli reported trash collected in January was 1063.19 tons and recycling collected in January was 171.08 tons. 9 televisions were collected in January.

Controller's Report

Mr. Betzler requested approval to revise the bank signature cards reflecting the appointment of Mr. Ferguson as Treasurer.

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

Solicitor's Report - No Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: A. Gargiule & Sons – Michigan Ave Sanitary Sewer Replacement - \$7,200.00 and Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. for the MacDade Blvd Improvements - \$346.25.

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

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following escrows: Orchard Development, 130 S. Fairview Road - \$3,167,150.15 and Ridley Self-Storage on Kedron Avenue - \$542,683.90.

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

Mr. Catania recommended approval of a Resolution to apply for a PA DCNR Grant for Phase 4 Blackrock Park Improvements.

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

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise for 2025 Road Resurfacing bids.

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

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report – No Report

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamain reported the Spring Basketball League registration is open.

Appointments

Mr. Willert requested approval of the following appointments:

Patricia Hollabaugh	Zoning Hearing Board	5-year term
Drew Baum	Planning Commission	4-year term
James Tomaino	Planning Commission	4-year term
Tom Donahue	Civil Service Commission	5-year term
Ron Liberatore	Recreation Board	4-year term
Lisa Maffei-Hahn	Library Board	3-year term
Betty Diedrich	Board of Health	4-year term

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve all appointments as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in January totaled 1,195.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 167
- Contractors Registered – 38
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 43
- Rental Inspections – 25
- Health Inspections – 19

Building Committee Report- No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 7,798 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,613 books and other items in January. Program attendance at 52 programs was 2,099 people. She also reported on upcoming library programs.

Mrs. Cummins reported Anne Whitehouse and Edna Fury have resigned from the Library Board. She recommended appointment of Jennifer Quinn to replace Ms. Whitehouse and Judy Cianciarulo to replace Ms. Fury.

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

Finance Committee Report

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

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

Old and New Business

Mr. Bidoli thanked the Philly Beep Baseball for attending and wished them well.

Mr. Warwick thanked the Public Works Department for their work during the snow storms and reminded residents to adhere to traffic regulations.

Mr. McMenamin reiterated the Board's commitment to pedestrian safety.

Mr. Saunders thanked the Sanitation Department for their assistance during the Haverford Road construction.

Mr. Capozzoli thanked everyone for their warm welcome.

Mr. Saraceni stated residents have requested a Pickle Ball court in his ward.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:33pm.