

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
January 24, 2024
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on January 24, 2024 at the Township Building.

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

Mr. Willert expressed condolences to the family of Linda Warrington, former Ridley Township Receptionist, who recently passed away.

Mr. Willert congratulated Barbara Ormsby, long-time reporter who has covered the township since 1959, on her retirement.

Public Forum

Donna Murray, Library Director, appeared before the Board with the latest innovation that patrons can borrow – a Toniebox or Tonie.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the meeting minutes of September 27, 2023, October 25, 2023, November 15, 2023, November 27, 2023, December 14, 2023 (CDBG Hearing), December 14, 2023 (Intermunicipal Liquor License Hearing), December 20, 2023, December 28, 2023. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Manager's Report - No Report

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in December was 1,168.42 tons and recycling collected in December was 200.02 tons. 12 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: Premier Concrete, Inc. – Hutchinson Terrace Drainage Improvements - \$4,725.50; A.J. Jurich, Inc. – Michigan Ave Storm Sewer - \$4,123.26; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – Donna Ave Storm Sewer Repair - \$10,300.00; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – Evergreen Avenue Storm Sewer Extension - \$15,620.00; Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – GLG Improvements - \$14,618.25 and \$3,511.75; and Joseph J. Danielle, LLC – \$6,480.00.

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

Mr. Catania recommended release of \$158,322.18 for the Wawa at MacDade Blvd. & Bullens Lane.

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

Mr. Catania requested Authorization to Advertise for Bids for the traffic signal upgrades at Stewart Ave and I-95.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Saunders to authorize the bids as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania requested approval of the 2024 County Aid Resolution for the road resurfacing project.

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

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reported there is no trash collection on February 19, 2024 in observance of President's Day.

The Board commented on the excellent job the Public Works employees did with plowing and collecting trash on the same day – no complaints received.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamain reported on the current and 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 – 95
- Folsom – 254
- Holmes – 97
- Milmont Park – 53
- Morton – 37
- Ridley Park – 116
- Secane – 68
- Swarthmore - 48
- Woodlyn – 241

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 December as follows:

- Permits Issued – 102
- Contractors Registered – 58
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 24
- Rental Inspections – 32
- Health Inspections – 16

Building Committee Report

Mr. Saunders requested approval of Wave Car Wash's application to develop at 1537 Chester Pike subject to compliance with the township engineer's comments.

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

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 5,814 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 13,298 books and other items in December. Program attendance at 51 programs was 2,562. 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. Bidoli that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Old and New Business

Mr. Warwick again thanked the Public Works employees for the tremendous job they did during the snow storms.

Mr. Willert reiterated there will be no tax increase, nor any increase in rubbish and sewer service charges in 2024.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:20pm.