

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
July 27, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Vice President McCrea at 6:00pm on July 27, 2022 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette, Mrs. Cummins, Mr. McMenemy, Mr. Saunders, Mr. McCrea, Mrs. Melasecca, and Mr. Bidoli.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the June 22, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan announced the Commissioners, together with the Police Department and our volunteer fire companies will host a National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at the Municipal Building from 6pm to 8pm.

Mr. Ryan received a Block Party request for Buse Street on August 27, 2022 and recommended approval.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the block party request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Ridley School District submitted a Special Events permit request to hold their annual homecoming parade on Saturday, September 24th beginning at 10am from the Woodlyn Baptist Church on MacDade Boulevard and ending at the high school on Morton Avenue.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the Special Events permit request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval to award the bid received for the township's 1990 inoperable traffic maintenance van through Municibid in the amount of \$1,750.00.

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

Mr. Ryan announced the pickleball court received the final finish coat and should be open by July 30th.

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in June was 1,384.33 tons and recycling collected in June was 209.61 tons. 19 televisions were collected in June.

Controller's Report – No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill reported as part of the township improvements at Nall Field, DCNR requested a corrective deed be prepared that would include some restrictive language that they proposed with a boundary map. All lots have been consolidated into one deed. The Township is eligible for reimbursement for the cost of preparation and also for the filing.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to accept and approve the corrective deed as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Ryan announced the first phase of the Nall Field Improvements has been completed and looks great.

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 - \$52,124.48; N. Abbonizio Contractors – PENNVEST Stormwater Improvements - \$61,176.85; Glasgow, Inc. – 2022 Road Program - \$763,578.73; Kuharchik Construction, Inc. – Traffic Signal Improvements - \$75,396.69; Dukes Root Control – Sanitary Sewer Root Control - \$32,165.66; McMahon Associations – ARLE Grant - \$6,502.50; Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – Kedron & Franklin Ave - \$3,681.25; and Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – MacDade Blvd Improvements - \$10,358.42.

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

Mr. Catania requested updates to two ordinances. First one was for resident notification for street work and the second was updates to the stormwater management ordinance to incorporate new federal and state regulations. The Board will consider both ordinances at a future meeting.

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the status of the 2022 Road Program.

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the PENNVEST Projects.

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report - No Report

Law & Ordinance Committee Report

Mr. Ryan requested adoption of Ordinance No. 2064 - an amendment to the Non-Uniform pension ordinance which clarified language as it pertained to eligibility.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to adopt Ordinance No. 2064 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamain reported on upcoming recreation programs.

Public Safety Committee Report

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

- Crum Lynne – 92
- Folsom – 253
- Holmes – 103
- Milmont Park – 45
- Morton – 42
- Ridley Park – 135
- Secane – 96
- Swarthmore - 51
- Woodlyn – 225

Mr. McCrea highlighted a few calls for service our officers responded to during the month.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 269
- Contractors Registered – 33
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 75
- Rental Inspections – 41
- Health Inspections – 12

Building Committee Report

Mr. Saunders reported the township received a subdivision/land development application from Cannon Brothers for the property located at 2023 MacDade Boulevard requesting consolidation of 10 properties into 2 properties and the proposed development of lot 2 with a Popeye's restaurant.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the application subject to the alternate township engineer's comments, the traffic consultant's recommendation and compliance with all of PennDOT's requirements. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported on upcoming events at the library. 5,849 patrons visited the library in June and checked out or downloaded 12,798 books and other items. Program attendance for children's, teens and adult classes in June was 2,208.

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 (8-0).

Old and New Business

Mr. Bidoli commented on the new drains by Amosland School which corrected the water problem in that area.

Mr. McCrea thanked Carli McCrea and the entire July 4th Parade Committee for organizing the annual parade. He thanked the Commissioners that were in attendance and everyone involved for making it a successful event. Mr. McCrea congratulated former Ridley Area Little League player, Bill Corcoran, Jr., who was recently picked up by the Arizona Diamondbacks to go into their farm system.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:19pm.