

**Ridley Township Board of Commissioners**  
**September 27, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on September 27, 2023 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), Mr. Neill (Township Solicitor) and Mr. Betzler (Controller).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Willert requested a moment of silence in memory of Paul G. Mattus and Peter J. O'Keefe.

**Public Forum**

Jen Colleluori, 500 Sutton Avenue, appeared before the Board in support of the Marine Reserves returning to Ridley Township.

Ed Kenny, the Tots for Tots coordinator in Delaware County, appeared before the Board to speak on the positive impact the Marine Corps Reserves have on the community.

First Sergeant Ashley Pardee and Captain Chris Spiridon appeared before the Board to introduce themselves, speak on the duties of the unit at that location and how they look forward to being an integral part of the Ridley community.

Ray Bunting appeared before the Board asking the status of the drainage project on this street.

Bill Brogan, Sr., Blackrock Road, appeared before the Board to thank them for including his son in the Hometown Heroes Banner Program.

James Michael Donahue, Jr. , 2644 Armstrong Avenue, appeared before the Board concerning ARPA funds and motorists ignoring the Stop signs at the intersection of Armstrong Avenue & Brighton Terrace.

### **Manager's Report**

Mr. Ryan requested approval of reciprocal lease agreements with Ridley School District. One updating the Community Center Lease and the other to allow school buses to park on township owned property on Sellers Avenue.

**Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the leases as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

Mr. Ryan announced the Township's Trunk or Treat event will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

### **Recycling Report**

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in August was 1302.56 tons and recycling collected in August was 178.10 tons. 12 televisions were collected in August. Mrs. Melasecca announced the Community Shredding Day will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Controller's Report**

Mr. Betzler requested approval of the 2024 Uniform and Non-Uniformed Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) in the amount of \$1,789,802.

**Motion made by Mr. McMnamin, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the 2024 MMO as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

### **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Neill reported the applicant for the liquor license transfer at 2171 MacDade Boulevard has withdrawn their application.

### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Musco Sports Lighting – Nall Field (DCNR Grant) - \$161,927.00; Battlefield enterprises, LLC – Hood Road Storm Sewer Repair - \$4,300.00; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – Clymer Lane Drainage Improvements & Change Order - \$51,846.25; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – PENNVEST Improvements & Change Orders - \$70,051.86; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – Sewer Maintenance Projects - \$21,090.00; Joseph J. Danielle, LLC – Amosland Rd ADA Curb Cuts - \$28,319.50; Joseph J. Danielle, LLC – 7<sup>th</sup> Ave Storm Sewer Repair - \$3,920.00; MOR Construction Services, Inc. – Armstrong Ave Storm Sewer Repair - \$11,702.27.

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

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the bid for the Balignac Avenue Playground Improvements (CDBG) to Premier Concrete, Inc. for their low bid amount of \$98,800.00 subject to the Solicitor's review.

**Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to award the bid as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

Mr. Catania requested approval of the Kinder Park Phase IV Cooperative Agreement Resolution as part of the Housing Authority's RACP grant closeout requirements.

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

Mr. Catania reported the township received three proposals for turf maintenance at several of our athletic fields and recommended award to Winview Athletic Fields, a COSTARS vendor.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of a resolution authorizing application to the Delco Greenways Grant Program for Phase 2 improvements to Leedom Estates Park/RALL.

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

### **Highway/Sanitation Committee Report**

Mr. Warwick reported there is no trash collection on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> in observance of Columbus Day. He also reported the 2023 Curbside Leaf Collection Program will begin the week of October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Law & Ordinance Committee Report** - No Report

### **Recreation Committee Report**

Mr. McMenamain reported on the current recreation programs and thanked everyone who attended this year's Fall Festival. He also thanked Denise Faber and the Marina personnel for another successful season.

## **Public Safety Committee Report**

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

- Crum Lynne – 105
- Folsom – 295
- Holmes – 131
- Milmont Park – 51
- Morton – 56
- Ridley Park – 126
- Secane – 80
- Swarthmore - 77
- Woodlyn – 256

Mr. Willert highlighted calls for service that the police made during the month. He also announced the need for Crossing Guards. Interested parties are asked to contact the Police Department for information.

## **Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report**

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

- Permits Issued – 254
- Contractors Registered – 8
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 53
- Rental Inspections – 29
- Health Inspections – 16

## **Building Committee Report**

Mr. Saunders requested request was received from Wave Car Wash asking for an extension until December 21, 2023 for the Board to review their application for a car wash at 1537 Chester Pike.

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

## **Library & Resource Center Committee Report**

Mrs. Cummins announced Mary Tobin, the Assistant Library Director and Head Reference Librarian, recently celebrated 25 years at the Library. She also reported that 8,570 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 15,871 books and other items in August. Program attendance at 56 programs was 3,072. 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. Warwick that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

### **Old and New Business**

Mrs. Melasecca welcomed the Marine Reserves and announced the Folsom Fire Company will be having their Octoberfest on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Cummins congratulated Mary Tobin and thanked everyone for their work on the Fall Festival. She also thanked the Library staff and the Friends of the Library group for all their work.

Mrs. Morrisette announced Notre Dame de Lourdes carnival will be held Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment**

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

Meeting concluded at 6:42pm.