

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
June 28, 2023
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on June 28, 2023 at the Township Building.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Willert addressed the issue of racist documents circulating in some neighborhoods and the actions taken by the Commissioners and Police upon the discovery. He assured residents that the Board does not tolerate the actions of those who circulated the materials and that the police are actively investigating the matter.

Mr. Willert thanked the police, fire and highway departments for their work during the recent storms.

Mr. Willert sent the Board's condolences to the family of Dan Long who worked in our Traffic Maintenance Department.

Public Forum

Ray Bunting, 529 Ridley Avenue, Mark Bryan, 525 Ridley Avenue and Jamie Hills, 527 Ridley Avenue appeared before the Board concerning flooding in their backyard. The Board replied the drainage improvement project is out to bid, but the township is still waiting on some easements before the work can begin.

Vera D'Ercole, 2439 Secane Road, Secane, appeared before the Board concerning water along Secane Road.

Jen Ferdunh, 127 Randall Avenue appeared before the Board concerning short-term rental regulations.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the March 22, 2023 and April 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0)

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of Notre Dame de Lourdes Carnival request for September 28th through September 30th.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the carnival request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval of a Resolution increasing the commercial trash hauler's fee from \$50.00 to \$200.00. Mr. Willert asked if we can add that their permit will be revoked if they are in violation of the noise ordinance. Mr. Ryan suggested tabling the Resolution to add that provision.

Motion made by Mr. Willert, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to table action on the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in May was 1,317.08 tons and recycling collected in May was 159.79 tons. 3 televisions were collected in May.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill reported the request for an Intermunicipal Liquor License Transfer to the property located 2171 MacDade Boulevard has been withdrawn by the applicant.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Glasgow, Inc. – 2023 Road Program - \$343,529.97; A to U Services, Inc. – Sewer Maintenance - \$7,000.00; N. Abbonizio Construction, Inc. – PENNVEST Project - \$14,769.96 plus change orders; JMC Contractors, Inc. – Armstrong Ave Culvert Rehabilitation - \$15,400.00; MOR Construction Services, Inc. – Armstrong Ave Sinkhole - \$6,927.23; MOR Construction Services, Inc. – Morris Ave Manhole Adjustment - \$2,759.45; Traffic Planning & Design – Kedron Ave. - \$1,199.61; Traffic Planning & Design – Kedron Ave. - \$885.36; and Traffic Planning & Design – MacDade Blvd. Improvements - \$1,345.75.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the certificates as read. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Catania reported bids were received for the Amosland Road Accessibility Improvements and recommended award to Joseph J. Danielle, LLC in the low bid amount of \$29,810.00.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. McMenammin to award the bid as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Catania reported the PennDOT South Ave Resurfacing Project was awarded to Alan Myers and is expected to begin over the summer.

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reported there is no trash collection on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenammin reported on the current recreation programs and activities.

Public Safety Committee Report

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

- Crum Lynne - 104
- Folsom - 284
- Holmes - 129
- Milmont Park - 45
- Morton - 53
- Ridley Park - 124
- Secane - 84
- Swarthmore - 53
- Woodlyn - 236

Mr. Willert highlighted calls for service that the police made during the month. He also reminded residents about the Township's Fireworks ordinance regulations.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 218
- Contractors Registered – 18
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 46
- Rental Inspections – 25
- Health Inspections – 10

Building Committee Report

Mr. Saunders requested approval of Alibert Properties, Inc. application to subdivide the parcel at 1919 W. MacDade Blvd. subject to the Alternate Township Engineer's comments.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the application as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 6,449 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 13,410 books and other items in May. Program attendance at 61 programs was 2,138. 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 (7-0).

Old and New Business

Mr. Saraceni thanked the Public Works Department employees for doing a great job clearing the trees after the storm.

Mr. Warwick thanked Parks & Rec and Public Works for the job they did at Moore's Lake Park and on the "Leedom Estates" sign at Rodney Road & Chester Pike. He also reminded residents to abide by the "No Parking" signs. The Leedom July 4th Parade will take place on Tuesday, July 4th beginning with a bike decorating contest at 9:30am at Leedom Elementary School.

The Board wished all residents a happy and safe July 4th holiday.

Adjournment

**Motion made by Mr. Willert, seconded by Mr. Warwick to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously (7-0).**

Meeting concluded at 6:43pm.