

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
August 23, 2023
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on August 23, 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. Betzler (Controller) and Mr. Neill (Township Solicitor).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Board presented a Certificate of Commendation to Officer Collin Wright for his life-saving efforts in saving a two-year old child.

The Board presented a Resolution to the Frederick A. Scott American Legion Post 777 for their service to our community.

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

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of the following block parties:

- Roosevelt Avenue – September 9th
- Michell Street – September 16th
- Perry Street – September 16th
- Grace Road – September 23rd

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to approve the block party requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval of two Special Events permit requests:

- Ridley School District Homecoming Parade – September 30th
- Folsom Fire Company Octoberfest – October 7th with road closures

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

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in July was 1,211.29 tons and recycling collected in July was 169.09 tons. 8 televisions were collected in July. Mrs. Melasecca reported the Shredding Day will take place on September 30th.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report - No Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Glasgow, Inc. – 2023 Road Program - \$46,912.82; Traffic Planning & Design – MacDade Blvd. Improvements - \$1,883.25

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

Mr. Catania recommended approval for escrow releases for the following Neerland Building & Remodeling developments: 240 Haverford Rd - \$20,238.00; 854 Michigan Ave. \$3,080.00, 858 Michigan Ave. \$2,937.00; 862 Michigan Ave. \$2,937.00.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to release the escrows as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise for bids for the Nall Field Development Phase 3 project.

Motion made by Mrs. Melasecca, seconded by Mrs. Cummins authorizing the bid to be advertised. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania requested approval of a Resolution and Agreement with PennDOT for MacDade Boulevard supplemental improvements.

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

Mr. Catania reported the township received a letter from PennDOT awarding a Green Light Go Grant in the amount of \$780,916.00 to upgrade traffic signals at Kedron & Academy Avenues, South & Academy Avenues, Morton & Michigan Avenues, and South and Franklin Avenues.

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reported there would be no trash collection September 4th, Labor Day.

Mr. Warwick requested the purchase of a Ford F350 as authorized in the approved 2023 budget.

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

Law & Ordinance Committee Report

Mr. Neill requested approval of Resolutions authorizing taking action under the Eminent Domain Code and First Class Township Code on properties location 331 Fairview Road, 1301 Chester Pike, 747 Fairview Road and 801 Fairview Road as part of traffic intersection improvement projects.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to authorize action as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Neill reported the Resolution to act on the liquor license transfer at 2171 MacDade Boulevard will be tabled until such time as a second hearing (scheduled for September 21st) is held. The Board will then have until October 10th to render a decision.

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamain 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 July as follows:

- Crum Lynne – 103
- Folsom – 283
- Holmes – 134
- Milmont Park – 59
- Morton – 50
- Ridley Park – 124
- Secane – 74
- Swarthmore - 54
- Woodlyn – 249

Mr. Willert thanked everyone who attended National Night Out on August 1st. He also 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 July as follows:

- Permits Issued – 206
- Contractors Registered – 19
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 61
- Rental Inspections – 86
- Health Inspections – 14

Building Committee Report - No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 7,729 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 16,133 books and other items in July. Program attendance at 79 programs was 2,858. She also reported the library will be accepting passport applications and also reported on upcoming library programs.

Finance Committee Report

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

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, 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

The Board congratulated Officer Collin Wright and thanked all Ridley Police Officers for their work. They reminded all residents that school will soon be back in session and to obey all traffic regulations.

Mrs. Morrisette announced the Swarthmorewood AA football parade will be held August 27th.

Mr. Willert gave a shout out to Media Little League playing in the Little League World Series.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:30pm.