

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
October 26, 2022
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on October 26, 2022 at the Township Building.

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Forum

Arthur Weisfeld, Director of Senior Community Services, appeared before the Board with his annual funding request.

Kristine Egan & Betty Donegan, Swarthmorewood Lane, appeared before the Board to thank the Public Works staff who cleared the area behind their homes.

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan announced the annual Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 29th.

Mr. Ryan reported a request was received for a block party on Academy Avenue from Homes to Hutchinson on October 31st from 4pm to 10pm.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. McMenamin to approve the block party as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval to accept the employment separation of Robert Dukes from the township.

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

Mr. Ryan requested approval to ratify the purchase of a used Chevrolet Silverado at a cost of \$39,888.00.

Motion made by Mr. McCrea, seconded by Mr. McMenamin to ratify the purchase as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in September was 1,186.36 tons and recycling collected in September was 202.31 tons. 6 televisions were collected in September.

Mrs. Melasecca thanked everyone who came out to the Community Shredding Day on October 15th. Over 9,300 pounds of shredding was collected.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill reported the township received a request for an Intermunicipal Restaurant Liquor License Transfer from Cracker Barrel. A hearing date has not been scheduled yet.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Radio Communications Service – 2022 Police Radio Maintenance - \$2,704.01; A to U Services, Inc. for the 2022 Storm & Sanitary Sewer Repair Contract - \$14,835.30; N. Abbonizio Contractors – Haig Ave Sanitary Sewer Project – Change Order #1 and payment - \$35,348.73; N. Abbonizio Contractors – Greenhouse Drive Sanitary Sewer Project – Change Order #1 and payment - \$18,559.11; Traffic Planning & Design for MacDade Blvd Improvements - \$8,086.25; Traffic Planning & Design for Green Light Go documents - \$20,000.00; and McMahon Associations – ARLE Grant - \$571.25.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of escrow releases for Leonard Builders – 309 Gorsuch Street - \$13,426.60 and for Burgese Builders – 301 Sycamore Avenue - \$3,020.00.

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

Mr. Catania reported two bids were received for 2023 Diesel Fuel. The low bidder was Petroleum Traders for their bid price of OPIS + .0702 differential.

Motion made by Mr. McMenam, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to award the bid to Petroleum Traders as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania reported two bids were received for 2023 Unleaded Gasoline. The low bidder was Petroleum Traders for their bid price of OPIS + .0365 differential.

Motion made by Mr. McMenam, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to award the bid to Petroleum Traders as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania reported five bids were received for the MacDade Blvd. & Sutton Ave. Drainage Improvements and are still under review.

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the PENNVEST Projects.

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. McCrea announced there would be no trash collection on November 8th. He also announced curbside leaf collection would begin October 31st.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report – No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenam reported on the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting and other recreation events.

Public Safety Committee Report

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

- Crum Lynne – 73
- Folsom – 259
- Holmes – 85
- Milmont Park – 75
- Morton – 47
- Ridley Park – 145
- Secane – 69
- Swarthmore - 51
- Woodlyn – 212

Mr. Willert highlighted some 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 September as follows:

- Permits Issued – 200
- Contractors Registered – 15
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 61
- Rental Inspections – 40
- Health Inspections – 20

Building Committee Report - No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported on upcoming events at the library. 5,934 patrons visited the library in September and checked out or downloaded 12,939 books and other items. Program attendance for children's, teens and adult classes in September was 1,972.

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 (9-0).

Old and New Business

Mr. McCrea announced his resignation and thanked former Commissioner Pentimall, all the Commissioners & officials he has worked with, the local community organizations, township staff, Police Department staff, Public Works personnel, and his family for the support over his 13 years as Commissioner.

The Commissioners & Officials expressed their congratulations to Mr. McCrea.

Mr. Willert announced resumes for the 6th Ward Commissioner would be accepted until November 4th.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:32pm.