

**Ridley Township Board of Commissioners**  
**February 23, 2022**  
**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 February 23, 2022 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette, Mrs. Cummins, Mr. McMenamin, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Willert, Mrs. Melasecca (*by phone*) and Mr. Bidoli. Mr. McCrea was absent.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Forum**

Rita Schaefer, 618 Woodland Avenue, Swarthmore, appeared before the Board concerning trees at Grace Park School across the street from her home.

Bill & Melissa Martusky, 313 Woodlyn Circle, Woodlyn, appeared before the Board concerning hit and run accidents on their street.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The Board authorized approval of the December 15, 2021, January 3, 2022 and January 26, 2022 meeting minutes.

**Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. McMenamin to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

**Manager's Report** - No Report.

**Recycling Report**

Mr. Saunders reported trash collected in January was 1,146 tons and recycling collected in January was 235.0 tons. 8 televisions were collected in January.

**Controller's Report** - No Report

## **Solicitor's Report**

Mr. Neill discussed the tax assessment appeal for 90 Randall Avenue in Woodlyn. He requested a motion to approve the assessment of 353,500 resulting in a reduction of township taxes in the amount of \$536.94.

**Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the settlement of the tax assessment appeal as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

## **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 - \$18,648.71; A to U Services, Inc. for Line Cleaning & Video Inspection - \$32,400.33; N. Abbonizio Contractors – PENNVEST Stormwater Improvements - \$288,352.39; MOR Construction Services – Swarthmore & University Ave Storm Sewer - \$15,000.00; and Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. for Kedron & Franklin Avenues - \$3,537.50.

**Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the certificates as read. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania requested approval of two escrow releases – Kinder Park Phase 4 - \$1,008,651.32; Ralph Capozzoli, 135 Broomall Street - \$13,838.00.

**Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Saunders to approve the escrow releases as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania reviewed the bid tabulation for the Haig Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project. Four (4) bids were received and he recommends award to N. Abbonizio Contractors for their bid amount of \$122,150.00 subject to the Solicitor's review and approval. The two (2) low bids did not meet the bid requirements.

**Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to award the Haig Avenue Sanitary Sewer Replacement project to N. Abbonizio Contractors as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania requested approval of the 2022 County Aid Application for the Road Resurfacing Project.

**Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the resolution/application as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania requested approval of a resolution to approve the application to PennDOT for a traffic signal project along MacDade Blvd. from Bullens to Fairview.

**Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the resolution and application as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania requested approval of the grant application to PA DCNR for Nall Field Rehabilitation Phase 2.

**Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the grant application as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania requested approval of an application to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) to do a study of the Sellers Avenue corridor for a pedestrian connection.

**Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the application as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania requested approval of a resolution to make application to the United States Department of Transportation to look at the possibility of creating an alternate access road to the Marina.

**Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Saunders to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania informed the Board the Township received a \$5,000 PECO Green Region grant to plant trees along the S. Swarthmore Avenue Park.

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the PENNVEST Project. He thought the contractor would be completed all projects by the end of spring.

Mr. Catania announced Central Delaware County Authority will be conducting a sanitary sewer evaluation study mid-March to early April. Neighborhoods affected will be notified prior to work starting.

Mr. Willert asked Mr. Catania if he can inspect the sewer line at the end of Morris/Jefferson since some of the residents had issues.

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

Mr. Saunders discussed the purchase of a 2023 sanitation truck and 2023 sewer truck through the PA COSTARS program as authorized in the 2022 approved budget.

**Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. McMenamain to authorize the purchase of the two (2) trucks as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

### **Law & Ordinance Committee Report**

The Board tabled discussion on the Medical Marijuana regulations.

### **Recreation Committee Report**

Mr. McMenemy reported on upcoming recreation programs. He also encouraged residents to visit the township website for links to the various athletic clubs and organizations & also “like” the Recreation Department’s Facebook page to get the latest information on the township’s upcoming summer programs.

### **Public Safety Committee Report**

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

- Crum Lynne – 105
- Folsom – 227
- Holmes – 99
- Milmont Park – 56
- Morton – 48
- Ridley Park – 110
- Secane – 73
- Swarthmore – 40
- Woodlyn – 228

Mr. Willert read a sampling of some of the calls for service the police responded to during the month.

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

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

- Permits Issued – 142
- Contractors Registered – 16
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 40
- Rental Inspections – 5
- Health Inspections – 16

### **Building Committee Report** – No Report

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

Mrs. Cummins reported on upcoming events at the library. 3,485 patrons visited the library in January and checked out or downloaded 10,814 books and other items. Program attendance in January was 1,167.

### **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**

Mrs. Morrisette announced Swarthmorewood AA will be holding registration for baseball and softball until Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Adjournment**

**Motion made by Mr. Willert to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Saraceni.**

**Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Meeting concluded at 6:28pm.