

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
June 26, 2024
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on June 26, 2024 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.

Public Forum

- Karen Ellis, 1347 Morton Avenue, Folsom, appeared before the Board concerning Rutledge & Morton residents parking on township streets

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval for the following block parties: Clymer Lane – June 29th and Clark Avenue for July 20th.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the block parties as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in May was 1,353.97 tons and recycling collected in May was 197.98 tons. 2 televisions were collected in May.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill requested approval of a tax assessment appeal for the property at 1230 MacDade Boulevard, Woodlyn. Discussion followed. The Board wanted to approve subject to the Township Manager's review and approval.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Saunders to approve the tax assessment appeal subject to further review by the Township Manager. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Armour & Son Electric, Inc. – Green Light Go Fairview Road - \$29,700.00; Premier Concrete, Inc. – Balignac Ave Playground Improvements (CDBG) - \$4,940.00; Traffic Planning & Design – Green Light GO Stewart Avenue - \$1,805.91 and Fairview Road - \$3,733.75; Joseph J. Danielle LLC – Muhlenberg Ave. Culvert Replacement - \$3,592.25; A to U Services, Inc. – sinkhole repair - \$13,393.90; A to U Services, Inc. – Casting Replacement - \$2,587.95; A to U Services, Inc. – Johnson Ave - \$4,166.00; A. Gargiule & Sons, Inc. – Braxton Road - \$12,550.00; M. Razzi, Inc. – Nassau Park Temporary Driveway - \$20,500.00; PJG Property Maintenance – Sinkhole Repair - \$2,250.00.

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

Mr. Catania recommended one escrow release – MacDade Bullens LLC – Wawa Bullens & MacDade - \$441,467.87.

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

Mr. Catania reported the 2024 Road Program will begin the end of the week.

Mr. McMenamain asked when Franklin Avenue can be resurfaced.

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reminded residents there would be no trash collection on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamain reported on the current and upcoming recreation programs.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in May totaled 1,061 as follows:

- Crum Lynne – 111
- Folsom – 288
- Holmes – 149
- Milmont Park – 52
- Morton – 46
- Ridley Park – 94

- Secane – 69
- Swarthmore - 44
- Woodlyn – 208

Mr. Willert highlighted calls for service that the police made during the month. He announced National Night Out will be held on August 6th at the Township Building. Mr. Willert also reminded residents of the Township Fireworks Ordinance.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 241
- Contractors Registered – 37
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 50
- Rental Inspections – 39
- Health Inspections – 18

Building Committee Report- No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 7,018 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,573 books and other items in May. Program attendance at 47 programs was 1,938 people. 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 (9-0).

Old and New Business

Mr. Saraceni reported there is a tree down in Willow Park. He also inquired if the "No Dogs" sign for Balignac Park were installed.

Mr. Warwick thanked the Public Works Department personnel for their hard work, as well as our police and firefighters.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:20pm.