

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
March 27, 2024
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on March 27, 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), and Mr. Neill (Township Solicitor).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Forum- None

Mrs. Cummins read a Resolution in honor of Debbie Liberatore's retirement as owner of Tour 'N Travel. The Resolution will be mailed to Mrs. Liberatore.

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

Mr. Willert congratulated Barbara Ormsby on her recent retirement and the nice article in the Daily Times about her career.

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval to award 2 bids for the vehicles on Municibid to the highest bidder. 2005 Ford Taurus - \$3,400.00 and 2009 Ford Focus - \$3,500.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Saunders to award the bids as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in February was 978.44 tons and recycling collected in February was 151.27 tons. 13 televisions were collected in February.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report - No Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – Taylor Ave Storm Sewer - \$7,330.00; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – Stoneyhill Road Storm Sewer - \$2,970.00; Traffic Planning & Design – Green Light Go documents - \$1,140.00; A. Gargiule & Sons, Inc. – Fairview & Parklane Inlet reconstruction - \$18,350.00; A. Gargiule & Sons, Inc. – Eisenhower Ave Storm Sewer Extension - \$1,872.00.

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

Mr. Catania recommended release of \$92,529.17 for the Wawa at MacDade Blvd. & Bullens Lane.

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

Mr. Catania recommended award of the Green Light Go pedestrian improvements grant to Armour and Sons under the COSTARS Program in the amount of \$516,779.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to award the project as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reported there will be no trash collection on March 29th (Good Friday) and on April 23rd (Primary Election Day).

Mr. Warwick also reminded residents to be patient when driving around the trash and recycling trucks. Do not pass them while they are working.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenemy 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 February as follows:

- Crum Lynne – 92
- Folsom – 252
- Holmes – 91
- Milmont Park – 38
- Morton – 25
- Ridley Park – 127
- Secane – 60

- Swarthmore - 30
- Woodlyn - 175

Mr. Willert 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 February as follows:

- Permits Issued - 222
- Contractors Registered - 31
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued - 31
- Rental Inspections - 15
- Health Inspections - 12

Building Committee Report

Mr. Saunders requested approval of 2 waivers for the project at 2325, 2329 & 2333 MacDade Blvd. One to not provide infiltration and the other to not provide sidewalk along Hannum Ave. Both the Alternate Township Engineer and Commissioner Bidoli concur with the requests.

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

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 7,276 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 13,942 books and other items in February. Program attendance at 78 programs was 3,363 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

Mrs. Cummins wished everyone a Happy Easter and congratulated Debbie Liberatore on her retirement.

Mr. McMenammin thanked everyone involved with the house demolition on Franklin Ave.

Mr. Warwick reminded everyone to be careful when driving and parking now that it is lighter later. He also congratulated Barbara Ormsby on her retirement.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:18pm.