

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
May 22, 2024
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on May 22, 2024 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette, Mrs. Cummins, 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.

Mr. Willert congratulated Luke Showalter, this year's recipient of the Anne E. Howanski Memorial Scholarship at Ridley High School.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to approve the April 24, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval for two (2) Special Events Permits for Folsom Fire Company. First is permission for their annual tag day on Sept. 7th from 8am to 12pm at MacDade Blvd. & Kedron Ave. and the second is for their annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 5th (raindate October 6th). They are also requesting permission to close 4th Ave from Tasker to Sutton and Sutton Ave from 4th to Orchard.

Motion made by Mrs. Melasecca, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to approve both requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval of a Block Party request for Mildred Ave on July 13th subject to the following conditions: any inflatable equipment cannot block the roadway and any tents or canopies must be situated on the same side of the roadway to allow for emergency vehicle access on the street.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to approve the block party request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval of Notre Dame de Lourdes request to hold their annual carnival September 26th through September 28th from 6pm to 10pm nightly on the school grounds.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the carnival request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in April was 1,429.05 tons and recycling collected in April was 149.91 tons. 9 televisions were collected in April.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill reported on 0 Randall Avenue which was a lot that the township had acquired through a repository sale through the County. The owners of the lot stated they never received proper notice or service for the tax sale from the County Tax Claim Bureau. Mr. Neill negotiated a settlement where the township would receive taxes owed from 2018 through 2023 along with payment for maintenance and other administrative expenses. He requested a motion to authorize him to sign the stipulation and also have the deed transferred back to the owner.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to authorize Mr. Neill to take the necessary action as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: A to U Services, Inc. – Morris Ave Drainage Swale - \$7,489.45; A to U Services, Inc. – Amosland Rd & Academy Ave repairs - \$7,881.45; Lenni Electric Corp – Green Light Go – Fairview & Parklane - \$392,224.60; Joseph J. Danielle, LLC – Muhlenberg Ave Culvert Replacement - \$68,252.75; A. Gargiule & Sons, Inc. – Fairview Rd Sanitary Sewer Repair - \$11,735.00; A. Gargiule & Sons, Inc. – Darby Road Storm Sewer Repair - \$2,745.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to approve the certificates as read. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Catania recommended the following escrow release – MacDade Bullens LLC (Wawa Project) - \$703,567.29.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the escrow release as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reminded residents that trash would not be collected on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report

Mr. Neill brought two ordinances to the Board for adoption. The first – Ordinance 2084 deals with amendments regulating smoke shops and tobacco stores and the second – Ordinance No. 2085 deals with administrative search warrants. Discussion was held on both ordinances.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to adopt Ordinance No. 2084 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to adopt Ordinance No. 2085 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamin 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 April totaled 1,019 as follows:

- Crum Lynne – 85
- Folsom – 276
- Holmes – 105
- Milmont Park – 41
- Morton – 46
- Ridley Park – 111
- Secane – 78
- Swarthmore - 45
- Woodlyn – 232

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 April as follows:

- Permits Issued – 243
- Contractors Registered – 16
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 37
- Rental Inspections – 353
- Health Inspections – 18

Building Committee Report

Mr. Willert read a letter thanking John Ward, Paul Dick, Domenic Perfetti and the Code Department for their hard work.

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 7,728 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,260 books and other items in April. Program attendance at 80 programs was 2,389 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 (7-0).

Old and New Business

Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Cummins and Mr. Warwick thanked all our Veterans who live in Ridley Township for their service.

Mrs. Morrisette reminded residents about the Firework Ordinance.

Mr. Willert wished everyone a happy Memorial Day and thanked all who served and who are currently serving in the Armed Forces.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Willert, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to adjourn the meeting, Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Meeting concluded at 6:19pm.