

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
October 23, 2024
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on October 23, 2024 at the Township Building.

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

Mr. Willert announced an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting concerning contract negotiations.

Public Forum

- Elizabeth Hocker – 24 Ladomus Ave., Ridley Park, Anthony Wolverton – 411 N. Swarthmore Avenue, Ridley Park, Doug Hocker – 1209 Harper Avenue, Woodlyn, and Suzanne de Seife – 1209 Harper Avenue, Woodlyn appeared before the Board concerning the proposed MacDade Boulevard Road Diet and pedestrian safety concerns.
- Roshera Bailey – 705 Braxton Road, Ridley Park appeared before the Board concerning the condition of the commercial property behind her.
- Margaret Mansfield – 2407 Secane Road, Secane appeared before the Board concerning pedestrian concerns, unpainted crosswalks and requested a STOP sign on Mole Road at Quince Lane.
- Tracy Jo Dance and Sharon Sponheimer appeared before the Board concerning a stray cat program.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mrs. Melasecca to approve the May 16, 2024, May 22, 2024, June 26, 2024, July 24, 2024, August 28, 2024 and September 25, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of a new DISH ground lease at the Worrall Street tower. Rent is \$1,400 per month along with additional co-location revenue monthly.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the ground lease as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Ryan announced the township's free Trunk or Treat event will take place on October 26th.

Recycling Report

Mr. Saraceni reported trash collected in September was 1086.29 tons and recycling collected in September was 139.34 tons. 8 televisions were collected in September.

Mr. Saraceni thanked everyone who came out to our Community Shredding Day, which collected over 3,000 pounds of materials.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report- No Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: A to U Services, Inc. – Greenhouse Drive - \$5,178.20; A to U Services – Circle Terrace - \$5,348.25; Joseph J. Danielle, LLC – Nall Field Phase 3 - \$10,200.00, PJG Property Maintenance – Sylvania Avenue - \$7,850.00; Dukes Root Control, Inc. – Hutchinson Terrace sanitary sewer - \$29,883.59; Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – MacDade Blvd. Improvements - \$1,097.50; Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – Green Light-Go improvements - \$2,039.40.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the certificates as read. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Catania recommended the following bid awards:

- 2024 Road Project Phase 2 – N. Abbonizio Contractors - \$32,377.50

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to award the bid as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0)

- Fairview Road & Chester Pike Traffic Signal Roadway Improvements – Lenni Electric Corp - \$262,662.70

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to award the bid as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

- Secane Road Storm Sewer Improvement Project- Bids were tabled

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise for 2025 unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel bids.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to authorize the bid advertisement as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reminded residents that trash would not be collected on Tuesday, November 5th in observance of Election Day.

Mr. Warwick also announced curbside leaf collection will begin the week of October 28th in wards 1, 2 and 4. The full schedule is available on our website and social media.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamain reported the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will take place on Tuesday, December 3rd on the grounds of the Municipal Building.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in September totaled 1,287.

Mr. Willert congratulated Cpl. Leo Doyle on being recognized by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of PA at their Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony for his work with the County CID investigation into an online predator.

Mr. Willert congratulated K9 Officer Matt Rowan on his induction into the Kutztown University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 276
- Contractors Registered – 7
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 31
- Rental Inspections – 26
- Health Inspections – 22

Building Committee Report- No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 4,748 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 15,180 books and other items in September. Program attendance at 57 programs was 1,998 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. McMenemy thanked the Ridley Township Municipal Marina employees under the direction of Denise Faber, for their hard work and smooth operation of the Marina.

Mrs. Morrisette thanked the Hocker family for attending the meeting.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:46pm.