

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
August 28, 2024
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on August 28, 2024 at the Township Building.

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

- Stephen Powers, 470 Wyndom Terrace, appeared before the Board concerning street lights out on his street.

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of a Block Party requests for Michele Street for September 14th and Perry Street for September 14th.

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

Mr. Ryan requested approval to award the Municibid for the 2008 F350 truck in the amount of \$3,600.00.

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

Mr. Ryan requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Hough Associates LLC to provide services to complete our annual DEP recycling grant paperwork.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. McMenamin to enter into the agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in July was 1,238.54 tons and recycling collected in July was 170.42 tons. 3 televisions were collected in July.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill requested approval of a tax assessment appeal and authorization to sign stipulation for 1602 MacDade Boulevard fixing the assessed value for 2024 and 2025 at 177,660.

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

Mr. Neill requested approval of a tax assessment appeal and authorization to sign stipulation for 136 E. Chester Pike fixing the assessed value at 75,000.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the appeal as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Joseph J. Danielle, LLC – Nall Field Phase 3 - \$62,482.50; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – 2024 Road Program - \$225,921.50; Musco Sports Lighting, LLC – Blackrock Park - \$178,229.00; Duke's Root Control – Root Treatment - \$11,114.48; A to U Services, Inc. – Sewer Maintenance - \$9,134.77; PJG Property Maintenance – Milmont Ave Storm Sewer Repair - \$4,500.00; Traffic Planning & Design – Green Light-Go Improvements - \$1,181.25.

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

Mr. Catania recommended escrow release for Neerland Builders for Lot 4 866 Michigan Ave - \$17,578.00.

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

Mr. Catania reported bids were received for the Michigan Avenue Sanitary Sewer Relocation and recommended award to A. Gargiule & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$117,775.00.

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

Mr. Catania reported bids were received for the Brighton Terrace Drainage Improvements and recommended award to N. Abbonizio Contractors at their price of \$31,457.00.

Motion made by Mr. McMenam, second by Mr. Bidoli to award the bid as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Catania reported bids were received for the Crum Lynne area Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation project and recommended award of Contract A \$374,180.00 and Contract B \$390,579.00 to Mr. Rehab, LLC. This is being covered by a PA State Grant.

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

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise for the Chester Pike/Fairview Road Improvements.

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

Mr. Catania reported the 2024 Road Program is basically complete, except for any punch list items.

Mr. Catania also announced a contractor will be in the Secane/Holmes area doing some smoke testing on the sanitary sewers. Residents affected will be notified by the contractor.

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reminded residents no trash will be collected on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

Mr. Warwick announced the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will be held September 7th at the Emergency Services Training Center in Sharon Hill.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenemy reported on the current and upcoming recreation programs. He announced the Fall Festival will be held on September 15th from 10am to 2pm on the Municipal Building Grounds.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert announced PennDOT will cease all planning and development activities related to the MacDade Boulevard Road Diet project and cancelled the public meeting scheduled for August 27th.

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in July totaled 1,146.

Mr. Willert highlighted calls for service that the police made during the month.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

Mr. Bidoli read the Health & Code Enforcement Committee report for July as follows:

- Permits Issued – 249
- Contractors Registered – 24
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 32
- Rental Inspections – 225
- Health Inspections – 15

Building Committee Report

Mr. Warwick requested approval, subject to the Alternate Township Engineer's comments as well as the Ridley Township Planning Commission comments, the application of 109 Fairview Road, LLC to incorporate 2 lots into 1 lot and to develop a multi garage building with offices and storage yard at 109 Fairview Road.

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the application with conditions as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 7,954 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 17,649 books and other items in July. Program attendance at 83 programs was 4,249 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. Warwick that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Old and New Business

Mrs. Morrisette congratulated Mr. McMenemy on his first grandchild.

Mr. Warwick reminded residents that school will be starting and to be mindful on the roads.

Mr. McMenemy thanked the township personnel for their work at Franklin Ave Field.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:20pm.