

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
February 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 February 28, 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.

Mr. Willert expressed the Board's sympathy to the family of Francis Cannon who passed away last month.

Public Forum

Steve Powers, 470 Wyndom Terrace, Holmes, appeared before the Board concerning various matters.

Philly Beep Baseball representatives appeared before the Board with information on their program.

Katie Hagan, 134 Youngs Avenue, appeared before the Board concerning commercial properties in her neighborhood.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the meeting minutes of January 8, 2024 and January 24, 2024. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan reported a Special Events Permit request was submitted from Random Productions, LLC, a/k/a TASK Production requesting permission to park trailers and equipment around the OLP property March 3rd through 4th.

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

Mr. Ryan received a request for a block party on Wendy Road on March 16th and approval was requested.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to approve the block party request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval for a Conditional Use application fee resolution setting the fee at \$300 for residential requests and \$500 for commercial requests.

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

Mr. Ryan requested authorization to place (2) out of service vehicles on the Municibid website.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Warwick authorizing the vehicles to be placed on Municibid as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in January was 1,133.46 tons and recycling collected in January was 217.98 tons. 6 televisions were collected in January.

Mr. Willert reminded residents not to get their information from social media sites other than the official township sites.

Controller's Report

Mr. Betzler requested approval of (2) resolutions to open accounts with Univest and PSDLAF for investment purposes.

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

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill requested approval of a tax assessment settlement and stipulation for the property at 110 Fairview Road.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Warwick to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: A to U Services – Amosland & Academy - \$22,564.95; N. Abbonizio Contractors – 6th & Ridley Change Order & invoice \$26,363.25; Traffic Planning & Design – GLG Design - \$4,061.25; GLG Pedestrian Improvements \$898.75 and Kedron Ave \$704.11; A.J. Jurich – Michigan Ave Storm Sewer Repair - \$6,169.67; Battlefield Enterprises, LLC – 821 Wyndom Terrace - \$7,850.00.

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

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following escrows: Iacono & Iacono – 2325 MacDade Blvd. - \$5,800.00; 2329 MacDade Blvd. - \$18,685.00 and 2333 MacDade Blvd. - \$20,325.00.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of escrow release for MacDade Bullens LLC (Wawa) in the amount of \$212,996.08.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of a PA DCNR Resolution applying for a grant for Phase 3 improvements at Blackrock Park.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Warwick to approve the resolution and application as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania requested approval of a new LED lighting system from Musco Lighting through the PA COSTARS program in the amount of \$332,115.00 from the ARPA account.

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

Mr. Catania reported receiving one bid for the Green Light Go Sellers Ave & I95 traffic signal and recommended award to Lenni Electric in the amount of \$84,345.00.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval for emergency demolition at 2311 Franklin Avenue by PJG Property Maintenance in the amount of \$24,900.00.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamini, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania requested authorization to seek bids for the 2024 road resurfacing program.

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

Mr. Catania reported that PennDOT's MacDade Blvd. / I-476 project is ahead of schedule.

Highway/Sanitation Committee Report- No Report

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 January as follows:

- Crum Lynne – 79
- Folsom – 254
- Holmes – 124
- Milmont Park – 49
- Morton – 45
- Ridley Park – 120
- Secane – 87
- Swarthmore - 37
- Woodlyn – 208

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 January as follows:

- Permits Issued – 162
- Contractors Registered – 56
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 28
- Rental Inspections -89
- Health Inspections – 19

Building Committee Report- No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 6,343 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,627 books and other items in January. Program attendance at 51 programs was 2,031.. She also reported on upcoming library programs.

Mrs. Cummins made a motion to appoint Debbie Sweeney to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Suzanne Brown, said term to expire December 31, 2025.

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

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 (9-0).

Old and New Business

Mrs. Cummins thanked Suzanne Brown for her service on the Library Board.

Mr. McMenemy thanked Joe Ryan and John Ward for their assistance in getting the vacant home at 2311 Franklin Avenue demolished as it has been a long, ongoing issue.

Mr. Bidoli thanked the Beep Baseball representatives for attending the meeting.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:49pm.