

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
July 24, 2024
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Willert at 6:00pm on July 24, 2024 at the Township Building.

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

Public Forum

- Sonya Palmer, 914 South Avenue, Secane, appeared before the Board concerning a police matter.
- Robert Hollenbach, 2000 Walnut Street, Holmes, appeared before the Board concerning a high grass complaint and the proposed PennDOT MacDade Boulevard Road Diet project.

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval for the following block party requests: 6th Avenue/Stanbridge Road for September 21st; Ridley Circle for September 28th and Braxton Road for October 5th.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Saunders to approve the block party requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval of two (2) Special Event Permit requests – one for Ridley School District for their annual Homecoming Parade on September 28th and the second for Juice Pod Ridley for September 14th.

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

Recycling Report

Mrs. Melasecca reported trash collected in June was 1,155.62 tons and recycling collected in June was 150.85 tons. 7 televisions were collected in June. She also announced the township's Community Shredding Day will be held on October 12th from 9am to 11am at the Ridley Township Municipal Building.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill requested approval of a tax assessment appeal for 221 Morton Avenue back from 2021 fixing the assessed value for 2021 at \$920,500.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the tax assessment appeal as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: N. Abbonizio Contractors – 2024 Road Program - \$642,820.58; Musco Sports Lighting LLC – Blackrock Park Field Lighting, plus change Orders - \$175,522.00; and Traffic Planning & Design – Green Light-Go Grant for Fairview & Jefferson - \$4,988.75.

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

Mr. Catania reported the 2024 Road Program is finishing up.

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report- No Report

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenam reported on the current and upcoming recreation programs. He also announced the Annual Fall Festival will be held on September 15th from 10am to 2pm at the Ridley Township Municipal Building.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in June totaled 996, broken down as follows:

- Crum Lynne – 93
- Folsom – 282
- Holmes – 109
- Milmont Park – 42
- Morton – 38
- Ridley Park – 105
- Secane – 77
- Swarthmore - 38
- Woodlyn – 212

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

He announced National Night Out festivities will be held on Tuesday, August 6th at the Ridley Township Municipal Building.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 269
- Contractors Registered – 18
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 36
- Rental Inspections – 22
- Health Inspections – 15

Building Committee Report- No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 6,870 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 15,044 books and other items in June. Program attendance at 63 programs was 2,453 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. Saraceni that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Old and New Business

Mr. McMenemy thanked the summer playground counselors for their work at the camps.

Mr. Warwick thanked the Leedom Civic Association, the volunteers, sponsors, the police and fire department for their work on the annual 4th of July parade.

Mrs. Morrisette urged motorists to abide by the speed limits and Stop signs throughout the township.

Mr. Bidoli congratulated Officer Matt Rowan on winning several medals at the recent Can-Am Police and Fire Games.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:25pm.