

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
April 22, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Board President Willert at 6:00pm on April 22, 2026 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette (*via phone*), Mrs. Callahan, Mr. McMenamin, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Warwick, Mr. Willert, Mr. Capozzoli 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.

The Board presented Betsy Cummins with a Resolution in honor of her 12 years of service as 3rd Ward Commissioner.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamin, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to adopt the Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Willert announced the Board met in an executive session on April 14, 2026 to interview one candidate for the position of 3rd Ward Commissioner.

Mr. Willert nominated Michelle Callahan to fill the vacancy of 3rd Ward Commissioner. No other nominations were received.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to appoint Michelle Callahan as 3rd Ward Commissioner. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

A Resolution was presented appointing Mrs. Callahan.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamin, seconded by Mr. Warwick to adopt the Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8—0).

Mr. Willert read Mrs. Callahan's background and welcomed her to the Board. The Honorable Jack Whelan swore Mrs. Callahan in as 3rd Ward Commissioner.

Mr. Willert announced the passing of long-time resident and former Zoning Hearing Board member, Louis J. DePietro.

Public Forum

- Suzanne deSeife, 1209 Harper Avenue, Woodlyn, appeared before the Board concerning pedestrian safety issues.

- Bella Englebach, appeared before the Board concerning pedestrian safety issues and requested additional information on the monthly recycling report. Also discussed the school flashers at Amosland School.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mr. McMenamin, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the January 5, 2026, January 28, 2026, February 25, 2026 and March 25, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of Notre Dame de Lourdes Car Show on May 30th.

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

Mr. Ryan requested approval for a block party on West Circle on May 23, 2026.

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

Recycling Report

Mr. Capozzoli reported trash collected in March was 1,223.10 tons and recycling collected in March was 127.47 tons. 8 televisions were collected in March.

Controller's Report- No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill recommended approval of settlement and stipulation for the properties 97, 101 and 103 Holmes Road fixing the assessed valuations for 2024 at \$105,280.00, 2025 at \$104,550.00 and 2026 at \$103,194.00. The School Board approved on April 6, 2026.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. Capozzoli to accept the Solicitor's recommendation as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Traffic Planning & Design for the Green Light-Go signal upgrades - \$5,389.10 and \$3,159.10.

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

Mr. Catania requested the Haverford Road CDBG Park Creation Project bid be awarded to L.J. Paoletta Construction in the amount of \$57,133.50.

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

Mr. Catania recommended award of the 2026 Road Resurfacing Project to Glasgow, Inc. for their low bid amount of \$622,533.00 plus alternate no. 1 - \$83,236.00 and alternate no. 3 - \$19,500.00 for a total contract amount of \$725,269.00.

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

Mr. Catania recommended award of the Dougherty-Gillespie Field Improvements to Joseph J. Danielle, LLC for their bid of \$134,930.60.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval to submit a DCNR application for Phase 5 Blackrock Park improvements and associated Resolution.

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

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reminded residents there is no trash collection on Tuesday, May 19th (Primary Election Day) or Monday, May 25th (Memorial Day).

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamin reported on upcoming recreation programs and events.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in March totaled 1,235. 60 traffic citations and 47 parking tickets in March.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 257
- Contractors Registered – 29
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 34
- Rental Inspections – 35
- Health Inspections – 16

Building Committee Report – No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mr. Saraceni reported that 8,275 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,754 books and other items in March. Program attendance at 91 programs was 3,055 people. In addition, the library staff accepted 210 new passport applications in March. He also reported on upcoming library programs.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Bidoli reported all Commissioners received a list of this month's bills.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, 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

The Board thanked Mrs. Cummins for her service and welcomed Mrs. Callahan to the Board.

Mr. Warwick thanked the police and fire departments for the outstanding job they do.

Mr. McMenamin thanked the Marina staff for their work in getting the property ready for the season.

Mr. Capozzoli thanked the Folsom Fire Company for hosting their Italian Festival.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:36pm.