

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
June 24, 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 June 24, 2026 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette, Mrs. Callahan, Mr. McMenamin, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Willert, Mr. Capozzoli and Mr. Bidoli.

Also present were Mr. Ryan (Township Manager), Mr. Catania (Township Engineer) and Mr. Neill (Township Solicitor).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Forum

- Nick Dellarocca – 337 Springfield Ave., Folsom, appeared before the Board concerning site line exiting Springfield Ave. onto MacDade Blvd.
- John Shaffer – Kossuth Ave., Milmont Park, appeared before the Board about a variety of issues.
- Bella Englebach – 600 Cyprus Lane, Morton, thanked the Board for the crosswalk at 6th & Amosland and requested non-uniformed police presence monitor traffic at Amosland School when school begins
- Barbara Embert – 105 Lodomus Ave., Ridley Park, appeared before the Board concerning the condition of the property behind 103 Lodomus Ave.

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of the following block party requests:

- 1600 block 6th Ave – July 4th
- Stockton Circle – September 12th

Motion made by Mr. Capozzoli, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve both block party requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval of an amended site agreement with STC for the tower site at Blackrock Park. Terms as follows: 10 years retroactive to 10/13/2025 expiring 10/12/2035 with one additional 5-year renewal term.; \$4,500 per month rent retroactive to 10/13/2025 with an annual rent increase of 3.5%; 50% of future subleasing rent received by lessee or \$1,500, whichever is greater; current sublessee rent remains the same; \$20,000 signing bonus within 60 days of full execution.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the amended site agreement as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Ryan updated the Board on efforts to collect delinquent township tax, rubbish and sewer charges. Since beginning a program with Portnoff Law Associates in 2023 to collect these delinquent funds, collections have reached over \$1,000,000. The fees Portnoff charges are billed directly to the property owner through the collection process. It has been a very successful program for our residents.

Mr. Ryan reported Narberth Ambulance responded to a total of 357 calls in May, only 168 were in Ridley Township. 43% were in municipalities outside of Ridley Township that do not provide ALS service to their residents, nor reimburse Ridley Township for the cost that our residents' taxes are paying. Mr. Ryan reached out to the 5 towns to set up a meeting to discuss and has only heard back from Tinicum Township. He will keep the Board and residents updated.

Recycling Report

Mr. Capozzoli reported trash collected in May was 1,289.54 tons and recycling collected in May was 143.16 tons. 6 televisions were collected in May.

Controller's Report- No Report

Solicitor's Report- No Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – MacDade Blvd. improvements - \$850.00; Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – Green Light-Go signal updates - \$4,360.00; Armour & Sons Electric, Inc. – Green Light-Go signal & pedestrian improvements Morton & Michigan Avenues - \$40,361.14

Motion made by Mr. McMenamin, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to approve the Certificates as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Saunders reminded residents there will be no trash collection on Friday, July 3rd in observance of Independence Day.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report

Mr. Bidoli referred to Mr. Neill who requested approval and adoption of a Resolution to exchange or transfer a portion of township property located at 331 Fairview Road for a portion of property located at 1301 Chester Pike and approval authorizing the Township Manager to execute any and all documents pertaining to this transfer and exchange.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to adopt the Resolution and approve the signature authorization as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamin reported the Annual Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, September 20th with a raindate of September 27th.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in May totaled 1,239. 38 traffic citations and 19 parking tickets in May. Traffic Maintenance performed preventative maintenance on traffic signals at 11 intersections, repaired and replaced 18 traffic regulation and street signs and installed/repairs 19 Hometown Hero Banners.

Mr. Willert recognized & congratulated Cpl. Leo Doyle on recently receiving the Themis Award and the John J. Duffy Professional Service Award for service, leadership and compassion demonstrated through the MVP, LETI and SHIELD programs.

Mr. Willert expressed the Board's condolences on the recent passing of Mr. Neill's mother.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 328
- Contractors Registered – 19
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 45
- Rental Inspections – 35
- Health Inspections – 11

Building Committee Report – No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Callahan reported that 7,651 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,028 books and other items in May. Program attendance at 60 programs was 2,091 people. In addition, the library staff accepted 169 new passport applications in May. She also reported on upcoming library programs.

Mr. Ryan announced improvements will be made to the parking area – handicapped sports closer to the building, crosswalks and steps from the lower lot to the upper parking lot.

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 (8-0).

Old and New Business

Mr. Willert reminded residents about the township's fireworks ordinance.

Mr. Saraceni announced Leedom's July 4th Parade will be held on the 4th beginning at 10am at Leedom Elementary School.

The Board wished everyone a happy 4th and a safe summer.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Willert, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to adjourn the meeting, Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Meeting concluded at 6:37pm.