

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
November 19, 2025
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Board President Willert at 6:00pm on November 19, 2025 at the Township Building.

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

Also present were Mr. Catania (Township Engineer), Mr. Betzler (Controller) and Mr. Neill (Township Solicitor).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Forum

- Suzanne deSeife, 1209 Harper Avenue, Woodlyn, appeared before the Board concerning pedestrian safety.
- Robert Melso and Steve Nieman from Chris Church in Ridley Park appeared before the Board concerning their new Sea Scout program.
- John Shaffer, Kossuth Avenue, appeared before the Board concerning matters related to fire companies.
- Kate Frederick, 1719 Fourth Avenue, appeared before the Board regarding Spark Car Wash.

Manager's Report - No Report

Recycling Report

Mr. Capozzoli reported trash collected in October was 1,147.48 tons and recycling collected in October was 168.19 tons. 16 televisions were collected in October.

Controller's Report- No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill announced there will be a public hearing on December 11, 2025 at 6:15pm to consider two (2) zoning amendments.

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – 2025 Road Program – Change Order #1 and payment \$37,821.75; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – Greenhouse Drive Storm Sewer - \$8,680.00; Traffic Planning & Design – Green Light Go signal upgrades - \$11,880.00; JMC Contractors – Secane Road/Franklin Ave. Drainage Improvements - \$22,450.00.

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

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise for the Secane Road Phase 2 Drainage Improvement project.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Warwick to authorize the bid advertisement as requested. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania requested authorization to submit a pre-application for a Green Light-Go 2026 grant MacDade Blvd. & Swarthmore Ave and Fairview Rd & Jefferson Ave signal improvements.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of a Resolution to apply for a DCED Local Share grant for various drainage improvements throughout the township.

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

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick announced no trash collection on November 27th or November 28th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. In addition, he announced the curbside leaf collection is in full swing and posted on the township website.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. Bidoli reported on upcoming recreation programs. The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Tuesday, December 2nd.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in October totaled 1,186. Mr. Willert congratulated Officer Collin Wright who recently received the Officer of the Year Award from the Frederick A. Scott American Legion. He also congratulated K9 Officer Hannes and his handler, Officer Matt Rowan on Hannes' recent retirement after 9 years of service to Ridley Township.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 357
- Contractors Registered – 20
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 47
- Rental Inspections – 178
- Health Inspections – 23

Building Committee Report

Mr. Saunders recommended approval of a subdivision application for the property at 1007 Haverford Road/104 Garfield Avenue subject to the Alternate Township Engineer's comments.

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

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins acknowledged the library's receipt of a \$20,000 bequest from the Estate of Paul and Jayne Phillips which will be used for a security system. Mrs. Cummins reported that 8,192 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,591 books and other items in October. Program attendance at 88 programs was 2,794 people. In addition, the library staff accepted 143 new passport applications in October, bringing the total for 2025 to 1,447. 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. Bidoli that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Old and New Business

Board members extended their wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Morrisette thanked all coaches and parents involved with Swarthmorewood AA.

Mr. Warwick congratulated Officer Wright.

Mr. McMenammin thanked the Public Works personnel for their work during leaf collection. He also thanked Denise and the Marina workers for their work.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:39pm.