

Township of Ridley 2026 Budget

Prepared By: The Board of Commissioners
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Township of Ridley

Assessment Value 2026	2,397,705,437	One Mill = \$2,255,761
Assessment Value 2025	2,399,106,723	One Mill = \$2,257,080
Assessment Value 2024	2,407,695,470	One Mill = \$2,265,160
Assessment Value 2023	2,403,821,258	One Mill = \$2,261,515

Fund	2025 <u>Actual</u>	2026 <u>Proposed</u>
General Fund	3.800	4.300
Recreation	.260	.260
Municipal Pension	<u>.300</u>	<u>.300</u>
	4.360	4.860
Fire Fund	.095	.095
Fire Hydrant	.049	.049
Ambulance	<u>.016</u>	<u>.129</u>
	.160	.273
Library Fund	.215	.125
Sinking Fund	<u>.728</u>	<u>.720</u>
Total Millage	5.463	5.978

Service Charges:	2025 Rubbish Charge - \$255	2026 Rubbish Charge - \$340
	2025 Sewer Charge - \$390	2026 Sewer Charge - \$450

As we present the 2026 Township Budget, we want to acknowledge the continued financial pressures facing many of our residents. Rising household costs continue to impact families across our community. The Board of Commissioners understands these challenges and remains committed to delivering essential township services in a responsible and financially stable manner.

This year, the Township is experiencing significant increases across several critical areas. Costs associated with repairing and maintaining our stormwater and sanitary sewer systems continue to rise. Due to the Crozer Health system closure, the township had to obtain ALS ambulance services at a cost \$700,000, which was not budgeted last year. In addition, everyday operational costs—such as utilities, fuel, materials, insurance costs and contracted services—have also escalated.

To address these rising costs and continue providing the high level of services our residents expect, the 2026 Budget includes a **½ mill real estate tax increase**. For the average homeowner, this represents approximately **\$95 per year**, or about **\$8 per month**—roughly **\$.26 per day increase on the average assessment**. This increase is necessary to preserve core municipal services, fund essential infrastructure improvements, and maintain long-term financial stability.

The County Solid Waste Authority has once again increased its disposal fees, and the Sewer Authority has raised its charges as well. These are fee for service costs that are separate from the real estate taxes, but must be incorporated into our operating budget. In 2026, service charges will also adjust to reflect the increases. The rubbish fee will increase to **\$340**, or about **\$.94 per day**, which includes twice-a-week trash collection, recycling and leaf collection, and the sewer fee will increase to **\$450**, or about **\$1.25 per day**. The last increase was four (4) years ago in 2021 and since that time, the township has absorbed a 27% increase in sewer fees and a 56% increase in trash disposal fees. These adjustments are necessary to cover the rising costs directly billed to the Township for solid waste and sewage processing.

The proposed **2026 General Fund Budget total is \$28,680,861**. This budget includes essential replacements of vehicles and equipment for our Public Works and Police Departments. The Township will continue pursuing federal, state and county grants—such as Recreation, Recycling, Pedestrian Safety and Stormwater grants—to support important community projects.

Our Senior Citizen Rebate Program will continue for 2026, offering eligible seniors a total of **\$200 in rebates**—\$125 for sewer charges and \$75 for rubbish charges. This program remains an important resource for residents living on fixed incomes.

**BUDGET ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 2089**

An Ordinance of the Township of Ridley, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the year 2026.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Ridley, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

SECTION 1. That for the expenditures and expenses of the fiscal year 2026, the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the fund equities, revenues, and other financing sources available for the year 2026 for the specific purposes set forth on the following pages.

That any ordinance, or part of ordinance, conflicting with this ordinance be and the same hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this ordinance.

Adopted this **22nd** day of **December, 2025**.

Joseph A. Ryan

Township Secretary

Robert J. Willert

President, Board of Township Commissioners

**TAX LEVY ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 2090**

An Ordinance of the Township of Ridley, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2026.

Be it ordained and enacted and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Board of Township Commissioners of the Township of Ridley, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property within the Township of Ridley subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2026 as follows:

Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of	4.300 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of04300 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	

For debt purposes, the sum of720 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of00720 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	

For Recreation purposes, the sum of260 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of00260 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	

For Municipal Pension purposes, the sum of300 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of00300 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	

For Fire Fund purposes, the sum of095 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of00095 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	

For Fire Hydrant purposes, the sum of049 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of00049 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	

For Ambulance purposes, the sum of129 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of00129 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	

For Library purposes, the sum of125 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of00125 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	

For Residential Solid Waste Pickup purposes, the fixed sum of	\$340.00 dollars
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For Sewer Collection purposes, the fixed sum of	\$450.00 dollars
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The same being summarized in tubular form as follows:

	Mills on Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation	Cents on Each One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Valuation
Tax Rate for General Purposes	4.300 mills	.04300 cents
Tax Rate for Debt Purposes	.720 mills	.00720 cents
Tax Rate for Recreation	.260 mills	.00260 cents
Tax Rate for Municipal Pension	.300 mills	.00300 cents
Tax Rate for Fire Fund	.095 mills	.00095 cents
Tax Rate for Fire Hydrant	.049 mills	.00049 cents
Tax Rate for Ambulance	.129 mills	.00129 cents
Tax Rate for Library	.125 mills	.00125 cents
TOTAL	5.978 mills	.05978 cents

That any ordinance, or part of ordinance, conflicting with this ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this ordinance.

Adopted this **22nd** day of **December, 2025**.

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General Fund 2026

REVENUES

General Fund	2025	2025	2026
Revenue	YTD - NOV 2025	Budget	Budget
Real Estate Taxes	\$10,229,820.13	\$10,146,000.00	\$11,215,000.00
Local Enabling Tax	\$1,981,594.22	\$1,952,000.00	\$1,952,000.00
Interest Revenue	\$270,910.03	\$235,000.00	\$235,000.00
Permits & Fees	\$1,684,121.33	\$1,338,000.00	\$1,293,000.00
Licenses & Fees	\$462,790.50	\$665,000.00	\$665,000.00
Public Safety	\$168,254.73	\$163,500.00	\$163,500.00
Rentals	\$562,522.84	\$587,000.00	\$541,000.00
Recreation Rev.	\$146,598.25	\$157,000.00	\$167,000.00
State Funding	\$1,567,188.50	\$1,044,500.00	\$1,104,500.00
Share Operating	\$69,750.77	\$150,500.00	\$555,500.00
General Govt.	\$341,967.92	\$378,000.00	\$378,000.00
Sanitation	\$2,776,629.79	\$2,813,000.00	\$3,868,000.00
Municipal Marina	\$616,654.31	\$544,700.00	\$544,700.00
Refunds	\$559,060.98	\$756,000.00	\$521,000.00
Financing Revenue	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00
Non-Revenue	\$11,244.59	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
TOTALS	\$21,529,613.89	\$21,021,200.00	\$23,294,200.00

Beg. Balance	\$5,400,000.00
Revenue	\$23,294,200.00
Total Revenue	\$28,694,200.00
Less	
Total Expenditures	\$28,680,861.00
Surplus/(Shortage)	\$13,339.00

EXPENDITURES

General Fund	2025	2025	2026
Expenditures	YTD - NOV 2025	Budget	Budget
Administration	\$1,204,369.12	\$1,385,471.00	\$1,421,441.00
Treasury Dept.	\$225,785.10	\$275,500.00	\$270,500.00
Municipal Bldg.	\$267,771.61	\$437,000.00	\$442,000.00
Police Dept.	\$5,131,121.21	\$6,466,000.00	\$6,512,500.00
Fire Protection	\$219,213.79	\$221,000.00	\$231,000.00
Code Enforcement	\$695,086.04	\$787,000.00	\$812,000.00
Zoning Board	\$31,525.50	\$67,000.00	\$67,000.00
Building Comm.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Health Dept.	\$22,435.00	\$36,200.00	\$36,200.00
Public Works	\$731,662.17	\$830,000.00	\$825,000.00
Sanitation	\$3,044,739.52	\$3,609,000.00	\$4,073,000.00
Highway	\$1,081,543.55	\$1,496,200.00	\$1,536,200.00
Snow Removal	\$87,586.21	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00
Traffic Maint	\$185,388.84	\$477,000.00	\$354,500.00
Storm Sewers	\$200,464.39	\$203,500.00	\$203,500.00
Road Repair	\$140,706.52	\$165,000.00	\$170,000.00
Recreation Dept.	\$787,071.20	\$972,500.00	\$958,000.00
Municipal Marina	\$455,357.77	\$541,500.00	\$466,500.00
Library & Resource Center Cost	\$20,481.53	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00
Rental Buildings Exp.	\$83,639.78	\$127,000.00	\$143,020.00
Recoverable Exp.	\$508,488.50	\$422,500.00	\$427,500.00
Insurance Exp.	\$1,783,477.00	\$1,815,000.00	\$2,050,000.00
Employee Benefits	\$5,103,226.77	\$5,640,000.00	\$5,940,000.00
Fund Transfers	\$1,425,806.00	\$1,425,806.00	\$1,106,000.00
Data Processing	\$317,304.49	\$390,000.00	\$445,000.00
TOTALS	\$23,754,251.61	\$27,965,177.00	\$28,680,861.00

Special Funds 2026

Fire Fund

The Fire fund is used to give annual appropriations to the Volunteer Fire departments and to maintain the Fire Hydrants throughout the Township. This year due to the various Hospital not running their Advance Life Support system. We have contract with an outside Ambulance Company to provide the necessary Advance Life Support oi assist our ambulance crews. Funding for the Fire fund comes from the annual millage assessment as follows:

Millage: Fire Fund .095 mills
Fire Hydrant .049 mills
Ambulance .129 mills

2026 Estimated Beginning Balance: \$ 591,741.00

Category	2025 Y-T-D	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Fire Revenue	\$ 370,158.19	\$ 362,500.00	<u>\$ 617,100.00</u>
Total Revenue:			<u>\$ 1,208,841.00</u>
Fire Expenditures	\$ 682,856.15	\$ 364,400.00	\$ 995,900.00

Library and Resource Center Fund

The Library fund is used to give annual appropriations to the Ridley Township Public Library and Resource Center. Funding for the Library fund comes from the annual millage assessment as follows:

Millage: Library Fund .125 mills

2026 Estimated Beginning Balance: \$ 620,425.00

Category	2025 Y-T-D	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Library Revenue	\$ 516,333.99	\$ 502,000.00	<u>\$ 299,000.00</u>
Total Revenue:			<u>\$ 919,425.00</u>
Library Expenditures	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 480,000.00

Sewer Maintenance Fund

The Sewer Maintenance fund is used to maintain and repair all sanitary lines throughout the Township. Cost includes maintenance, emergency repairs, annual inspections for Inflow & Infiltration of the lines and costs assessed by the treatment facilities to process the sewer waste. The 2026 Sewer Maintenance service charge will increase to meet the additional charges from the Sewer Authority over the past several years. The new service charge for 2026 is \$450.00.

Service Charge: 2025 - \$390.00 2026 - \$450.00

2026 Estimated Beginning Balance: \$1,391,890.00

Category	2025 Y-T-D	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Sewer Maint. Rev.	\$ 5,241,884.71	\$ 5,237,000.00	<u>\$ 6,352,000.00</u>
Total Revenue			\$ 7,743.890.00
Sewer Maint. Exp.	\$ 5,759,923.17	\$ 5,936,000.00	\$ 6,136,000.00

Highway Aid Fund

The Highway Aid fund is used to provide resurfacing and maintenance of Township roads and also can be used for street lighting, storm drains, snow removal and equipment purchased used in the maintenance of Township own roads. Funding comes from the State appropriations given to Municipalities which is based upon the number of miles of roads that are in our Township.

2026 Estimated Beginning Balance: \$2,271,144.00

Category	2025 Y-T-D	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Highway Aid Rev.	\$ 888,750.09	\$ 837,260.00	\$ 816,260.00
Total Revenue:			\$3,087,404.00
Highway Aid Exp.	\$ 654,447.10	\$ 773,500.00	\$ 883,500.00

Debt Service 2026

Sinking Fund

The Sinking fund is used to fund our Debt Service obligations for loans taken by the Township over the years. There are no plans to finance any new loans in 2026. Funding for the Sinking fund comes from the annual millage assessment as follows:

Millage: Sinking Fund .720 mills

2026 Estimated Beginning Balance: \$ 907,757.00			
<u>Category</u>	<u>2025 Y-T-D</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>
Sinking Fund Rev.	\$ 1,693,652.43	\$ 1,706,000.00	<u>\$ 1,652,000.00</u>
Total Revenue:			\$ 2,559,757.00
 Sinking Fund Exp.	 \$ 1,813,746.36	 \$ 1,892,500.00	 \$ 1,892,500.00

2026 Township of Ridley - Debt Schedule

Year	Interest Rate	2006 \$1,500,000 Loan	Interest Rate	2013 \$10,000,000 Loan	Interest Rate	2017 \$10,000,000 Loan	Interest Rate	2020 \$3,266,800 PENNVEST Loan	Total Debt
2007	3.747%	\$4,059.25							\$4,059.25
2008	3.747%	\$105,205.00							\$105,205.00
2009	3.747%	\$105,369.00							\$105,369.00
2010	3.747%	\$105,458.00							\$105,458.00
2011	3.747%	\$106,472.12							\$106,472.12
2012	3.747%	\$106,373.80							\$106,373.80
2013	3.747%	\$106,200.48	1.973%	\$180,858.37					\$287,058.85
2014	3.747%	\$106,952.28	1.973%	\$770,737.84					\$877,690.12
2015	3.747%	\$107,591.76	1.973%	\$770,016.56					\$877,608.32
2016	3.747%	\$107,118.68	1.973%	\$769,078.32					\$876,197.00
2017	3.747%	\$107,570.72	1.973%	\$767,923.01		\$21,000.00			\$896,493.73
2018	3.747%	\$107,910.32	1.973%	\$767,532.58	2.460%	\$804,633.33			\$1,680,076.23
2019	3.747%	\$109,137.60	1.973%	\$766,905.39	2.460%	\$806,224.00			\$1,682,266.99
2020	3.747%	\$109,214.88	1.973%	\$765,059.48	2.460%	\$806,103.60		\$0.00	\$1,680,377.96
2021	3.747%	\$109,179.84	1.973%	\$764,960.41	2.460%	\$805,638.80	1.452%	\$2,324.69	\$1,682,103.74
2022	3.747%	\$110,032.36	1.973%	\$763,622.94	2.460%	\$805,829.60	1.452%	\$67,574.22	\$1,747,059.12
2023	3.747%	\$110,735.00	1.973%	\$763,030.56	2.460%	\$805,651.40	1.452%	\$188,305.09	\$1,867,722.05
2024	3.747%	\$111,287.76	1.973%	\$761,199.88	2.460%	\$803,777.85	1.452%	\$188,060.77	\$1,864,326.26
2025	3.747%	\$111,690.64	1.973%	\$773,045.68	2.460%	\$803,828.85	2.033%	\$188,038.56	\$1,876,603.73
2026	3.747%	\$111,943.64	1.973%	\$772,938.72	2.460%	\$803,486.25	2.033%	\$188,038.56	\$1,876,407.17
2027	3.747%	\$112,046.76	1.973%	\$771,555.52	2.460%	\$803,748.00	2.033%	\$190,048.26	\$1,877,398.54
2028			1.973%	\$770,915.88	2.460%	\$803,591.55	2.033%	\$196,077.36	\$1,770,584.79
2029					2.460%	\$803,016.90	2.033%	\$196,077.36	\$999,094.26
2030					2.460%	\$803,022.00	2.033%	\$196,077.36	\$999,099.36
2031					2.460%	\$802,584.30	2.033%	\$196,077.36	\$998,661.66
2032					2.460%	\$802,701.75	2.033%	\$196,077.36	\$998,779.11
2033							2.033%	\$196,077.36	\$196,077.36
2034							2.033%	\$196,077.36	\$196,077.36
2035							2.033%	\$196,077.36	\$196,077.36
2036							2.033%	\$196,077.36	\$196,077.36
2037							2.033%	\$196,077.36	\$196,077.36
2038							2.033%	\$196,077.36	\$196,077.36
2039							2.033%	\$196,077.36	\$196,077.36
2040							2.033%	\$196,077.36	\$196,077.36
2041							2.033%	\$196,077.36	\$196,077.36
2042							2.033%	\$147,056.82	\$147,056.82
Debt		\$2,171,549.89		\$11,699,381.14		\$12,084,838.18		\$3,904,530.01	\$29,860,299.22
<paid>		\$2,059,503.13		\$10,156,909.74		\$7,266,173.68		\$822,341.89	\$20,304,928.44
Balance		\$112,046.76		\$1,542,471.40		\$4,818,664.50		\$3,082,188.12	\$9,555,370.78