

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
May 28, 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 May 28, 2025 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette (*on phone*), Mrs. Cummins, 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.

Public Forum

- Kim Frick – 1276 Woodcrest Terrace, appeared before the Board concerning parking issues on the street, speeding along Fairview Road and posting of meeting minutes.
- Suzanne de Seife – 1209 Harper Avenue, appeared before the Board concerning pedestrian safety updates.
- Doug Hocker – 1209 Harper Avenue, appeared before the Board concerning pedestrian safety issues, State Police speeding enforcement along MacDade Boulevard and pedestrian safety education in the schools.

Executive Session Announcement

Mr. Willert announced the Board met in an Executive Session on May 28th to discuss personnel matters.

Anne E. Howanski Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Willert announced Andrew Shay as this year’s recipient of the Anne E. Howanski Memorial Scholarship at Ridley High School

Delco Gymnastics

Mr. Willert congratulated the Delco Gymnastics travel team on their accomplishments in the USIGC PA State Championships.

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of two (2) Block Party Requests – Sixth & Folsom Avenues on June 14th and Mole Road on June 22nd.

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

Mr. Ryan requested approval of a Conditional Use application from TVI/Savers for the property at 2600 MacDade Blvd. subject to the conditions set forth by the Ridley Township Planning Commission.

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

Mr. Ryan requested approval to ratify the Delaware County FOP Lodge 27 and Ridley Township Police collective bargaining agreement which calls for a 12.75% wage increase over 3 years along with residency requirements and medical benefit modifications.

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to ratify the Police contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Recycling Report

Mr. Capozzoli reported trash collected in April was 1,296.17 tons and recycling collected in April was 149.49 tons. 6 televisions were collected in April.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report

Mr. Neill requested approval of a tax assessment appeal for 167 Randall Avenue resulting in an assessed value for 2024 at 115,150 and for 2025 at 115,313.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Capozzoli to approve the tax assessment and authorize Mr. Neill to sign the stipulation as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Musco Sports Lighting, LLC – Blackrock Park Phase 3 - \$116,904.00 and \$35,100.00; Joseph J. Danielle, LLC – Cedar & Holmes Drainage Improvements - \$20,025.84; Mr. Rehab – Sanitary Sewer Manhole Rehabilitation - \$176,956.20; Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – MacDade Blvd.

Improvements - \$762.50; traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – Green Light-Go signal upgrades - \$17,257.15; Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – Green Light-Go pedestrian improvements -

\$4,720.15; A to U Services, Inc. – Belmont & Buchanan Ave Sanitary Sewer Repair - \$7,659.50; A. Gargiule & Sons, Inc. – Michigan Ave Sanitary Sewer Replacement - \$56,758.50; JMC Contractors, Inc. – Sellers Ave Force Main Repair - \$9,691.78; JMC Contractors, Inc. – MacDade Blvd. & Fairview Rd. Manhole Rehab - \$7,800.00

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of a resolution to apply for a PA DCED Greenways, Trails & Recreation grant for Ridley Area Little League Phase 2 accessibility improvements.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval to award the Secane Road Storm Sewer Improvement Project to JMC Contractors, Inc. for their low bid amount of \$224,500.00.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of an escrow approval for JMT Builders at 425 Rutledge Avenue in the amount of \$23,300.00 escrow, plus \$2,330.00 inspection fee.

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

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report- No Report

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamain reported on upcoming recreation programs. Our Annual Free Outdoor Movie Night will be held on Friday, June 13th at 8:30pm featuring *Moana 2*.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in April totaled 1,225.

Mr. Willert reminded residents of the 10:30pm curfew.

Mr. Willert and Mr. Ryan updated the Board that Narberth's Ambulance ALS Unit calls for service in April totaled 188, with 126 of them being in Ridley Township. Mr. Willert stated

the Board is looking into getting reimbursed for the calls out of the township since the township is footing the whole bill for Narberth's services.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 277
- Contractors Registered – 20
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 53
- Rental Inspections – 28
- Health Inspections – 15

Building Committee Report

Mr. Saunders requested approval of a subdivision application at 239/241 Fairview Road. No development is proposed.

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

Mr. Saunders requested approval of JMT Builders' request for a waiver of the curb installation requirement at 425 Rutledge Avenue since there are no existing curbs on the block.

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

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 8,950 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,960 books and other items in April. Program attendance at 80 programs was 2,105 people. In addition, the library staff accepted 163 new passport applications in April, bringing the total for 2025 to 629. She 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

Mr. Willert acknowledged Boy Scout Troop 339 attendees at the meeting.

Mr. McMenamain announced the Citizens Crime Commission recently honored Officer Sara Howell for her heroic actions this past December. The luncheon honoring police in the region was very impressive and both he and Mr. Saunders were honored to attend.

Mr. Warwick reminded drivers to be mindful of speed limits in the neighborhoods and parking restrictions, as more kids are out and about this time of year.

Mrs. Morrisette requested the police to check out vehicles congregating at the MacDade Shopping Center at MacDade Blvd. & Fairview Rd.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:38pm.