

**Ridley Township Board of Commissioners**  
**February 25, 2026**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Board President Willert at 6:00pm on February 25, 2026 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. Ryan (Township Manager), Mr. Catania (Township Engineer), Mr. Betzler (Controller) and Mr. Neill (Township Solicitor).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Willert expressed the Board's condolences to the family of Philip "Digger" Turner, retired District Justice and former Ridley Township Police Officer, who passed away early February.

Mr. Willert announced the township will celebrate our 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being incorporated as a First-Class Township in March. Back on March 5, 1906, the first township commissioner's meeting was held with five (5) commissioners appointed.

**Public Forum**

- John Margist, Captain of the Philadelphia Fire Beep Baseball Team for the blind and visually impaired appeared before the Board thanking them for their support and announcing their upcoming fundraiser.
- Dave Schaefer, 618 Woodland Ave, Swarthmore, appeared before the Board concerning trees on School District property at Grace Park School.
- Suzanne deSeife, 1209 Harper Avenue, Woodlyn, appeared before the Board concerning snow on corner curb cuts and pedestrian signals.

**Manager's Report** - No Report

**Recycling Report**

Mr. Capozzoli reported trash collected in January was 996.09 tons and recycling collected in January was 181.12 tons. 7 televisions were collected in January.

**Controller's Report**- No Report

## **Solicitor's Report**

In relation to proposed intersection improvements at Morton & Michigan Avenues and Chester Pike & Fairview Road, Mr. Neill requested authorization to proceed with eminent domain if necessary to acquire certain properties. He announced an intent to adopt a Resolution for same at next month's meeting.

**Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to authorize eminent domain procedures if necessary as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

## **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Dynamic Traffic – Chester Pike & Fairview Road Traffic Signal - \$3,118.45; Armour & Sons, Inc. – Green Light-Go grant- Change Order #1 and payment - \$28,034.00.

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

Mr. Catania recommended approval of public improvement escrow amounts for the following properties: Pathfinder Homes – 170 Youngs Ave - \$8,400.00; DiGiacomo – 1107 Haverford Road - \$10,800.00; 109 Fairview LLC – 109 Fairview Road - \$402,003.80.

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

Mr. Catania announced the bid results for the Haverford Park Creation CDBG Project. L.J. Paolella was the low bid at \$57,133.50, however, he is recommending no action be taken until we hear back from the County on concurrence of this award.

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise for bids for the 2026 Road Resurfacing Project.

**Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Warwick to authorize the advertisement as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

Mr. Catania requested approval of the 2026 County Aid application resolution in the amount of \$30,621.00 relating to the road resurfacing project.

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

Mr. Catania requested the Eisenhower Avenue Drainage Improvements be awarded to Lanzetta Construction in their COSTARS amount of \$35,830.00.

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

### **Highway & Sanitation Committee Report**

Mr. Warwick thanked the Public Works department personnel for their work through the night and day during the past snowstorm keeping the streets clear and passable. All Commissioners agreed.

### **Law & Ordinance Committee Report**

Mr. Bidoli referred to Mr. Neill who recommended adoption of Ordinance No. 2096 to increase the rental dwelling fees and allow for future increases to be made by resolution. **Motion made by Mr. McMenamin, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to adopt the ordinance as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

### **Recreation Committee Report**

Mr. McMenamin reported on upcoming recreation programs.

### **Public Safety Committee Report**

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in January totaled 1,132.

### **Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report**

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

- Permits Issued – 190
- Contractors Registered – 69
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 22
- Rental Inspections – 11
- Health Inspections – 20

### **Building Committee Report** – No Report

### **Library & Resource Center Committee Report**

Mrs. Cummins reported that 7,875 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,128 books and other items in January. Program attendance at 65 programs was 1,870 people. In addition, the library staff accepted 142 new passport applications in January. 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**

Mr. McMenemy and Mr. Bidoli commended the Library staff for their programs.

### **Adjournment**

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

Meeting concluded at 6:24pm.