

**Ridley Township Board of Commissioners**  
**January 28, 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 January 28, 2026 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Cummins, Mr. McMenamain, 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**

- John Bell, 144 Crum Creek Drive, Woodlyn, appeared before the Board concerning PECO work behind his home.
- Bella Englebach, 600 Cypress Lane, appeared before the Board complimenting the Public Works Dept. on snow removal and also asking about curb cut maintenance.
- Suzanne deSeife, 1209 Harper Avenue, Woodlyn, appeared before the Board concerning snow removal and the township's recent grant award.
- Mike Farally, 118 Baltimore Avenue, appeared before the Board concerning the Haverford Road work and proposed closure. He also spoke about the Chick-fil-A drive through issues.

**Manager's Report**

Mr. Ryan requested approval of Folsom Fire Company's Special Event Permit for their Annual Italian Festival on March 28<sup>th</sup> to include the closure of 4<sup>th</sup> Ave from Sutton to Tasker and also Sutton Ave from 4<sup>th</sup> to Orchard.

**Motion made by Mr. Capozzoli, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the Special Event Permit as requested. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Ryan requested approval to open a checking account for the township with Univest Bank.

**Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the checking account as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

### **Recycling Report**

Mr. Capozzoli reported trash collected in December was 1,307.66 tons and recycling collected in December was 172.56 tons. 5 televisions were collected in December.

**Controller's Report** - No Report

**Solicitor's Report** - No Report

### **Engineer's Report**

Mr. Catania requested approval of the following certificates: Traffic Planning & Design – Green Light-Go - \$880.00; Traffic Planning & Design – Fairview Road - \$610.00; Traffic Planning & Design – Green Light-Go permit coordination - \$4,352.45; Traffic Planning & Design – MacDade & Holmes signal - \$1,010.00; Dynamic Traffic – Chester Pike & Fairview Road - \$815.00.

**Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the Certificates as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania requested release of escrow in the amount of \$297,588.00 to Wawa for their MacDade & Bullens project.

**Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the release as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the bid for sanitary sewer relining to Vortex Services, LLC for their bid amount of \$173,095.00.

**Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Warwick to award the bid as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

Mr. Catania announced the township received a \$1,400,000 grant for MacDade Boulevard safety improvements. In addition, we also received a \$250,000 grant for the Leedom area.

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

Mr. Warwick announced no trash will be collected on February 16<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents' Day. He also thanked the Public Works personnel for their work during the difficult snowstorms, all while still remaining on schedule with trash & recycling collection.

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

Mr. Ryan requested approval of Ordinance No. 2095 which would allow non-uniform employees who reach the age of 60 with 35 years of service to retire without penalty.

**Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. McMenammin to approve Ordinance No. 2095 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

### **Recreation Committee Report**

Mr. McMenammin reported on upcoming Recreation programs.

### **Public Safety Committee Report**

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in December totaled 1,195.

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

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

- Permits Issued – 221
- Contractors Registered – 21
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 28
- Rental Inspections – 98
- Health Inspections – 16

### **Building Committee Report**

Mr. Saunders recommended approval of the township's application, subject to the alternate township engineer's comments, to subdivide a portion of the Nassau Swim Club property in order to acquire additional open space for the township.

**Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the application, subject to the alternate township engineer's comments, as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

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

Mrs. Cummins reported that 6,323 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 12,666 books and other items in December. Program attendance at 63 programs was 2,215 people. In addition, the library staff accepted 100 new passport applications in December, bringing the total for 2025 to 1,678 applications. 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. McMenamain that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).**

### **Old and New Business**

Board members extended their appreciation to the Public Works Department personnel for the terrific job they did during the storms and to the residents for parking in their driveways which allowed for a more efficient plowing operation.

### **Adjournment**

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

Meeting concluded at 6:35pm.