Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
September 23, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Board President Willert at 6:00pm on September 23, 2026 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette, Mrs. Callahan, 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.

Mr. Willert expressed the Board's condolences to the family of Assistant Township Manager/Finance Director, Blaise Caponi, who passed away last week. A moment of silence was observed.

Mr. Willert introduced State Representative Leanne Krueger and Sara from Senator Kearney's office, who presented a grant check to the township in the amount of $399,918 for traffic signal improvements at Fairview Road and Jefferson Avenue.

Public Forum

- Elizabeth Hocker appeared before the Board concerning Haverford Road.
- Suzanne deSeife, 1209 Harper Avenue, Woodlyn, appeared before the Board concerning pedestrian safety.
- Paul McGonigal, Ohio Avenue, suggesting Ridley Middle and High School combine for the students on either side of MacDade Boulevard.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. McMenamin to approve the April 22, 2026, May 27, 2026, June 24, 2026, July 22, 2026 and August 26, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Willert recommended approval of Vauclain Fire Company's Fall Fest on October 11, Holmes Road block party on October 24th, Tasker Avenue cul-de-sac block party on October 24th, and Braxton Road block party on October 31st.
Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. Warwick to approve all as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Willert recommended approval of Folsom Fire Company's Octoberfest on October 3rd, as well as closing the streets surrounding the fire company.
Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to approve the Octoberfest as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Willert announced the Township's Annual Trunk or Treat event will take place on October 24th at the Municipal Building. Information available on website and social media.

Mr. Willert announced Narberth Ambulance responded to 344 calls in August, only 145 of them were in Ridley Township.

Recycling Report

Mr. Capozzoli reported trash collected in August was 1,251.99 tons at a cost of $117,641.67 and recycling collected in August was 121.80 tons at a cost of $7,914.54. 14 televisions were collected in August. He also reported the Board will host a Community Shredding Day on October 31st from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Controller's Report

Mr. Betzler requested a motion to approve the township's 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) as follows: Police - $1,035,233 and Non-uniform - $1,167,186.
Motion made by Mr. McMenamin, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the township's 2027 MMO as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Solicitor's Report - No Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Traffic Planning & Design – Green Light-Go improvements - $1,682.50; A to U Services, Inc. – Hutchinson Terrace storm sewer - $10,913.58; Commercial Kitchen Inc. – Stinger's Restaurant Exhaust System upgrade change order - $2,475.00; Joseph J. Danielle, LLC – Morris Avenue traffic island stormwater improvements - $8,509.46.
Motion made by Mr. McMenamin, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to approve the Certificates as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania requested approval of an escrow releases for Spark Car Wash - $489,324.00, Wawa MacDade & Bullens - $297,588.00, Neerland Building & Remodeling 735 Milmont Avenue - $20,000 and Nasella – 138 Randall Avenue - $2,720.00.
Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the escrow releases as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania recommended award of the following bids:

- 2027 Unleaded Gasoline – Petroleum Traders – OPIS + .0505 differential
- 2027 Diesel Fuel – Petroleum Traders – OPIS + .0799 differential

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

Mr. Catania recommended extending the 2027 Ejector Station Maintenance contract to John Lewis at a total cost of $1,400 per month.
Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to extend the contract as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the 2026 Road Resurfacing Project.

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reminded residents there will be no trash collected on October 12th – Columbus Day. He also announced the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection event will be held on October 17th at the Emergency Services training Center in Sharon Hill.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamin reported on upcoming recreation programs and events, including the Fall Festival has been moved to the raindate of September 27th.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in August totaled 1,268. 47 traffic citations and 19 parking tickets were issued in August. Traffic Maintenance repaired 2 traffic signals, 9 street lights, inspected 23 school flash warning devices and continued line painting and Hometown Hero banner repairs.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 221
- Contractors Registered – 13
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 36
- Rental Inspections – 46
- Health Inspections – 12

Building Committee Report- No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Callahan reported that 8,811 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 16,774 books and other items in August. Program attendance at 51 programs was 2,110 people. In addition, the library staff accepted 145 new passport applications in August. 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

The Board thanked and complimented the library staff on their programs and services.

The Board congratulated Mr. Saunders on the arrival of his 7th grandchild.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:28pm.