

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
August 26, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Board Vice President McMenamin at 6:00pm on August 26, 2026 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette, Mrs. Callahan, Mr. McMenamin, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Warwick, 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. McMenamin expressed the Board's condolences to the family of retired Police Captain Scott Willoughby who recently passed away.

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of the Grace Road Block Party on September 12th (raindate September 26th).

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Ryan reported that Narberth Ambulance responded to a total of 325 calls in the month of July, 49% of those calls were dispatched to five surrounding communities that have never contracted with any service to provide ALS services to their residents.

Recycling Report

Mr. Capozzoli reported trash collected in July was 1,217.85 tons at a cost of \$119,716.31 and recycling collected in July was 170.67 tons at a cost of \$9,960.30. 13 televisions were collected in July. He also reported the Board will host a Community Shredding Day on October 31st from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Controller's Report- No Report

Solicitor's Report - No Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Lenni Electric – Chester Pike & Fairview Road signal and intersection improvements - \$44,418.88; Vortex Services – Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer Rehab - \$63,231.48; Joseph J. Danielle LLC – Morris Ave Traffic Island Stormwater Improvements - \$32,105.14; Traffic Planning & Design – South & Franklin traffic signal - \$3,456.35; Traffic Planning & Design – Morton & Michigan Green Light-Go signal upgrades - \$1,372.50.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of an escrows for JMT Builders – 335 Gorsuch Street - \$32,395.00 and 331 Gorsuch Street - \$26,070.00

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Capozzoli to approve the escrow amounts as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Catania requested approval of an escrow release for Cannon Brothers, Inc. – 2021 E. MacDade Blvd. - \$65,164.00.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of a project at Blackrock Park to construction a bio-swale as part of a PA Small Water & Sewer grant we received. Lanzetta Landscaping to do the work under COSTARS in the amount of \$49,650.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Warwick to approve the project as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise for the following bids: PA Small Water & Sewer Grant for Leedom area drainage improvements, a DCED Grant for Leedom field improvements, the Ridley Marina dock repairs and the 2027 annual contracts.

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to authorize advertisement of the projects as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reminded residents there will be no trash collected on September 7th – Labor Day. In addition, he announced the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on September 12th from 8am to 2pm at Rose Tree Park.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMnamin reported on upcoming recreation programs and events, including the Fall Festival on September 20th, raindate September 27th.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. McMnamin read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in July totaled 1,285. 93 traffic citations and 31 parking tickets in July. Traffic Maintenance continued painting crosswalks and stop bars throughout the township getting ready for the school year, replaced or repaired 14 traffic regulation signs, in addition to storm repairs, repaired 3 street lights and 2 traffic signal lights and installed/repaired 10 Hometown Hero banners.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 284
- Contractors Registered – 13
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 44
- Rental Inspections – 18
- Health Inspections – 14

Building Committee Report- No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Callahan reported that 9,605 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 17,738 books and other items in July. Program attendance at 83 programs was 3,148 people. In addition, the library staff accepted 138 new passport applications in July. 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. Warwick that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Old and New Business

Mr. Saunders announced the 100 block of Haverford Road will be reopened in the future and return to its previous one-way pattern from MacDade Blvd. with safety enhancements.

The Board reminded motorists to exercise caution while driving on main streets and side streets throughout the township.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:15pm.