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Township of Ridley
2027 Budget



Prepared by Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
2027 Tentative Adoption November 23, 2026

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Assessment Value 2027	2,394,686,015	One Mill = $2,252,920
Assessment Value 2026	2,397,705,437	One Mill = $2,255,761
Assessment Value 2025	2,399,106,723	One Mill = $2,257,080
Assessment Value 2024	2,407,695,470	One Mill = $2,265,160
Assessment Value 2023	2,403,821,258	One Mill = $2,261,515

Fund	**2026 Actual**		**2027 Proposed**	
General Fund	4.300		4.413	
Recreation	.260		.260	
Municipal Pension	.300		.300	
		4.860		4.973
Fire Fund	.095		.095	
Fire Hydrant	.049		.049	
Ambulance	.129		.016	
		.273		.160
Library Fund		.125		.125
Sinking Fund		.720		.720
Total Millage		**5.978**		**5.978**

Service Charges:

2026 Rubbish Charge - $340.00	2027 Rubbish Charge - $340.00
2026 Sewer Charge - $450.00	2027 Sewer Charge - $450.00

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As we present the 2027 Township Budget, we recognize that many of our residents continue to face financial pressures as the cost of everyday living increases. The Board of Commissioners remains mindful of these challenges and is committed to making responsible financial decisions while maintaining the quality of services and programs our residents depend on.

The Township, like many municipalities, continues to experience rising costs in several critical areas. Expenses associated with the repair and maintenance of our stormwater and sanitary sewer systems have increased, along with everyday operating expenses such as utilities, fuel, materials, insurance and contracted services. One area having a particularly significant impact on our budget is the rising cost of fuel. In 2026, based on 2025 expenditures of $163,000, the Township budgeted $200,000 for fuel; however, year-to-date expenses have already reached $246,385. To adequately cover anticipated costs, we must budget approximately $350,000 for fuel in 2027. These increases present additional challenges, but the Board has worked diligently to develop a budget that addresses the Township's needs while remaining mindful of the financial impact on our residents.

We are pleased to present a 2027 Budget with no increase in the Township's real estate tax rate. This reflects our continued commitment to careful financial planning, controlling expenses and making the most of available resources.

The County Solid Waste Authority has increased its disposal fees from $95 to $99 per ton, and we are anticipating an approximately 5% increase in charges from the Sewer Authorities. These costs are established by the respective authorities and are outside the Township's control. Despite these increases, **the Township will NOT be increasing rubbish or sewer service charges for 2027.** We will continue to provide the level of service our residents have come to expect, including twice-weekly trash collection, once-weekly recycling collection, bulk item collection and curbside leaf collection. Maintaining these services without increasing the cost to our residents remains a priority of the Board of Commissioners.

The proposed **2027 General Fund Budget totals $29,142,435.** This budget provides for the continued delivery of essential Township services while making important investments in public safety, infrastructure and recreation. It includes funding to add four additional police officers to our Police Department, further strengthening public safety and our ability to serve the community. Since 2022, the Township has invested more than $2 million in traffic and pedestrian safety improvements, not including projects completed by PennDOT. We remain committed to making our roadways, intersections and pedestrian areas safer for residents.

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We are also continuing to make significant investments in our parks and recreational facilities. Planned improvements include ADA accessibility to the major field at Ridley Area Little League and an extensive renovation and expansion of the existing playground at Blackrock Park. The Blackrock Park improvements will include ADA access to the playground, inclusive play equipment, an accessible pathway from the street, widening of the park entrance, relocation of sewer drains, landscaping and designated ADA parking. We have also applied for grant funding for improvements to the Ridley Hockey Rink, including ADA accessibility, site upgrades, LED lighting and improved emergency vehicle access. At West Road Park, we plan to add a new multi-play structure to the existing play area. In addition, we continue to pursue grant opportunities for drainage improvements in the Folsom area and funding for police equipment, including bulletproof vests and body-worn cameras.

The Township has also increased its library appropriation in recognition of the important role our library plays in the community. The library is one of the best in the county and serves as an invaluable resource for residents of all ages. We remain committed to supporting its programs, services and continued success.

We are particularly pleased to increase our Senior Citizen Rebate Program for 2027 to provide additional assistance to eligible seniors living on fixed incomes. The sewer rebate will increase from $125 to $150, and the rubbish rebate will increase from $75 to $100, providing eligible residents with a combined annual rebate of up to $250. We recognize the financial challenges many of our senior residents face and are happy to expand this program to provide meaningful additional relief.

The 2027 Budget reflects our commitment to maintaining the services our residents expect, investing in public safety and infrastructure, improving our parks and recreational facilities, and planning responsibly for the future. Through careful financial management, continued pursuit of grant opportunities and responsible use of Township resources, we remain committed to keeping the financial burden on our residents as manageable as possible while ensuring Ridley Township continues to be a great place to live, work and raise a family.

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BUDGET ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2099

An Ordinance of the Township of Ridley, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the year 2027.

Be it ordained and enacted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Ridley, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

SECTION 1. That for the expenditures and expenses of the fiscal year 2027, the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the fund equities, revenues, and other financing sources available for the year 2027 for the specific purposes set forth on the following pages.

That any ordinance, or part of ordinance, conflicting with this ordinance be and the same hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this ordinance.

Adopted this ____ day of _____**, 2026**.

TOWNSHIP OF RIDLEY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:_____
Joseph A. Ryan
Township Manager/Secretary

By:_____
Robert J. Willert
President, Board of Commissioners

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TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

ORDINANCE NO. 2100

An Ordinance of the Township of Ridley, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2027.

It is hereby ordained and enacted by the Board of Township Commissioners of the Township of Ridley, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all real property within the Township of Ridley subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2027 as follows:

Tax rate for General Purposes, the sum of……	4.413 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of…….	.04413 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	
For Debt purposes, the sum of…….	.720 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of…….	.00720 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	
For Recreation purposes, the sum of……	.260 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of…….	.00260 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	
For Municipal Pension purposes, the sum of……	.300 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of……..	.00300 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	
For Fire Fund purposes, the sum of……	.095 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of……	.00095 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	
For Fire Hydrant purposes, the sum of……	.049 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of…….	.00049 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	
For Ambulance purposes, the sum of……...	.016 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of……..	.00016 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	
For Library purposes, the sum of……..	.125 mills
on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the sum of……..	.00125 cents
on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation.	
For Residential Solid Waste collection purposes, the fixed sum of……	$340.00 dollars
For Sewer collection purposes, the fixed sum of……	$450.00 dollars

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The same being summarized in tubular form as follows:

	Mills on Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation	Cents on Each One Hundred Dollars of Assessed Valuation
Tax Rate for General Purposes	**4.413** mills	**.04413** cents
Tax Rate for Debt Purposes	**.720** mills	**.00720** cents
Tax Rate for Recreation	**.260** mills	**.00260** cents
Tax Rate for Municipal Pension	**.300** mills	**.00300** cents
Tax Rate for Fire Fund	**.095** mills	**.00095** cents
Tax Rate for Fire Hydrant	**.049** mills	**.00049** cents
Tax Rate for Ambulance	**.016** mills	**.00016** cents
Tax Rate for Library	**.125** mills	**.00125** cents
TOTAL	**5.978 mills**	**.05978 cents**

That any ordinance, or part of ordinance, conflicting with this ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this ordinance.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, **2026**.

TOWNSHIP OF RIDLEY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:_____
Joseph A. Ryan
Township Manager/Secretary

By:_____
Robert J. Willert
President, Board of Commissioners

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General Fund 2027

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REVENUES

GENERAL FUND	2026	2026 Actual	2027
Account Description	BUDGET	YTD-11/23/26	BUDGET
301 Real Estate Tax Revenue	$ 11,215,000.00	$ 11,592,472.02	$ 11,456,000.00
310 Local Enabling Tax Revenue	$ 1,952,000.00	$ 1,793,111.61	$ 1,875,000.00
319 Investment/Interest Revenue	$ 235,000.00	$ 99,968.08	$ 210,000.00
321 Permit & Fees Revenue	$ 1,293,000.00	$ 1,563,951.22	$ 1,266,000.00
322 Licenses & Fees Revenue	$ 665,000.00	$ 539,919.40	$ 543,000.00
331 Public Safety Revenue	$ 163,500.00	$ 154,416.65	$ 149,000.00
342 Municipal Rentals Revenue	$ 541,000.00	$ 496,358.47	$ 510,000.00
352 Recreation Revenue	$ 167,000.00	$ 138,572.65	$ 150,000.00
355 State Funding Revenue	$ 1,104,500.00	$ 1,180,907.59	$ 1,067,500.00
358 Share Operating Revenue	$ 555,500.00	$ 659,989.88	$ 830,500.00
361 General Government Revenue	$ 378,000.00	$ 461,181.25	$ 371,500.00
364 Municipal Service Charges Revenue	$ 3,868,000.00	$ 3,741,541.89	$ 3,845,000.00
367 Munispal Marina Revenue	$ 544,700.00	$ 438,898.02	$ 527,200.00
380 Municipal Service Refunds Revenue	$ 521,000.00	$ 534,017.02	$ 515,000.00
392 Financing Funds Transfer Revenue	$ 80,000.00	$ 367.31	$ 80,000.00
395 Non-Revenue Fees	$ 11,000.00	$ 10,888.47	$ 10,000.00
General Fund Revenue Totals	**$ 23,294,200.00**	**$ 23,406,561.53**	**$ 23,405,700.00**

Beginning Balance	$	5,740,000.00
Plus Revenue	$	23,405,700.00
Balance	$	29,145,700.00
Less Expenditures	$	29,142,435.00
Surplus/(Shortage)	$	3,265.00

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EXPENDITURES

GENERAL FUND	2026	2026 Actual	2027
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	YTD-11/23/26	BUDGET
400 Administration Department	**$ 1,423,467.00**	**$ 1,203,524.54**	$ 1,447,381.00
403 Treaurer/Tax Department	$ 270,500.00	$ 207,552.36	$ 271,500.00
409 Building Maintenance Department	$ 442,000.00	$ 176,722.27	$ 457,000.00
410 Police Department	$ 6,512,500.00	$ 5,132,460.06	$ 6,677,000.00
411 Fire/Emergency Department	$ 231,000.00	$ 214,293.84	$ 231,000.00
413 Code Enforcement Department	$ 812,000.00	$ 642,260.60	$ 951,000.00
414 Planning/Zonning Department	$ 67,000.00	$ 30,942.80	$ 54,000.00
420 Health Department	$ 36,200.00	$ 22,415.00	$ 31,200.00
426 Public Works Administation Department	$ 825,000.00	$ 754,464.33	$ 970,500.00
427 Sanititation Department	$ 3,699,000.00	$ 3,147,862.07	$ 3,780,500.00
428 Ridley Park Sanitation	$ 374,000.00	$ 254,669.34	$ 320,000.00
430 Highway Department	$ 1,536,200.00	$ 1,083,845.61	$ 1,528,200.00
432 Winter Maintenance Department	$ 160,000.00	$ 131,375.90	$ 177,500.00
433 Traffic Safety Department	$ 354,500.00	$ 75,066.14	$ 290,500.00
436 Storm Sewers Maintenance Department	$ 203,500.00	$ 205,500.00	$ 205,500.00
439 Highway Road Maintenance Department	$ 170,000.00	$ 42,794.74	$ 170,000.00
450 Recreation Department	$ 958,000.00	$ 441,197.45	$ 938,000.00
452 Municipal Marina Department	$ 466,500.00	$ 408,510.40	$ 501,500.00
456 Library & Resource Center Department	$ 30,000.00	$ 14,097.80	$ 30,000.00
459 Hall Rental Maintenance Department	$ 143,020.00	$ 116,648.99	$ 134,421.00
482 Recoverable Expenses Department	$ 427,500.00	$ 387,312.68	$ 457,500.00
486 Insurance & Casualty Department	$ 2,050,000.00	$ 1,897,771.02	$ 2,075,000.00
487 Human Resources Department	$ 5,940,000.00	$ 4,981,043.17	$ 5,863,000.00
492 Other Financing & Transfers Department	$ 1,106,000.00	$ 1,005,785.00	$ 1,135,233.00
500 I/T Maintenance Department	$ 445,000.00	$ 323,719.04	$ 445,000.00
General Fund Expenditure Totals	**$ 28,682,887.00**	**$ 22,901,835.15**	**$ 29,142,435.00**

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Special Funds 2027

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Fire Fund

The Fire fund is used to give annual appropriations to the Volunteer Fire departments & ambulances and to maintain the Fire Hydrants throughout the Township.. Funding for the Fire fund comes from the annual millage assessment as follows:

Millage: Fire Fund .095 mills
Fire Hydrant .049 mills
Ambulance .160 mills

2027 Estimated Beginning Balance: $ 348,000.00

Category	2026 Actual YTD	2026 Budget	2027 Budget
Fire Revenue	$ 759,058.79	$ 617,100.00	$ 361,500.00
Total Revenue:			$ 709,500.00
Fire Expenditures	$ 811,057.33	$ 995,900.00	$ 335,900.00

Library and Resource Center Fund

The Library fund is used to give annual appropriations to the Ridley Township Public Library and Resource Center. Funding for the Library fund comes from the annual millage assessment as follows:

Millage: Library Fund .125 mills

2027 Estimated Beginning Balance: $ 456,320.00

Category	2026 Actual YTD	2026 Budget	2027 Budget
Library Revenue	$ 310,442.61	$ 299,000.00	$ 281,615.00
Total Revenue:			$ 737,935.00
Library Expenditures	$ 480,013.00	$ 480,000.00	$ 490,000.00

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Sewer Maintenance Fund

The Sewer Maintenance fund is used to maintain and repair all sanitary lines throughout the Township. Cost includes maintenance, emergency repairs, annual inspections for Inflow & Infiltration of the lines and costs assessed by the treatment facilities to process the sewer waste.

Service Charge: 2026 - $450.00 2027 - $450.00

2027 Estimated Beginning Balance: $1,795,875.00

Category	2026 Actual YTD	2026 Budget	2027 Budget
Sewer Maint. Rev.	$ 5,856,595.54	$ 6,352,000.00	$ 6,352,000.00
Total Revenue			$ 8,147,875.00
Sewer Maint. Exp.	$ 5,534,134.36	$ 6,136,000.00	$ 6,363,000.00

Highway Aid Fund

The Highway Aid fund is used to provide resurfacing and maintenance of Township roads and can also be used for street lighting, storm drains, snow removal and equipment purchased used in the maintenance of Township-owned roads. Funding comes from the State appropriations given to municipalities which is based upon the number of miles of roads that are in our Township.

2027 Estimated Beginning Balance: $2,650,000.00

Category	2026 Actual YTDD	2026 Budget	2027 Budget
Highway Aid Rev.	$ 865,973.10	$ 816,260.00	$ 816,260.00
Total Revenue:			$3,466,260.00
Highway Aid Exp.	$ 405,395.76	$ 883,500.00	$ 883,500.00

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Debt Service 2027

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Sinking Fund

The Sinking fund is used to fund our Debt Service obligations for loans taken by the Township over the years. There are no plans to finance any new loans in 2027. Funding for the Sinking fund comes from the annual millage assessment as follows:

Millage: Sinking Fund .720 mills

2027 Estimated Beginning Balance: $ 924,000.00

Category	2026 Actual YTD	2026 Budget	2027 Budget
Sinking Fund Rev.	$ 1,699,907.07	$ 1,652,000.00	$ 1,650,000.00
Total Revenue:			$ 2,574,000.00
Sinking Fund Exp.	$ 1,111,430.37	$ 1,892,500.00	$ 1,880,850.00

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2027 Township of Ridley - Debt Schedule

Year	Interest Rate	2006 $1,500,000 Loan	Interest Rate	2013 $10,000,000 Loan	Interest Rate	2017 $10,000,000 Loan	Interest Rate	2020 $3,266,800 PENNVEST Loan	Total Debt	
2007	3.747%	$4,059.25							$4,059.25	
2008	3.747%	$105,205.00							$105,205.00	
2009	3.747%	$105,369.00							$105,369.00	
2010	3.747%	$105,458.00							$105,458.00	
2011	3.747%	$106,472.12							$106,472.12	
2012	3.747%	$106,373.80							$106,373.80	
2013	3.747%	$106,200.48	1.973%	$180,858.37					$287,058.85	
2014	3.747%	$106,952.28	1.973%	$770,737.84					$877,690.12	
2015	3.747%	$107,591.76	1.973%	$770,016.56					$877,608.32	
2016	3.747%	$107,118.68	1.973%	$769,078.32					$876,197.00	
2017	3.747%	$107,570.72	1.973%	$767,923.01		$21,000.00			$896,493.73	
2018	3.747%	$107,910.32	1.973%	$767,532.58	2.460%	$804,633.33			$1,680,076.23	
2019	3.747%	$109,137.60	1.973%	$766,905.39	2.460%	$806,224.00			$1,682,266.99	
2020	3.747%	$109,214.88	1.973%	$765,059.48	2.460%	$806,103.60		$0.00	$1,680,377.96	
2021	3.747%	$109,179.84	1.973%	$764,960.41	2.460%	$805,638.80	1.452%	$2,324.69	$1,682,103.74	
2022	3.747%	$110,032.36	1.973%	$763,622.94	2.460%	$805,829.60	1.452%	$67,574.22	$1,747,059.12	
2023	3.747%	$110,735.00	1.973%	$763,030.56	2.460%	$805,651.40	1.452%	$188,305.09	$1,867,722.05	
2024	3.747%	$111,287.76	1.973%	$761,199.88	2.460%	$803,777.85	1.452%	$188,060.77	$1,864,326.26	
2025	3.747%	$111,690.64	1.973%	$773,045.68	2.460%	$803,828.85	2.033%	$188,038.56	$1,876,603.73	
2026	3.747%	$111,943.64	1.973%	$772,938.72	2.460%	$803,486.25	2.033%	$188,038.56	$1,876,407.17	
2027	**3.747%**	**$112,046.76**	**1.973%**	**$771,555.52**	**2.460%**	**$803,748.00**	**2.033%**	**$190,048.26**	**$1,877,398.54**	
2028			1.973%	$770,915.88	2.460%	$803,591.55	2.033%	$196,077.36	$1,770,584.79	
2029					2.460%	$803,016.90	2.033%	$196,077.36	$999,094.26	
2030					2.460%	$803,022.00	2.033%	$196,077.36	$999,099.36	
2031					2.460%	$802,584.30	2.033%	$196,077.36	$998,661.66	
2032					2.460%	$802,701.75	2.033%	$196,077.36	$998,779.11	
2033							2.033%	$196,077.36	$196,077.36	
2034							2.033%	$196,077.36	$196,077.36	
2035							2.033%	$196,077.36	$196,077.36	
2036							2.033%	$196,077.36	$196,077.36	
2037							2.033%	$196,077.36	$196,077.36	
2038							2.033%	$196,077.36	$196,077.36	
2039							2.033%	$196,077.36	$196,077.36	
2040							2.033%	$196,077.36	$196,077.36	
2041							2.033%	$196,077.36	$196,077.36	
2042							2.033%	$147,056.82	$147,056.82	
Debt		$2,171,549.89		$11,699,381.14		$12,084,838.18		$3,904,530.01	$29,860,299.22	$29,860,299.22
<paid>		$2,059,503.13		$10,156,909.74		$7,266,173.68		$822,341.89	$20,304,928.44	$20,304,928.44
Balance		$112,046.76		$1,542,471.40		$4,818,664.50		$3,082,188.12	$9,555,370.78	$9,555,370.78

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