

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
June 25, 2025
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Board President Willert at 6:00pm on June 25, 2025 at the Township Building.

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

Resolution Presentation

A Resolution was presented to Lee Ann Wentzel, retiring Superintendent of the Ridley School District, thanking her for her over 30 years of service to the School District and Ridley community.

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to adopt the Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Public Forum

- Mary Quinlan, 229 Sycamore Avenue, appeared before the Board concerning the condition of the apartment property near her home.
- Sonya Palmer, 914 South Avenue, appeared before the Board concerning a domestic issue.
- Elizabeth Hocker appeared before the Board concerning the status of safety improvements on MacDade Boulevard.
- Doug Hocker, 1209 Harper Avenue, appeared before the Board concerning traffic enforcement by the State Police and updates on the crosswalk painting and educational outreach.
- Suzanne deSeife, 1209 Harper Avenue, appeared before the Board concerning pedestrian safety issues.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the November 20, 2024, December 12, 2024, December 18, 2024, January 22, 2025, February 26, 2025, March 26, 2025, April 23, 2025 and May 28, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of three (3) Block Party Requests – Holmes Road – July 4th, Villanova Avenue – July 19th and Tasker Street – August 16th.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. Warwick to approve the block parties as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Recycling Report

Mr. Capozzoli reported trash collected in May was 1,393.98 tons and recycling collected in May was 199.41 tons. 17 televisions were collected in May. He also announced the Community Shredding Day will be held on October 11th from 9am to 11am at the township building.

Controller's Report - No Report

Solicitor's Report- No Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – 2024 Road resurfacing - \$177,816.02; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – 2025 Road resurfacing - \$123,480.00; Musco Sports Lighting, LLC – Blackrock Park Ph 3 - \$229,684.00; Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – Green Light-Go upgrades - \$10,393.50; Dynamic Traffic – Chester Pike & Fairview Road Improvements - \$2,180.00; Mr. Rehab – Sanitary Sewer I&I & Manhole Rehab - \$103,365.75; A to U Services, Inc. – Kossuth Ave Manhole - \$477.00; A to U Services, Inc. – Greenhouse Drive restoration - \$3,442.00; A to U Services, Inc. – Highland Ave - \$4,546.00; A to U Services, Inc. – Belmont & Buchanan inlet - \$2,883.00; A to U Services, Inc. – Fairview Road restoration - \$4,596.00; A. Gargiule & Sons, Inc. – Michigan Ave Sanitary Sewer Replacement - \$13,563.25 plus change order No. 1; A. Gargiule & Sons, Inc. – Fairview Road Sanitary Sewer - \$3,880.00.

Motion made by Mr. McMenamin, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the certificates as read. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Catania requested approval of a Resolution to authorize the township to submit a PA DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund grant application. Discussion was held concerning the project scope.

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

Mr. Catania recommended award of a COSTARS proposal to Armour Electric for the Morton & Michigan Avenues Green Light-Go traffic signal upgrades in the amount of \$471,454.93.
Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mrs. Morrisette to award the proposal as presented. Motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Mr. Catania recommended award of a COSTARS proposal to Armour Electric for the Kedron/Academy/4th Avenues Green Light-Go traffic signal upgrades in the amount of \$386,376.25.

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

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reminded residents no trash collection on July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamin reported on upcoming recreation programs. Our Annual Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, September 21st with a raindate of September 28th at the Municipal Building.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in May totaled 1,279. He presented correspondence from Lankenau Health Outreach Dept. thanking the police & fire departments for participating in the Mock Crash at Ridley High School.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 255
- Contractors Registered – 24
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 36
- Rental Inspections – 387
- Health Inspections – 13

Building Committee Report- No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 6,084 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,507 books and other items in May. Program attendance at 66 programs was 2,066 people. In addition, the library staff accepted 135 new passport applications in May, bringing the total for 2025 to 764. The library has hosted five (5) American Red Cross blood drives, collecting 183 units.

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 (8-0).

Old and New Business

Mr. Warwick and Mr. Saraceni invited all residents to the Leedom July 4th Parade beginning at Leedom Elementary School and proceeding to the baseball complex.

Mr. Warwick also thanked all township workers who work outside braving the extreme heat.

Mr. McMenamin thanked Denise Faber and the Marina workers for their hard work.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:42pm.