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RIDLEY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONTHLY MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2024

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- BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:
RICHARD SARACENI, 1ST WARD
PATTI RODGERS MORRISETTE, 2ND WARD
BETSY CUMMINS, 3RD WARD
PATRICK J. McMENAMIN, 4TH WARD, ACTING PRESIDENT
JACK SAUNDERS, 5TH WARD
JEFFREY WARWICK, 6TH WARD
SHANIN MELASECCA, 8TH WARD
STEVE BIDOLI, 9th WARD

- OFFICERS:
JOSEPH RYAN, TOWNSHIP MANAGER/SECRETARY
WILLIAM T. NEILL, III, ESQUIRE, TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR
CHARLES CATANIA, TOWNSHIP ENGINEER
CHRISTOPHER BETZLER, TOWNSHIP CONTROLLER

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MR. McMENAMIN: Welcome, everyone, to the Ridley Township Board of Commissioner's meeting for November 20th, 2024. We will do the Pledge of Allegiance To The Flag.

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(Whereupon, the Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag was recited at this time.)

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MR. McMENAMIN: All right. I would like to call the meeting to order with the role call.

- MR. RYAN: Mr. Saraceni.
MR. SARACENI: Here.
MR. RYAN: Mrs. Morrisette.
MS. MORRISETTE: Here.
MR. RYAN: Ms. Cummins.
MS. CUMMINS: Here.
MR. RYAN: Mr. McMenamin.
MR. McMENAMIN: Here.
MR. RYAN: Mr. Saunders.
MR. SAUNDERS: Here.
MR. RYAN: Mr. Warwick.

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MR. WARWICK: Here.
MR. RYAN: Mr. Willert, absent.
Ms. Melasecca.

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MS. MELASECCA: Here.

MR. RYAN: Mr. Bidoli.

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MR. BIDOLI: Here.

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MR. RYAN: Roll call is done, Mr.
Vice-President.

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MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you.

All right. I would like to go to the
public forum.

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First one is Doug Hocker.

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Doug, would you just state your name
and address?

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DOUG HOCKER: My name is Doug Hocker.
1209 Harper Ave, Woodlyn, PA.

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I'm here on behalf of my son who was
killed, as you know, April 17th on the
intersection of Fairview and MacDade.

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His mother could not be here today
because she is in DC for meetings with
Senator Fetterman's office and Senator
Scanlon's office.

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We have met with Senator Kearney.

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We have met with Leanne Krueger.

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We have met with Dave Deloso.
We have met with CBS. We have met with
NBC, and they are all behind us.

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We just want to be very clear that we
are going to keep getting louder. It's
going to keep getting bigger.

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I appreciate you all saying you would
take another look at the road diet.

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You want to be on the right side of
this because wants to say I took my stand
for taking the time of drivers over the
lives of children.

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I stand here a father, a brother, an
uncle.

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What I'll never be is a grandfather.
I cannot pass down my legacy through

20 children, but what I can do is make a change
21 for other people's kids and other people's
families to make them safer. Make the road
safer.

22 I believe you all want to do the same.
Thank you.

23 MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you.

All right. Bett Williams.

24 BETT WILLIAMS: My name is Bett
Williams. I live at 1283 Haverford Road in

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1 Crum Lynne, and I am here to just second
2 what Mr. Hocker said about the tragic death
of his son.

3 I think it is something that everybody
4 can get on board with to improve the
pedestrian safety on especially at that
intersection but on all of MacDade.

5 I'm sure every one of you have driven
6 down that road and seen somebody either
cross the double yellow lines to pass you,
you know, going sixty, seventy miles an hour
at times, and I think that needs to stop.

7 I hope you reconsider and look at that
opinion again.

8 Thank you.

MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you.

9 MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you.

MR. McMENAMIN: All right.

10 Our third is Bella Englebach.

11 BELLA ENGLEBACH: Thank you. Is this
on?

MR. McMENAMIN: It should be.

12 BELLA ENGLEBACH: Okay. I am. Bella
13 Englebach. Six hundred Cyprus Lane, Morton,
PA.

14 I have a couple things I want to talk
about with traffic and pedestrian safety.

15 The first thing is one thing you should
know about me is I'm kind of an on-line
person.

16 I see a lot of stuff on-line. Some of

17 you who are on-line in the Ridley Township
groups will sometimes see me commenting in
there.

18 Almost everyday somebody is making a
comment about traffic safety on their own
19 street.

20 We are not even talking about MacDade
Boulevard.

21 We are not talking about MacDade
Boulevard. We are talking about their own
street.

22 I have got to commend the Board of
Commissioners because I know as individual
23 commissioners, you do what you can in your
wards to help out the residents in terms of
24 getting stop signs. Getting crosswalks
marked. Things like that.

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1 But what I am not seeing in this Board
of Commissioners is any activity around
2 pedestrian and traffic safety across this
big township.

3 There is lots of research that is being
done.

4 There is lots of work that has been
done in other places to address traffic and
5 pedestrian safety.

6 What this township really should be
thinking about is how do we do that as a
whole township.

7 It will make Ridley Township a better
place to live.

8 It will increase our real estate values
when people know that this is a place their
9 kids can play safely outside.

10 When people know that this is a place
where they can go for a drive, and they are
not going to get rear-ended half a mile from
11 their house.

12 I have a member of my family who is
into data analysis, and he grabbed the data
set from 2023 about MacDade Boulevard.

13 This is the whole length of MacDade
Boulevard.
14 So, it's not just Ridley Township.
15 In 2023, there was a hundred and
fifty-nine total crashes on MacDade
Boulevard from one end to the other.
16 I will guess maybe a third of those
happened in Ridley Township.
17 Eighty-one of those involved injury.
18 Ten involved a serious injury or a
death.
19 So, my question to you is as a board of
commissioners is what is the acceptable
20 number of serious injuries and deaths to be
occurring in our township on our roads?
21 And it would be great to hear back to
you what you believe is the correct metric
to this.
22 I don't think, I'm sure ten is not the
number that is in Ridley Township.
23 It's probably a lower number than that,
but I'm sure it was more than zero in 2023.
24 We need a number that is very close to
zero.

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1 Thank you.
MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you.
2 MR. SAUNDERS: Thank you.
MR. McMENAMIN: Okay. The last speaker
3 is Suzanne de Seife.
SUZANNE de SEIFE: Hi. I'm Suzanne de
4 Seife. 1209 Harper Avenue, Woodlyn.
5 So, I was here last month. You
remember me.
6 I am Damian Hocker's grandmother. I am
here for the same reason of what everything
has been said.
7 I just want you to know here is my
favorite picture of Damian.
8 MR. SARACENI: Take your time.
SUZANNE de SEIFE: He was just seventeen
9 years old. He had his whole future in front

of him.

10 He loved to help his friends and family
and wanted to be a personal trainer because
11 he believed that working out helps both body
and mind.

12 He had a good soul. He had many
friends. He had a girlfriend. His
13 girlfriend and his friends are still
incredibly loyal.

14 They go to Damian's parents' house
every weekend to hand out to support them.

15 There is a whole world that cannot be
healed.

16 So, we are just trying to have this not
happen to anybody else.

17 As I said at the last October meeting,
I know that there is a plan from PennDOT
18 modified somewhat. There is a plan from
PennDOT form 2021, one that will improve
19 road safety on MacDade Boulevard.

20 It's based on a study that PennDOT did
in 2020.

21 It showed that this portion of MacDade
Boulevard is very dangerous.

22 It's a lot like the study that PennDOT
did on MacDade Boulevard in Glenolden in
2010.

23 They came up with a plan for that
portion of MacDade Boulevard and implemented
24 it in 2011.

I wanted to let you know that since the

1 last meeting, your October meeting, I have
been over to Glenolden multiple times.
2 Different times of the day. Rush hour. Not
rush hour. Weekends. Not weekends. Just
3 with my own eyes to see what is going on
with the traffic there.

4 How is the flow? What is going on with
the traffic.

5 I have to honestly say I never saw a
problem, not even once.

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So, I figured we could do the same thing here. It's a good start.

As Bella was saying, there are other ways also to improve safety, too, and working with PennDOT is a good start, and Representative Kreuger wants to work with you.

You probably know this person at PennDOT is a local regional traffic safety supervisor, Sharang Malaviya. I would be happy to share his phone number and so forth.

They want to work with you. So does Representative Kreuger.

I know that the Glenolden plan, that seems to work.

You know, the road safety plans that have the one lane down the middle where no traffic really goes except if they have to turn.

Then, instead of having two lanes going in opposite directions literally inches from each other.

If somebody is distracted for two seconds coming into on-coming traffic, it's a head-on collision.

So, they have that one safety lane where you can also put an island in case a pedestrian cannot get across in time for the traffic light.

So, you can do that.

You can have other things. You can have a bike lane on one side. Parking on one side.

You just have the middle lane. One lane of traffic going in each direction and then you can have bike lane, whatever. It can really improve the quality of life.

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It can make the area of more attractive to people who want to shop and stop and it will improve your business. It will help

pedestrians.

3 I want to say and I think importantly
4 when you are helping pedestrians, you are
5 helping everyone because if the road is
6 safer for pedestrians, it's safer for
7 drivers and everyone.

8 You don't mind me going over here for a
9 second, I actually printed out for you and
10 anybody here who wants it a picture.

11 One side it has a picture of a nice
12 relatively nice looking road safety plan.

13 It is actually from Florida, but on the
14 other side, it's just a diagram of how this
15 might work.

16 I will pass it. There is enough for
17 everyone.

18 So, I have some for the audience.

19 It can be done, and it can be
20 creative. It can save lives. It can boost
21 your business, and it can improve the
22 quality of life here.

23 See this (indicating) band I am wearing
24 and this pin for Damian, Damian Hocker,
these were given to me by his friends like a
day or two after his death.

They loved him so much, they organized
a vigil down at Ridley Park by the lake. I
keep that band on everyday.

And this necklace, I gave to it him
because he was Aquarius. I didn't think
that he would wear it.

To my surprise, he wore it; and after
he passed away, his mother gave it back to
me because I am also an Aquarius.

This is a tragedy we don't have to
experience.

Okay. Any questions?

21 MR. SAUNDERS: I'm sorry.

MR. RYAN: Thank you.

22 MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you.

MR. BIDOLI: Thank you.

23 MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you.

24 MR. RYAN: So, after last month's
meeting and you came in and expressed your
concerns, the commissioners asked me to look

1 into this, and we have had meetings about it
2 because we also started to hear from other
3 residents down in that general area because
4 as you know, the construction that they are
5 doing, that PennDOT is doing down in that
6 area, has created the road diet.

7 It has created all the traffic going
8 into one lane down there.

9 So, we started receiving calls from
10 the residents on School Lane, on Morris, in
11 that area, that they were seeing a large
12 increase in traffic.

13 So, we had an outside company come in
14 and do surveillance down there for us, and
15 what we did see was a large increase in
16 traffic being pushed into the neighborhoods
17 because it was backing up so much and also
18 people just doing random new turns on
19 MacDade Boulevard.

20 So, we are looking into that issue for
21 that company.

22 We also reached out to another company
23 that is going to come in and look at
possibly any pedestrian safety improvements
that can be done down at the intersections
along MacDade Boulevard.

The one thing that PennDOT did not look
at and I think what we are a little
different than Glenolden is we have parallel
streets.

They are run parallel to MacDade.
It would be Fourth on one side. Second on
the other.

So, you know, the concern is and you
know with all this back-up and all this
traffic is getting pushed into the
neighborhoods, where you have more
pedestrian. You have the children out
playing.

So, that's something that we have to
look at with that because when PennDOT
presented it to us, they did not talk about
the affect that it would have on the
neighborhood streets on Fourth Avenue, on
Second Avenue and/or in those
neighborhoods.

So, that's what we are doing now. We are looking at these two issues and having a

1 company give us some, if they see any
2 improvements that can be played for
pedestrians.

3 So, since last month, we have, you
know, we have moved on your concerns.

4 DOUG HOCKER: I think that we can all
agree that that is not the road diet. That
5 light has not been adjusted for traffic
flow.

6 The road diet would not be having two
lanes going into one lane ten feet before a
light. It would be the entire stretch.

7 I live two blocks from where my son was
hit by a car. Two blocks. I have to see
8 that road every single day.

9 Four cars go through that light at a
time. That's not how a road diet would
work.

10 So, I just want to make that very clear
that that is not the same thing, and I'm
11 worried that that will influence people to
be against the road diet because they are
12 going to think, oh, this is what it would be
like?

13 That's not what it is going to be
like.

14 I have driven by Glenolden all the
time. The lights run smoothly anticipating
15 one lane of traffic and a number of cars.

MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you.

16 MR. SARACENI: Thanks.

17 MR. McMENAMIN: And we are not going to
stop. We are going to continue, evaluate
it discuss it and work with you guys. Work
18 with everybody in the different companies.

19 As you mentioned as part of our
project, too, we are looking at overall
Ridley Township, just not MacDade Boulevard.
20 All over for that traffic and pedestrian

safety overall. Okay?

21 SUZANNE de SEIFE: May I ask a follow-up question?

22 MR. McMENAMIN: Sure.

23 SUZANNE de SEIFE: So, are you in contact with PennDOT?

Are you working with them or no?

24 MR. McMENAMIN: I don't know. I don't know if we reached out to PennDOT yet.

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1 We had been talking to them earlier on,
2 but as part of this conversation, we will
3 probably have additional conversations with
4 them. Yes.

5 DOUG HOCKER: Is it possible to invite
6 them here?

7 Have a discussion rather than just
8 letting people rage on social media because
9 as we all know, that is what happens.

10 MR. McMENAMIN: I think the board, we
11 are trying to review all that and come up
12 with decisions and try to keep everybody
13 posted.

Thank you, guys.

14 DOUG HOCKER: Thank you.

MR. RYAN: Yes.

15 MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you.

16 All right. Approval of meeting minutes.
I'll need a motion for October 23rd, 2024,
meeting, and November 14th, 2024, the two
special meetings on that date.

MR. SARACENI: I'll make a motion.

12 MS. MELASECCA: I'll second.

13 MR. McMENAMIN: Motion has been made and
seconded.

14 All those in favor signify by saying
aye.

15 MR. SARACENI: Aye.

MS. MORRISETTE: Aye.

MS. CUMMINS: Aye.

16 MR. SAUNDERS: Aye.

MR. WARWICK: Aye.

17 MS. MELASECCA: Aye.
MR. BIDOLI: Aye.
18 MR. McMENAMIN: Aye.
Opposed? Motion carried.
19 We are going to jump a little bit
ahead. We are going to have the engineer
20 report.
Mr. Catania.
21 MR. CATANIA: Thank you.
Certificates for consideration.
22 N. Abbonizio Contractors, Incorporated,
for the Hoffman Road storm sewer repair in
23 the amount of \$7,530.00.
Traffic Planning & Design,
24 Incorporated, for the Green Light Go
pedestrian improvements in the amount of

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1 \$1,008.75.
MS. MORRISETTE: I'll make a motion.
2 MS. CUMMINS: I'll second.
MR. McMENAMIN: Motion made and
3 seconded.
All those in favor signify by saying
4 aye.
MR. SARACENI: Aye.
5 MS. MORRISETTE: Aye.
MS. CUMMINS: Aye.
6 MR. SAUNDERS: Aye.
MR. WARWICK: Aye.
7 MS. MELASECCA: Aye.
MR. BIDOLI: Aye.
8 MR. McMENAMIN: Aye.
Opposed? Any questions? Motion
9 carried.
MR. CATANIA: We have one escrow
10 approval for consideration.
Richard Neerland at 345 7th Avenue.
11 The alternate engineer sent a letter
recommending the escrow be set at
12 \$31,603.00.
MS. MORRISETTE: I'll make a motion.
13 MS. CUMMINS: I'll second.

14 MR. McMENAMIN: Motion has been made and
seconded.
Any questions on the motion?
15 All those in favor signify by saying
aye.
16 MR. SARACENI: Aye.
MS. MORRISETTE: Aye.
17 MS. CUMMINS: Aye.
MR. SAUNDERS: Aye.
18 MR. WARWICK: Aye.
MS. MELASECCA: Aye.
19 MR. BIDOLI: Aye.
MR. McMENAMIN: Aye.
20 Opposed? Any questions? Motion
carried.
21 MR. CATANIA: We have tabulation of
bids.
22 On November 13th, we opened bids for
the furnish and delivery of diesel fuel and
23 for unleaded gasoline.
I recommend award to Petroleum Traders
24 for the diesel fuel oil at the oil price
index plus differential .0346 dollars, and

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1 for Petroleum Traders for unleaded gasoline,
the oil price index plus .0665.
2 MS. CUMMINS: I'll make a motion.
MR. BIDOLI: I'll second.
3 MR. McMENAMIN: Motion has been made and
seconded.
4 All those in favor signify by saying
aye.
5 MR. SARACENI: Aye.
MS. MORRISETTE: Aye.
6 MS. CUMMINS: Aye.
MR. SAUNDERS: Aye.
7 MR. WARWICK: Aye.
MS. MELASECCA: Aye.
8 MR. BIDOLI: Aye.
MR. McMENAMIN: Aye.
9 Opposed? Any questions? Motion
carried.

10 MR. CATANIA: We have the contract
11 extension for the Chester Pike ejector
station maintenance sanitary sewer ejector
12 station by the Zac's Hamburgers down there.
We have a proposal from John Lewis
13 Electric HVAC to continue the work at seven
hundred dollars a month.
14 This is no increase from the previous
year.
15 So, I recommend approval.
MR. SARACENI: I'll make a motion.
16 MR. BIDOLI: I'll second.
MR. McMENAMIN: Any questions? Motion
17 made and seconded.
All those in favor signify by saying
18 aye.
MR. SARACENI: Aye.
19 MS. MORRISETTE: Aye.
MS. CUMMINS: Aye.
20 MR. McMENAMIN: Aye.
MR. SAUNDERS: Aye.
21 MR. WARWICK: Aye.
MS. MELASECCA: Aye.
22 MR. BIDOLI: Aye.
MR. WILLERT: Aye.
23 Opposed? Any questions? Motion
carried.
24 MR. CATANIA: Finally we have a
resolution for a plan revision. This is in
relation to the Michigan Avenue sanitary

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1 sewer relocation project.
2 Under Pennsylvania rules, the township
is required to amend its official Sewage
3 Facilities Plan.
This resolution is approving the
4 relocation of the Michigan Avenue sanitary
sewer.
5 We need approval.
MS. MORRISETTE: I'll make a motion.
6 MS. CUMMINS: I'll second.
MR. McMENAMIN: Motion has been made and

seconded.

7 All those in favor signify by saying
aye.

8 MR. SARACENI: Aye.
MS. MORRISETTE: Aye.
9 MS. CUMMINS: Aye.
MR. SAUNDERS: Aye.
10 MR. WARWICK: Aye.
MS. MELASECCA: Aye.
11 MR. BIDOLI: Aye.
MR. McMENAMIN: Aye.

12 Opposed? Any questions? Motion
carried.

13 MR. CATANIA: Thank you. That's all I
have.

14 May I be excused?

MR. McMENAMIN: Yes.

15 MR. BIDOLI: Thank you, Charles.

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16 "MODEL RESOLUTION FOR PLAN REVISION
"RESOLUTION OF THE SUPERVISORS/ COUNCIL
17 OF RIDLEY TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, (hereinafter "the
18 municipality").

"WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Act of
19 January 24, 1966, P.L. 1535, No. 537, know
as the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act",
20 as amended, and the Rules and Regulations of
the Department of Environmental Protection
21 (Department) adopted there under, Chapter 71
of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code,
22 requires the municipality to adopt an
Official Sewage Facilities Plan providing
23 for sewage services adequate to prevent
contamination of waters and/or environmental
24 health hazards with sewage wastes, and to
revise said plan whenever it is necessary to

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1 meet the sewage disposal needs of the
municipality, and

2 "WHEREAS, Ridley Township has prepared
a Plan Update which provides for sewage

3 facilities in a portion of Ridley Township
4 and the alternative of choice to be
5 implemented is the installation of a gravity
6 sewer, pump station and force main for the
7 Michigan Avenue sanitary sewer relocation to
8 accommodate the Michigan Avenue Bridge
9 Reconstruction Project. Other alternatives
10 considered are routing the gravity sewer
11 through the new bridge, the gravity sewer to
12 be installed adjacent to the bridge,
13 inverted siphon and do nothing. The key
14 implementation activities/dates include
15 applying for and obtaining a Part 2 Water
16 Quality Management permit and starting
17 construction in accordance with the
18 implementation schedule contained in the
19 Special Study with an anticipated completion
20 date of April 30, 2025.

21 "WHEREAS, Ridley Township finds that
22 the Facility Plan described above conforms
23 to applicable zoning, subdivision, other
24 municipal ordinances and plans and to a
comprehensive program of pollution control
and water quality management.

25 "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that
26 the Supervisors of the Township of Ridley
27 hereby adopt and submit to the Department of
28 Environmental Protection for its approval as
29 a revision to the "Official Plan" of the
30 municipality, the above referenced Facility
31 Plan. The municipality hereby assures the
32 Department of the complete and timely
33 implementation of the said plan as required
34 by law. (Section 5, Pennsylvania Sewage
35 Facilities Act as amended).

36 "I, JOSEPH A. RYAN, Secretary, Ridley
37 Township Board of Supervisors hereby certify
38 that the foregoing is a true copy of
39 Resolution Number adopted November 20, 2024.

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41 MR. McMENAMIN: All right then. We will
42 go back to the Manager's report. Mr. Ryan.

43 MR. RYAN: Ridley Township is an
44 excellent place to do business and small



1 businesses play a critical role in helping
all communities like ours to thrive.

2 Up for adoption tonight is the
3 resolution recognizing Saturday, November
30th, 2025, as National Small Business
Saturday.

4 We encourage everyone to visit the
5 township's on-line business directory for a
6 convenient search of local business options
and to get out there and support our local
businesses.

7 A motion to adopt the resolution is
requested.

8 MR. BIDOLI: I'll make a motion.
MR. WARWICK: I'll second.

9 MR. McMENAMIN: Motion has been made and
seconded.

10 Any questions on the motion?
All those in favor signify by saying
11 aye.

12 MR. SARACENI: Aye.
MS. MORRISETTE: Aye.
13 MS. CUMMINS: Aye.
MR. SAUNDERS: Aye.
14 MR. WARWICK: Aye.
MS. MELASECCA: Aye.
15 MR. BIDOLI: Aye.
MR. McMENAMIN: Aye.

16 Opposed? Any questions? Motion
carried.

17 MR. RYAN: That's all, I have, Mr.
Vice-President.

18 MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you.

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20 "RESOLUTION

21 "WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of
the Township of Ridley celebrates our local
small businesses and the contributions they
make to our local economy and community; and

22 "WHEREAS, according to the United
States Small Business Administration, there
are 34.7 million small businesses in the
United States, 99.7% of which are firms
with paid employees, are responsible for
23 61.1% of net new jobs created since 1995,
and employ 45.9% of the employees in the
24 private sector in the United States; and

1 spent at a small business in the United
2 States stays in the local community in the
3 local community and every dollar spent at
4 small businesses creates an additional 48
5 cents in local business activity as a result
6 of employees and local businesses purchasing
7 local goods and services; and

"WHEREAS, 59% of consumers aware of
Small Business Saturday shopped or ate at a
small, independently owned retailer or
restaurant on Small Business Saturday 2023;
and

"WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of
the Township of Ridley supports our local
businesses that create jobs, boost our
local economy and preserve our communities.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that
the Board of Commissioners of the Township
of Ridley does hereby proclaim November 30,
2024, as SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY and urge
the residents of our community and
communities across the country to support
small businesses and merchants on Small
Business Saturday - celebrating it's 15th
year in 2024 - and Shop Small throughout the
year.

"ADOPTED this 20th day of November,
2024.

"TOWNSHIP OF RIDLEY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS.

"ATTEST: Joseph A. Ryan, Township
Manager.

"BY: Robert J. Willert, President."

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MR. McMENAMIN: Recycling report.

MS. MELASECCA: Thank you, Mr.

Vice-President.

Trash collected in October was one
thousand one hundred and thirty-six point
zero one tons.

21 Recycling collected in October was one
22 hundred and seventy-one point sixty-six
tons.

23 We collected five TVs in October
through our Television Monitor Recycling
24 Program.

That's it, Mr. Vice-President.
MR. McMENAMIN: Controller's report.

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1 Mr. Betzler.

2 MR. BETZLER: Thank you, Mr.
Vice-President.

3 I am seeking a motion this evening for
an audit proposal for the 2024 audit.

4 The firm of Leitzell & Economidis out
of Media has proposed twenty-eight thousand
5 one hundred dollars which is comparable to
last year.

6 MR. BIDOLI: I'll make a motion.

MR. SAUNDERS: I'll second it.

7 MR. McMENAMIN: Motion has been made and
seconded.

8 All those in favor signify by saying
aye.

9 MR. SARACENI: Aye.

MS. MORRISETTE: Aye.

10 MS. CUMMINS: Aye.

MR. SAUNDERS: Aye.

11 MR. WARWICK: Aye.

MS. MELASECCA: Aye.

12 MR. BIDOLI: Aye.

MR. McMENAMIN: Aye.

13 Opposed? Any questions? Motion
carried.

14 MR. BETZLER: Thank you.

MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you.

Solicitor's report. Mr. Neill.

15 MR. NEILL: Thank you, Mr.

Vice-President.

16 This is concerning the appeal, the tax
17 appeal of 301 MacDade Boulevard. Folio
number 38-0500679-00.

18 This is the Swiss Farm market on
MacDade.

19 So, in 2023, the assessed value was six
hundred and seventy-four thousand eight
hundred and thirty dollars.

20 The school district was able to get an
increase in the assessment for 2023 which
21 would be nine hundred and thirty-one
thousand eight hundred and forty dollars.

22 For 2024, it would be eight hundred and
sixty-eight thousand five hundred and sixty
23 dollars, and for 2025, eight hundred and
forty-two thousand five hundred and fifty
24 dollars.

There would be an increase in tax

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1 revenue for those three years of over
thirty-three hundred dollars approximately.

2 The difference in the assessment of the
fair market value was nine hundred and
3 twenty-six thousand nine hundred and sixty-four before
it was appealed.

4 For 2025, it's going to be one million
three hundred and seventy thousand dollars.

5 Common level ratios determines the
assessed value.

6 So, the school board approved it on
November 4th, 2024.

7 I would need a motion for approval to
sign the stipulation that fixes the assessed
8 values as I stated earlier.

MR. SAUNDERS: I'll make a motion.

9 MS. MORRISETTE: I'll second.

10 MR. McMENAMIN: Motion has been made and
seconded.

Any questions on the motion?

11 All those in favor signify by saying
aye.

12 MR. SARACENI: Aye.

MS. MORRISETTE: Aye.

13 MS. CUMMINS: Aye.

MR. SAUNDERS: Aye.

14 MR. WARWICK: Aye.
MS. MELASECCA: Aye.
15 MR. BIDOLI: Aye.
MR. McMENAMIN: Aye.
16 Opposed? Any questions? Motion
carries.
17 MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you.
Highway/Sanitation Report. Mr.
18 Warwick.
MR. WARWICK: Thank you, Mr.
19 Vice-President.
Just a reminder to residents that trash
20 will not be collected on Thursday, November
28th, and Friday, November 29th over the
21 Thanksgiving holiday.
Trash will be collected on your next
22 scheduled day.
Also, curbside leaf collection
23 continues and is on schedule.
Crews are going through all wards and
24 will continue to do so over the next couple
of weeks.

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1 That's all I have tonight.
MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you.
2 Law and Ordinance Committee Report.
Mr. Bidoli.
3 MR. BIDOLI: Nothing tonight, Mr.
Vice-President. Thank you.
4 MR. McMENAMIN: Okay. Thank you.
Recreation Committee Report.
5 Our annual Christmas tree lighting will
be held on Tuesday, December 3rd, with a
6 raindate of December 4th outdoors in front
of the Ridley Township Municipal Building.
7 There will be a DJ playing your holiday
favorites. Snacks and hot chocolate being
8 served at 6:30 p.m. with Santa arriving with
the Ridley Township fire companies at
9 approximately 7 p.m.
There is a box for the Toys For Tots
10 program if you are able to bring a new

unwrapped toy.
11 Bring your letters to Santa to put in
our North Pole mailbox.
12 We would like to thank PECO for their
generosity in sponsoring the event.
13 We hope you can join us for a fun
evening in welcoming Santa to Ridley
14 Township.
Okay. Public Safety Committee
15 Report.
All right. The monthly report.
16 For the month of October, our police
handled one thousand three hundred and
17 eighty-four calls for service.
As Bobby would say another busy month.
18 MR. SAUNDERS: That's one of the
busiest.
19 MR. McMENAMIN: Okay. Next up is Health
and Code Committee.
20 Mr. Saraceni.
MR. SARACENI: Thank you, Mr. VP.
21 For the month of October, we had two
hundred and forty-nine permits issued.
22 Fourteen contractors registered.
Forty Certificates of Occupancy
23 issued.
A hundred and thirty-three rental
24 inspections and twenty-one health
inspections.

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1 That's all. Thank you.
MR. McMENAMIN: Building Committee
2 Report.
Mr. Saunders.
3 MR. SAUNDERS: Nothing tonight, Mr.
Vice-President.
4 MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you.
MS. CUMMINS: Library report. Mrs.
5 Cummins.
MRS. CUMMINS: Thank you, Mr.
6 Vice-President.
The next Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt

7 will be held Sunday, December 15 at 1 p.m.
8 Put together a team of family and friends,
9 grab your Smartphone and be ready to search
10 for holiday themed items in your
11 neighborhood.
12 Register by December 14. The scavenger
13 hunt list will be sent out ten minutes
14 before the start time.
15 Teams will then snap a group photo and
16 send it along with your team name and the
17 names of everyone on the team. More details
18 are available at the library.
19 Christine Helmandollar, Director of
20 Aging At Home, will discuss resources and
21 services to help area seniors age in place.
22 The program connects participants with
23 reliable resources for yard work and other
24 chores, transportation and health and
wellness.
This presentation will be held Monday,
December 16th at 2 p.m.
Six thousand one hundred and
eighty-one people visited the library in
October and checked out or downloaded
fourteen thousand nine hundred and fifty-
nine books and other items.
Attendance at eighty-six library
programs was three thousand seven hundred
and forty-eight people.
The library will be closed November
28th and Friday, November 29th for the
Thanksgiving holiday.
For information or to register for
upcoming classes, events and activities,
visit our website at www.ridleylibrary.org.
That's all. Thank you.

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1 MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you.
2 Being on the SCS board over there, that
3 discussion with Christine will be very
helpful.
If you have any relatives out there

4 that, you know, are staying at home and need
help, it's a great program.
5 So, if you get time, I would go over
and check it out.
6 And thank you for having that.
Okay. The Finance Committee Report.
7 Mrs. Morrisette.
MS. MORRISETTE: Thank you, Mr.
8 Vide-President.
All Commissioners received a list of
9 this month's bills, and I would like to make
a motion for approval subject to the
10 controller's review and approval.
MR. BIDOLI: I'll second.
11 MR. McMENAMIN: Motion has been made and
seconded.
12 Any questions on the motion?
All those in favor signify by saying
aye.
13 MR. SARACENI: Aye.
MS. MORRISETTE: Aye.
14 MS. CUMMINS: Aye.
MR. SAUNDERS: Aye.
15 MR. WARWICK: Aye.
MS. MELASECCA: Aye.
16 MR. BIDOLI: Aye.
MR. McMENAMIN: Aye.
17 Opposed? Any questions? Motion
carried.
18 MR. McMENAMIN: Opposed? Any
questions? Motion carried.
19 Old or new business.
MR. SARACENI: Again, the board would
20 just like to say sorry for your loss.
We feel terrible about that, and I
21 would like to wish everybody a happy
Thanksgiving.
22 MS. MELASECCA: Nothing.
MS. CUMMINS: I hope everyone has a safe
23 and healthy Thanksgiving.
MR. SAUNDERS: Happy Thanksgiving.
24 MR. WARWICK: I know I tend to hit on
this almost every month at the end of every

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meeting.

Residents in the sixth ward and throughout the township, please be aware of stop signs, your speeding and where you are parking.

Most of our streets are not designed for parking on both sides, especially with it getting dark earlier in the afternoons now.

Kids are still coming home from school, leaving after school activities, you know, four, five o'clock.

Please be aware of your speeding, your stop signs and your parking.

With that being said, have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

MS. MORRISETTE: I second what you said, Jeff.

I followed two Senior Citizens yesterday on Parklane, and they blew through every single stop sign going down. They were in that much of a rush to go to 320 Market.

It's crazy. People need to stop.

But happy Thanksgiving, everyone. Have a safe holiday.

MR. BIDOLI: Thanks to the police force again for a great month again.

Thank you, Captain.

Happy Thanksgiving everybody, too.

MR. McMENAMIN: Thank you, everybody. Have a good, Happy Thanksgiving and take care.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

MR. SAUNDERS: So moved.

MR. BIDOLI: Second.

MR. McMENAMIN: Meeting adjourned.

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(Whereupon, the meeting was concluded at 6:30 p.m.)

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