

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
September 24, 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 September 24, 2025 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette (*on phone*), Mrs. Cummins, Mr. McMenamin, Mr. Saunders, 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.

Public Forum

- Suzanne deSeife, 1209 Harper Avenue, Woodlyn, appeared before the Board concerning pedestrian safety.

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of two (2) block party requests – Buchanan Avenue on October 25th and Hutchinson Terrace on November 1st.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. McMenamin to approve the requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval of a Resolution to dispose of old accounting and finance department records in accordance with the Municipal Records Retention and Disposition Standards.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Ryan announced the Township's Annual Trunk or Treat event will be held October 18th at the township building.

Recycling Report

Mr. Capozzoli reported trash collected in August was 1,179.35 tons and recycling collected in August was 138.16 tons. 19 televisions were collected in August. He also announced the Community Shredding Day will be held on October 11th from 9am to 11am at the township building.

Controller's Report

Mr. Betzler requested approval for the township's annual MMO as follows:

Police – 1,450,004; Non-Uniform – 1,257,214

Motion made by Mr. McMenamin, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve 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 signal upgrades - \$2,112,50; Armour & Sons Electric – Green Light-Go & Pedestrian Improvements - \$39,245.30; JMC Contractors, Inc. – Blackrock Park Phase 3 - \$15,922.00

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Capozzoli to approve the Certificates as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania recommended release of the demolition escrow for Spark Car Wash at MacDade & Kedron in the amount of \$100,000.00

Motion made by Mr. Capozzoli, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the release as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick announced no trash collection on October 13th – Columbus Day. He also reported the curbside leaf collection program will begin the week of October 27th in accordance with the schedule posted on township website and social media.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenamin reported on upcoming recreation programs. He thanked everyone for a successful Fall Festival event. He also thanked the Marina crew for their work in making the Marina look great.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in August totaled 1,301. He also thanked the Police Department for working on speeding and parking issues throughout the township.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 284
- Contractors Registered – 11
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 45
- Rental Inspections – 30
- Health Inspections – 12

Building Committee Report- No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 8,056 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 17,081 books and other items in August. Program attendance at 64 programs was 1,997 people. In addition, the library staff accepted 138 new passport applications in July, bringing the total for 2025 to 1,177. She also reported on upcoming library programs.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Bidoli reported all Commissioners received a list of this month's bills.

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. Warwick that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Old and New Business

Mr. Capozzoli invited all residents to a Community Tree Planting on October 18th and 19th at Frederick L. Mann Memorial Park.

Mr. McMenamin thanked Mr. Capozzoli for spearheading the tree planting initiative.

Mr. Warwick thanked the Parks and Rec and Highway Departments for their work on the Fall Festival. He also addressed the Wawa delivery issue at Chester Pike & Acres Drive.

Mr. Bidoli thanked Peg Whelan, Recreation Director and everyone for their work on the Fall Festival.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:18pm.