

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
August 27, 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 August 27, 2025 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Cummins, Mr. McMenamain, Mr. Saunders, Mr. Warwick, Mr. Capozzoli and Mr. Willert.

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.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Saunders to approve the June 25, 2025 and July 23, 2025 meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of two (2) Special Event Permits – one for Folsom Fire Company's Octoberfest on October 4th, including closure of 4th Avenue and Sutton Avenue and Ridley School District's Homecoming Parade on October 18th.

Motion made by Mr. Capozzoli, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve both events as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval to award the sale of a 2008 Ford Ranger through Municibid to the highest bidder for the cost of \$4,500.00.

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mr. McMenamain to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Ryan asked for approval of two (2) block party requests – one for Grace Road for September 20th and one for Perry Street for September 27th.

Motion made by Mr. Warwick and seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve both requests as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Recycling Report

Mr. Capozzoli reported trash collected in July was 1,315.10 tons and recycling collected in July was 192.76 tons. 19 televisions were collected in July. 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

Mr. Neill discussed proposed opioid settlements and requested approval for the township to join and participate in the settlements, and authorizing the Township Manager to execute the forms to process.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Traffic Planning & Design – Green Light-Go signal upgrades - \$7,372.50; Dynamic Traffic – Fairview & Chester Pike traffic signal upgrades - \$9,590.50; Mr. Rehab – Sanitary Sewer I&I Change Order; Lenni Electric Corp – Fairview Rd & Chester Pike Traffic signal & Roadway Improvements - \$4,296.29; N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. – Brighton Terrace Drainage Improvements - \$1,554.24; JMC Contractors – Blackrock Park Phase 3 - \$143,298.00.

Motion made by Mr. McMnamin, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to approve the certificates as read. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Catania recommended award to the Balignac Ave Sidewalk Replacement bid to Premier Concrete, Inc. in the amount of \$67,500.00. This project is being funded by CDBG.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Capozzoli to approve this bid award as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Catania requested authorization to advertise for the 2026 annual contracts.

Motion made by Mrs. Cummins, seconded by Mr. Warwick to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Mr. Catania updated the Board on the 2025 Road Resurfacing Program which is scheduled to begin mid-September.

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick announced no trash collection on September 1st – Labor Day.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenemy 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 July totaled 1,287.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 337
- Contractors Registered – 17
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 46
- Rental Inspections – 30
- Health Inspections – 15

Building Committee Report- No Report

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Cummins reported that 10,308 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 17,354 books and other items in July. Program attendance at 92 programs was 3,366 people. In addition, the library staff accepted 135 new passport applications in July, bringing the total for 2025 to 1,039. She also reported on upcoming library programs.

Finance Committee Report

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

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Saraceni that the bills be approved subject to the Controller's review and approval. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Resolution Presentation

The Board presented a Resolution to Noreen Sibley for her heroic actions during an accident she was involved in on October 30, 2024.

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mrs. Cummins to adopt the Resolution as presented. Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Public Forum

- Sean Evans, Andrew Gilliano and James Kelly from Vauclain Fire Company appeared before the Board concerning operations at the fire company.
- Irvin and Rusty Tinley, 906 Eisenhower Avenue, Woodlyn, appeared before the Board concerning electric scooters and township ordinance.
- James Kelly spoke about neighborhood blight and ambulance issues.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. McMenamain, seconded by Mr. Capozzoli to adjourn the meeting, Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Meeting concluded at 6:44pm.