

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
July 22, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Board Vice President McMenamin at 6:00pm on July 22, 2026 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette (*on phone*), Mrs. Callahan, Mr. McMenamin, Mr. Warwick and Mr. Bidoli.

Also present were Mr. Ryan (Township Manager), Mr. Catania (Township Engineer), Mr. Betzler (Township Controller) and Mr. Neill (Township Solicitor).

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of the following block party request for the 100 block of Belmont Avenue for Saturday, September 12th.

Motion made by Mr. Warwick, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the block party request as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Ryan requested approval of Ridley School District's Homecoming Parade Special Event Permit for October 10th.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the Special Event Permit as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Ryan reported Narberth Ambulance responded to a total of 307 calls in June. 40%, or 123 calls, were in municipalities outside of Ridley Township that do not provide ALS service to their residents, nor reimburse Ridley Township for the cost that our residents' taxes are paying.

Recycling Report

Mr. Warwick reported trash collected in June was 1,507.47 tons at a cost of \$141,620.43, and recycling collected in June was 140.52 tons at a cost of \$8,234.48. 7 televisions were collected in June.

Controller's Report- No Report

Solicitor's Report- No Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificate: Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. – Green Light-Go Signal upgrades - \$5,274.98

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the Certificate as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Catania requested escrow approval for SFH, 144 Randall Avenue in the amount of \$11,200.00.

Motion made by Mr. Saraceni, seconded by Mr. Warwick to approve the escrow as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Mr. Catania requested escrow release on the following projects:

- John Michael Thomas Builders, Inc. – 425 Rutledge Avenue (David Damon, PE, Alternate Township Engineer)

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mrs. Callahan to approve the escrow release as presented. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

- Neerland Building & Remodeling – 735 Milmont Avenue. Alternate Township Engineer David P. Damon, PE, does not recommend releasing escrow in the amount of \$20,000.00

Motion made by Mr. Bidoli, seconded by Mr. Warwick to accept the Alternate Township Engineer's recommendation not to release the escrow. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report- No Report

Law & Ordinance Committee Report- No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. McMenemy reported the Annual Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, September 20th with a raindate of September 27th.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. McMenamin read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in June totaled 1,358. 83 traffic citations and 25 parking tickets in June. Traffic Maintenance performed preventative maintenance on traffic signals at 7 intersections, painted crosswalks and stop bars at various locations, repaired and replaced 23 traffic regulation and street signs and installed/repaired 15 Hometown Hero Banners.

Mr. McMenamin announced National Night Out will be held on August 4th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the Municipal Building.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 351
- Contractors Registered – 25
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 51
- Rental Inspections – 18
- Health Inspections – 12

Building Committee Report

Mr. Bidoli requested approval subject to the Alternate Township Engineer's comments, of an application for JMT Builders, 335 Gorsuch Street to subdivide 2 properties into 2 new lots and construct 2 single family detached dwellings.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve the application subject to the Alternate Township Engineer's comments. Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Callahan reported that 8,208 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 14,401 books and other items in June. Program attendance at 58 programs was 1,801 people. In addition, the library staff accepted 155 new passport applications in June. She also reported on upcoming library programs.

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 (6-0).

Old and New Business

Mr. Warwick thanked everyone who worked on and attended Leedom's July 4th Parade, especially the Police Department, Ridley Township Fire Company No. 1, local scouts, Ridley High School marching band and the volunteers of the Leedom Civic Association.

Mrs. Morrisette commented the Michigan Avenue bridge construction will last approximately 1 year.

Mr. McMenamin thanked Mr. Ryan & the Public Works Department for getting the island at Amosland Rd & Academy Ave. spruced up.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to adjourn the meeting, Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

Meeting concluded at 6:16pm.