

Ridley Township Board of Commissioners
May 27, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Ridley Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by Board President Willert at 6:00pm on May 27, 2026 at the Township Building.

The following Commissioners were present: Mr. Saraceni, Mrs. Morrisette, Mrs. Callahan, Mr. McMenamin (*via phone*), 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 issues.
- Bella Englebach, 600 Cypress Lane, appeared before the Board concerning painted crosswalks and the school flashers at Amosland School.
- John Shaffer appeared before the Board with a variety of concerns.

Manager's Report

Mr. Ryan requested approval of the following block parties:

- 905-909 Catherine Avenue – June 6th
- 1200 block Mildred Avenue – July 11th
- 915-1007 Sylvania Avenue – July 11th

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

Mr. Ryan requested approval to award the high bids through Municibid for the 2012 Dodge Charger in the amount of \$4,100.00 and the 2014 Dodge Charger \$3,750.00.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to award the bids as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Ryan reported that Narberth Ambulance responded to a total of 308 calls in the month of April, 43% of those calls were dispatched to five surrounding communities that have never contracted with any service to provide ALS services to their residents. That amounts to approximately \$25,800 a month that the residents of Ridley Township are paying with their tax dollars, unreimbursed to Ridley Township. This also delays response to Ridley Township residents when the ALS ambulance is called outside of the township.

Recycling Report

Mr. Capozzoli reported trash collected in April was 1,284.49 tons at a cost of \$122,026.55 and recycling collected in April was 166.15 tons at a cost of \$10,316.25. 11 televisions were collected in April.

Controller's Report- No Report

Solicitor's Report - No Report

Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania recommended approval of the following certificates: Premier Concrete, Inc. – Balignac Ave (CDBG Project) - \$6,937.50; Traffic Planning & Design – MacDade Blvd - \$770.00; Traffic Planning & Design – Green Light-Go signal upgrades - \$2,330.15; Traffic Planning & Design – Green Light-Go Signal Upgrades - \$4,717.50; Vortex Services – Sanitary Sewer Relining Phase 2 Change Order No. 1; A to U Services, Inc. – Sanitary Sewer Overflow Walter & Youngs - \$32,652.00; Armour & Sons Electric – Green Light-Go signal improvements – Kedron & Academy - \$50,917.95; Armour & Sons Electric – Green Light-Go signal improvements Michigan & Morton - \$366,368.13; Armour & Sons Electric – Green Light-Go signal system fiber connections - \$106,193.00.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of an escrow for 109 South Fairview Road, LLC in the amount of \$258,918.00.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of 2 escrow releases – both for Richard Neerland. 866 Michigan Avenue - \$3,212.00 and 870 Michigan Avenue - \$3,118.50, less any fees owed for both to the township.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrisette, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to approve the escrow releases as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Mr. Catania requested approval of a Resolution to apply for a DCED Grant in the amount of \$230,396.00 for Ridley Hockey Rink improvements.

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

Mr. Catania requested approval of the Delaware County Conservation District Riparian Buffer Post Planting Established Landowner Agreement related to the tree planting along Stoney Creek in Mann Field.

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

Highway & Sanitation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reminded residents of the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on June 13th from 8am to 2pm at the Upper Chichester Township building.

Law & Ordinance Committee Report - No Report

Recreation Committee Report

Mr. Warwick reported on upcoming recreation programs and events.

Public Safety Committee Report

Mr. Willert congratulated Adriana Breen, this year's recipient of the Anne E. Howanski Memorial Scholarship at Ridley High School.

Mr. Willert read the Public Safety Committee Report noting the calls for service in April totaled 1,126. 37 traffic citations and 45 parking tickets in April. Traffic Maintenance performed preventative maintenance on signals at 12 intersections, repaired and replaced over 20 traffic regulation signs and installed or repaired 11 Hometown Hero banners.

Mr. Willert announced applications were being accepted for the position of Full Time Police Officer.

Health & Code Enforcement Committee Report

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

- Permits Issued – 314
- Contractors Registered – 29
- Certificates of Occupancy Issued – 50
- Rental Inspections – 24
- Health Inspections – 15

Building Committee Report

Mr. Saunders requested approval of 2 waivers requests for 144 Randall Avenue. First request is a waiver from sidewalk requirement. Second request is a fee in lieu of installing an infiltration basin since the existing soils are not suitable.

Motion made by Mr. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Saraceni to approve both waivers as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

Library & Resource Center Committee Report

Mrs. Callahan reported that 8,349 patrons visited the library and checked out or downloaded 13,646 books and other items in April. Program attendance at 89 programs was 2,669 people. In addition, the library staff accepted a record 246 new passport applications in April. She also reported on upcoming library programs.

Mrs. Callahan reported Deborah Sweeney resigned from the Library Board. She nominated Jody Ryan to serve the remainder of Debbie's term.

Motion made by Mrs. Callahan, seconded by Mr. Bidoli to appoint Ms. Ryan to the Library Board. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

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 (9-0).

Old and New Business

The Board congratulated all graduates of the Class of 2026.

Adjournment

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

Meeting concluded at 6:35pm.