

Fiscal Year 2026 Budget
First Public Hearing
Upper Darby Township
100 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
November 5, 2025 6:00 pm

****The video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on youtube.com/upperdarby.org****

President Hafiz Tunis opened the meeting, and Secretary Michelle Billups conducted a Roll Call.

Roll Call:

Present: Michelle Billups (MB), Marion Minick (MM), Hafiz Tunis (HT), David Bantoe (DB), Brian Andruszko (BA), Laura Wentz (LW), Matt Silva (MS) via Zoom, Myron McNeely (Mmcneely), and Danyelle Blackwell (Dblackwell).

Excused: Meaghan Wagner (MW).

Also present: The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown, Chief Administrative Officer Crandall O. Jones, Chief Municipal Clerk Kate Doggett, and Upper Darby Township Police Officers.

Rules for Hearing Decorum

Upper Darby residents have the opportunity to speak. Residents are prohibited from making threats, using profanity, or acting in a manner that would impede or prevent the conduct of the business of the hearing. Any person who chooses to provide testimony during a hearing and makes remarks, disrupts, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the hearing after receiving a verbal warning may be required to leave the meeting at the discretion of the Council President.

Motion by MB, seconded by Mmcneely

Motion to Open FY2026 Budget Public Hearing

All in favor

Motion passes

Public Budget Hearing

John DeMasi stated that the agenda did not comply with Sunshine Act requirements. He expressed concern over the rising cost of UDT employee benefits funded by taxpayers and the expense of his family's medical insurance. He inquired about funding for a community center and whether the \$17.8 million estimated EIT revenue was based on a study within the past 12 months. He noted uncollected township bills and stated that the budget was not fiscally responsible.

John McDevitt discussed the Public Safety budget for Upper Darby Township compared to those of neighboring towns Springfield, Havertown, and Lower Merion.

John DeMasi said he submitted a Right to Know request on 9/19/2025, and there were no salary information estimates from last year.

Motion by MB, seconded by DB

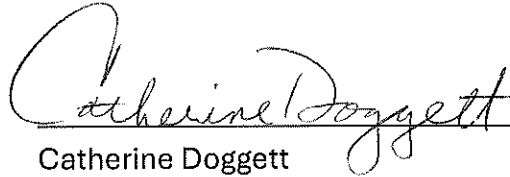
Motion to Close the FY2026 Budget Public Hearing

8 in favor (MB, MM, HT, DB, BA, MS, DB, Mmcneely), 1 abstained (LW), 1 excused (MW)

Motion passed

The Hearing ended at 6:33 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Doggett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Catherine Doggett

Chief Municipal Clerk