Fiscal Year 2026 Budget
Second Public Hearing
Upper Darby Township
100 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
November 19, 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, Solicitor Clarke, 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 Dblackwell
Motion to Open FY2026 Budget Public Hearing
All in favor
Motion passes

Public Hearing
Ms. Nammavong requested clarification on the "Contracted Services" line item for multiple departments, asking what specific services were provided. She asked about salary and benefits allocation for various departments.

Stacy Hawlie expressed that she is pleased with the budget, its allocations, and its long-term goals. She inquired about the CFO position, the 2025 Capital Plan, and the 2025 Capital budget, specifically the line item for Observatory Hill Recreation Center.
Judy Duggan spoke about the reserve fund and requested a copy of the budget.
Ms. Wentz requested confirmation that Worker's Compensation covers all employees. She also asked why the 2024 actual budget exceeded the 2024 approved budget and where the additional funds came from. Ms. Scutti explained the various funds involved and the reasons for the differential. She commented on wage increases for non-bargaining employees compared to those for OPEIU members, and their impact on the budget and taxpayers. She also commented on County assessments and asked whether the Fee Schedule was incorporated into the budget. She inquired about a line item for the Shade Tree Commission and the increase for the Special Events Program.
Lee Jordan asked whether funds are allocated for communications and urged increased communication with residents.
Paul Cheng discussed the Recreation Department's budget and asked for increased funding. He announced the recreational programs he is hosting.
Joanne Nammavong followed up on her previous question about the fire and police departments' salaries and benefits versus those of other departments. She discussed the retiree health insurance costs.
Stacey Hawley discussed property reassessments.
Mr. Komm asked whether the budget includes any estimated federal aid for infrastructure projects.
Becky Duggan suggested adding funds to the budget for a printed recycling and trash calendar.
Joanne Nammavong asked about the amounts budgeted for contracted services in the parking department in 2025. She asked about the salaries in the parking department.

Motion by MB, seconded by BA
Motion to Close the FY2026 Budget Public Hearing
All in favor
Motion passed

The Hearing ended at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Doggett
Chief Municipal Clerk