

Council Committee Meeting Minutes
Upper Darby Township
100 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
January 7, 2026 7:00 pm

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

President Minick opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Present: Michelle Billups (MB), Marion Minick (MM), Noah Fields (NF), John McMahan (JM), Melissa DiNofia-Bozzone (MDB), Syama Disa (SD), Danyelle Blackwell (Dblackwell), Myron McNeely (Mmcneely), David Bantoe (DB), Kyle McIntyre (KM), and Brian O’Neill (BO).

Also present: The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown, Chief Administrative Officer Crandall O. Jones, Solicitors Clarke and Gallagher, Chief Municipal Clerk Kate Doggett, Treasurer Sayduzzaman, and UDT police officers.

Rules for Meeting Decorum

“Upper Darby residents have the opportunity to speak for three (3) minutes. 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 meeting. Any person who attends the meeting and makes remarks, disrupts, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting after receiving a verbal warning may be required to leave the meeting at the discretion of the Council President.”

Public Forum should not exceed thirty (30) minutes. If a resident chooses to ask questions, they are voluntarily giving up their time for a response. This means that the 3-minute timer will continue to run no matter who is speaking. The timer will be clearly displayed on the screen.

Public Forum

Lee Jordan, President of the Pilgrim Garden Civic Association, introduced herself to Councilman Brian O’Neill, requested a meeting with him and Mayor Brown to discuss goals and concerns, asked that damage to a roadway barrier caused by UDT plows be reviewed, and commented on 69th Street economic development.

James Mullen yielded his time to Bob Yantorno, who recognized the passing of Corporal Kenneth Seagreaves, asked if council members had been assigned to committees yet, and spoke about the police.

Bob Yantorno asked which council members were on each committee.

Olivia Taylor supports Resolution 1-26, which creates a project entitled “Emergency Homelessness Assistance” and discussed the police.

John DeMasi commented on the election of Council officers during the Reorganization Meeting. Steve Komm discussed a political party and its policies and practices.

Becky Duggan spoke about the council committees and Councilor Blackwell’s experience on Council.

Joanne Nammavong spoke about the council committees and the rules for meeting decorum and asked whether the treasurer would provide reports.

The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown

Mayor Brown congratulated the newly elected council members and council officers and said he looks forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Council. He reported the township received two grant approvals from the Commonwealth Financing Authority and thanked State Representatives Kearney, Curry, and Boyd for their help in securing this funding.

President of Council

President Minick announced that the recognition of the Drexel Hill Raiders and the 69th Street Wildcats will be postponed until the 1/21/26 meeting.

Chief Administrative Officer, Crandall O. Jones

Ordinance No. 2026-01: Authorizing Interfund Borrowing from the Capital Reserve Fund to the General Fund

President Minick explained that this is a request for the Council to approve the introduction and advertisement of Ordinance No. 2026-01, with a public hearing and action scheduled for the January 21, 2026, Council Meeting.

CAO Jones explained the reason for this and provided details of this Ordinance.

MB asked about the timeline for borrowing from and repayment to the Capital Reserve Fund.

D. Blackwell inquired how this impacts the township's creditworthiness and about shortfall projections.

KM asked about the interest rate.

DB asked at what point it would be known that borrowing is needed.

Mmcneely asked how often and when the township experiences a shortfall.

Mayor Brown summarized the process of external borrowing (TAN) versus internal borrowing (from the Capital Reserve Fund).

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by KM

Motion to approve the introduction and advertisement of Ordinance No. 2026-01

All in favor

Motion passes

Resolution 2-26: Authorizing a Parking Lease Agreement with Blue Devil Realty LLC.

President Minick introduced Resolution 2-26 for Council review, with action scheduled for the January 21, 2026, Council Meeting.

CAO Jones explained this would be a five-year lease. He spoke about each party's responsibilities and liabilities, as well as the fiscal impact.

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by Mmcneely

Motion to Introduce Resolution No. 2-26 and place on the next meeting agenda for a vote.

JM asked whether the lease would remain in effect if the property owner changed.

All in favor

Motion passes

Ordinance No. 2026-02: Amending Chapter 290, Fees, to update parking fees for Fiscal Year 2026.

President Minick explained that this is a request for the Council to approve the introduction and advertisement of Ordinance No. 2026-02, with a public hearing and action scheduled for the January 21, 2026, Council Meeting. He explained this would update parking fees for fiscal year 2026, to include the Artillery Lot, located at 4221 Ferne Boulevard, Drexel Hill.

CAO Jones stated that the lot fees would be \$2.00 per hour and \$20.00 per day.

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by DB

Motion to approve the introduction and advertisement of Ordinance No. 2026-02

All in favor

Motion passes

Solicitor

No report.

Old Business

Dblackwell thanked the Administration for providing cleaning supplies and equipment to the Council for clean-up events.

KM read a prepared statement that he was unable to deliver during the Reorganization Meeting.

New Business

MB announced that February is recognized as Black History Month and that the annual poetry contest will be held again.

Dblackwell announced that on Martin Luther King Day, she will deliver items to a local shelter and attend the opening of a food pantry at the YMCA on Garrett Road. She invited other council members to join her.

DB welcomed the new members of Council, addressed an incident in which an individual disparaged local businesses, and encouraged support for the Township's local businesses. MDB invited members of Council to join her during a MLK Day of Service to be held on 1/19 at St. Andrew's School in District 3 between 9:00 and 12:00.

Motion by Mmcneely, seconded by DB

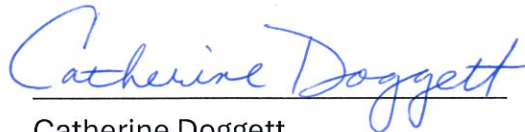
Motion to Adjourn

All in favor

Motion passes

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Catherine Doggett
Chief Municipal Clerk