

Index

Upper Darby Township Council

Special Meeting

November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Call of the meeting	251
Budget Hearing	251-252
Adjournment	253

A special meeting of Upper Darby Township Council was held on Wednesday evening, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 approximately five minutes after the conclusion of the regularly scheduled 7:30 meeting in the Council Meeting Room #202 of the Municipal Building, Long Lane and Garrett Road, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania

**Call of the Meeting**

Members of Council  
Upper Darby Township  
Pennsylvania

Dear Members of Council:

There will be a special meeting of the Upper Darby Township Council on Wednesday evening, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 approximately five minutes after the conclusion of the regularly scheduled meeting in the Council Meeting Room #202 of the Municipal Building, Long Lane and Garrett Road, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania for the following purposes:

- 1) Public Hearing for the purpose of review of the budget for the fiscal Year 2017.
- 2) For all other purposes necessary or incidental thereto.

**Roll Call**

Donald P. Bonnett, Thomas P. Wagner, Edward E. Monaghan, Jacob A. Bierling Jr., Sekela Coles, Robert Gwin, Barbarann Keffer, Marc Manfre, Lisa Faraglia, Sheikh M. Siddique, Patrick Spellman

Mr. Bonnett: Respectively as required by law, I am hereby convening a Public Meeting on the 2017 Budget of Upper Darby Township. The people who wish to speak will be given an opportunity to do so. I would now like to turn the meeting over to the Chairman of our Finance Committee, Councilman Tom Wagner.

Mr. Wagner: Thank you, Mr. President. We are deep now within the annual Budget process. We began that process with the Mayor's Budget Address which we had here at a Council meeting where the Budget was submitted by the Mayor and his Administration to Council. The Finance and Appropriations Committee then reviewed it. All 3 of the Committee members met with each of the Department Heads on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. It was a lengthy process as it always is but a very healthy, useful process and we literally reviewed the Budget department by department with each of the Department Heads. I am happy to report that following the meeting with the Department Heads, we

held a Committee Meeting and the Committee was able to unanimously recommend favorable action by the Council on the Budget. Before we do that, however, the law requires us to hold 2 Public Hearings, the first of which is tonight and the 2<sup>nd</sup> of which is one week from tonight at the same time here in this room. So, with that, I am going to ask the Chair to conduct a Public Hearing.

Mr. Bonnett: I will do that. Are there any speakers who wish to speak on any aspect of the 2017 Preliminary Budget? If so, please come to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

Mr. Dabagian: Good evening. My name is John Dabagian and I live at 35 N. Linden Avenue in Upper Darby. I have a question about Ordinance No. 3030 which was introduced last week. Is that part of this Hearing?

Mr. Judge: Yes it is. It is part of the Capital Budget so it is part of this Hearing.

Mr. Dabagian: The question I had was that the 3 people who made the presentation at the last meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, a gentleman named Scott mentioned that there were 2 Bond issues, \$7.5 million and \$7.5 million. That's \$15 million but on the Ordinance, it says "in a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$18 million". My question is where is the other \$3 million?

Mr. Judge: That's a good question. Upper Darby has a need for \$15 million over the next three years and for financing reasons we are splitting it in half between \$7.5 million borrowing this year and \$7.5 million borrowing next year. We are only borrowing \$15 million but because of closing costs that may happen or because of things that may be unforeseen in the future the Bond Counsel has recommended that we say we can borrow up to \$18 million to close this deal if necessary. It is highly unlikely that we will go to \$18 million but what they don't want to do is to get into that second borrowing next year and run into a problem and have to come back to Council and then maybe lose that opportunity to borrow at that time. We are going after \$15 million but I think if you read the Ordinance it says that Council *could* borrow up to \$18 million and that would have to come back to Council to get that approval.

Mr. Dabagian: Thank you.

Mr. Bonnett: Does anyone else wish to speak on the topic of the Budget? Seeing no one at this time a motion would be in order for closing this Public Hearing for this evening and for adjournment.

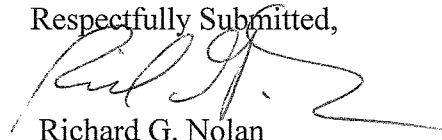
### Adjournment

Mr. Wagner: So moved.

Mrs. Faraglia: Seconded.

Mr. Bonnett: Moved and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed?  
The ayes have it. This meeting stands adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard G. Nolan", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Richard G. Nolan  
Chief Municipal Clerk

RGN/akc