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Upper Darby Township Council Meeting

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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A regular meeting of Upper Darby Township Council was held on Wednesday evening, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room #202 of the Municipal Building, 100 Garrett Road, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Donald P. Bonnett with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

Council President Donald P. Bonnett asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the mass shooting in Las Vegas, Nevada

**Roll Call**

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

Lisa Faraglia, excused

**Present at the Meeting**

Thomas N. Micozzie, Mayor  
Thomas J. Judge Jr., CAO  
Kelly Sullivan, Esquire  
Richard G. Nolan, Chief Municipal Clerk

**Public Forum**

Mr. Bonnett: This is the time set aside for the public to speak. When you hear your name come forward to the podium and state your name and address for the records. Comments are limited to five minutes.

Mr. Monaghan: There are no speakers this evening.

Mr. Bonnett: Thank you, Ed. This is the time of the meeting set aside for our Mayor, the Honorable Thomas N. Micozzie.

**Mayor Micozzie**

**Mayor Micozzie read the 2018 Preliminary Budget Message.**

### Mayor's Budget Message 2018

The 2018 Preliminary Budget includes increases in four main categories; Police, Fire Pensions and Healthcare.

The Township's essential public safety activities account for approximately 57% of the General Fund Budget increases, while contributions to the volunteer fire companies, library and healthcare costs represent other expenditure increases in the 2018 Budget.

In an effort to minimize the impact on the residents of Upper Darby Township this Budget holds expenditures in the majority of the Township departments. This Budget does not increase the trash and sewer rental fees.

The proposed Budget continues twice-weekly trash pickup during the summer months and will not change the recycling schedule. It also calls for no cuts in funding for municipal services. Based upon the total Township Budget funding requirements, the real estate tax will increase \$.58 for every \$1,000.00 of your property assessment.

Mayor Thomas N. Micozzie

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October 2, 2017

Mr. Bonnett: Thank you Mayor. Also Members of Council, at this time I would like to ask Councilman Wagner who chairs our Finance & Appropriations Committee to review with us the meeting dates associated with the Budgeting process.

Mr. Wagner: Thank you Sir. As most of you know, we are required to follow a very deliberate process to pass the Budget and that begins with the submission of the Capital Budget to Council which happened on September 1<sup>st</sup> and then it proceeds with the Mayor's Budget Address which we have just heard. We are required then to have two Public Hearings on the Budget and they specifically are on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 approximately five minutes after the regularly scheduled meeting here in this room. I have a scheduled conflict myself on the second of those two dates and it is unavoidable. I don't know if we need to change that date or if I can ask Mr. Bonnett to act in my absence. Also, the Finance Committee will meet with the various Department Heads as we make a practice of doing every year and we will review the Budget with them. We are looking at various dates for that but that will happen before the Public Hearings take place. The meetings will be advertised. Once the meetings take place Council can act on the Budget at the December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Council Meeting. I stress though that all Council members have had the Budget available to them, you've already heard what the

Mayor had to say. You don't need to wait for the Public Hearings as you can raise questions at any time that you want directed either to me or to Mr. Judge or the Mayor. So, that is the Budget process.

Mr. Bonnett: Thank you Tom.

Mr. Bonnett: At this time, we have exhausted the Agenda. Does the Solicitor have anything for the body?

Solicitor: I do not. Thank you.

Mr. Bonnett: So, at this point, as brief as this meeting has been, it's been important to receive the information from the Administration, the Mayor's Budget Message. A motion would be in order for adjournment.

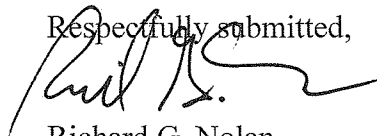
**Adjournment**

Mr. Wagner: So moved.

Mr. Bierling: Second.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Richard G. Nolan  
Chief Municipal Clerk

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