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Upper Darby Township Council Meeting

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A regular meeting of Upper Darby Township Council was held on Wednesday evening, December 4th, 2019 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.

**Roll Call**

Donald P. Bonnett, Thomas P. Wagner, Jacob A. Bierling Jr., Sekela Coles, Robert S. Gwin Jr., Lisa Faraglia, Sheikh Siddique, Patrick Spellman, Laura Wentz

Barbarann Keffer, excused
Marc Manfre, excused

**Present at the Meeting**

Thomas N. Micozzie, Mayor
Thomas J. Judge Jr., CAO
Kelly Sullivan, Esquire
Richard G. Nolan, Chieftain 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 three minutes.

Richard Blye, 274 Kent Road
Juneteenth

Matt Pyfer, 469 Forrest Avenue
Transparency

Gerald Harrison, 29 S. Kirklyn Avenue
Budget

Their comments are filed on tape.

**Mayor Micozzie**

*The Mayor announced the Christmas Tree Lighting that took place earlier that evening.*
Committee Reports

Finance and Appropriations Committee
Thomas P. Wagner, Chairman

Resolution No. 48-19, a Resolution to adopt the 2020 Budget

Moved: Mr. Wagner
Second: Mr. Bierling

Councilwoman Wentz made a motion for an amendment to the budget. Councilman Gwin seconded.

Councilwoman Wentz circulated a 3-piece packet detailing her proposed amendments. She further explained in more detail her proposed amendments to the budget.

There was much discussion between the Council members and Mayor Miccozzie that is recorded on tape.

Councilman Wagner moved for a vote on Councilwoman Wentz’s amendment and Councilman Bierling seconded.

Councilwoman Wentz objected to the Motion being made as she stated that she did not present her proposed amendment in its entirety.

A roll call vote was taken for Councilman Wagner’s Motion. A YES vote would mean to act favorably on Councilwoman’s proposed amendment and a NO vote would mean to act unfavorably.

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Motion approved: 3 in favor, 6 opposed, 2 excused.
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Councilman Wagner, Finance Chairman stated that the proposed amendments had been defeated and that the new Mayor can do as she chooses in the future with respect to changes of that nature. He further stated that the original Motion on the floor was moved and seconded to adopt Resolution No. 48-19, the 2020 Budget.

**Approval of Res. 48-19**  
Opposed  Excused  Abstain

Bonnett  
Wagner  
Bierling  
Coles  
Gwin  

Keffer  
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Faraglia  
Spellman  
Siddique

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Motion approved: 8 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 excused.

Resolution No. 48-19 is adopted.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 3063, an Ordinance of the Township of Upper Darby, County of Delaware, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2020 and appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purpose of the Municipal Government

Motion to introduce: Mr. Wagner  
Second: Mr. Spellman

Moved and seconded.

A roll call vote was requested by Councilman Wagner.

**Approval of Intro**  
Opposed  Excused  Abstain

Bonnett  
Wagner  
Bierling  
Coles  
Gwin
Motion approved: 9 in favor, 2 excused.

Ordinance No. 3063 will be duly advertised and placed on the Agenda for the December 18th, 2019 Council Meeting.

Solicitor

Nothing to report

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Wagner; Second: Councilman Spellman

Motion approved: 9 in favor

Council President Bonnett adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard G. Nolan

RGN/akc

Richard G. Nolan
Chief Municipal Clerk
RESOLUTION NO. 48-19

WHEREAS, A GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2020 WAS PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HOME RULE CHARTER ON OCTOBER 21ST, 2019 IN THE DELAWARE COUNTY DAILY TIMES; AND

WHEREAS, ON OCTOBER 21ST, 2019 IN THE SAME NEWSPAPER NOTICE WAS GIVEN THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS WOULD BE HELD TO REVIEW THE BUDGET ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2019 APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED 7:00 P.M. MEETING, AND ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 13TH, 2019 APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES AFTER THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED 7:00 P.M. MEETING, IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM #202 OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 100 GARRETT ROAD, UPPER DARBY, PENNSYLVANIA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2020 BE APPROVED.

RESOLVED, THIS 4TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D., 2019

UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP

DONALD P. BONNETT
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

JACOB A. BIERLING JR.
SECRETARY OF COUNCIL

THOMAS N. MICOZZI, MAYOR

ATTEST:

THOMAS J. JUDGE, JR.,
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER