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#### **MINUTES**

### Upper Darby Township Council Special Meeting August 10, 2022 at 7pm

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#### Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

Opening of Meeting

#### Roll Call

Andrew Hayman (AH), Sheikh M. Siddique, (SS), Brian K. Burke (BB), Michelle Billups, (MB), Meaghan Wagner (MW), Hafiz Tunis Jr. (HT), Laura Wentz (LW)

Lisa Faraglia (LF), via Zoom Danyelle Blackwell (DB), via Zoom Brian Andruszko (BA), via Zoom Matt Silva (MS), via Zoom

#### Present at the Meeting

Barbarann Keffer, Mayor, via Zoom Chief Municipal Clerk, Alexis Cicchitti, via Zoom Solicitor Courtney Richardson Sergeant of Arms, Officer Craig Harlow

#### **Guest Speaker**

Christopher Boggs, Esq., of the Law Offices of Mark P. Much

#### **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." Public Forum should not exceed thirty (30) minutes."

#### Presentation by Christopher Boggs, Esq., of the Law Offices of Mark P. Much

Solicitor Boggs shared prepared remarks regarding the investigation and stated that he is very hopeful that a presentation will take place at a meeting in September. He added that there is additional information since the initial information that he provided on August 3, 2022 was released to the newspaper.

He did confirm that no theft occurred and that no money was lost in the sense that it went "somewhere" with no benefit to Upper Darby Township. It may have been misused or used inappropriately, but there would still be a use for Upper Darby Township. Solicitor Boggs stated some of the information that would be shared in the upcoming meeting.

Solicitor Boggs opened up the discussion for questions from Council members regarding the investigation.

#### **Public Forum**

Peggy Wilson, 824 Drexel Avenue, addressed what she believes is the mis-use of the gavel Tim Tunistra, 610 Foss Avenue, spoke of the handling of the Township's finances Hafiz Tunis Jr., 251 Shirley Road, spoke of diversity, inclusion & the diversity Resolution John Vizzari, 353 Kirks Lane, believes that 5 Council members and the Administration are ignoring the facts of what occurred with the ARPA funds

Marion Minick, 1204 Wilde Avenue, stated that Democrats are building the future of Upper Darby & that the "Micozzie 6" are holding up the ARPA funds

Colleen Kennedy, 8723 West Chester Pike, referenced "FreetheFundsUD.org" and added that the ARPA funds could have already been released.

Bonnie Hallam, 4719 Woodland Avenue, spoke of the UD "heat island" and money needs to be invested in this area. Wants the ARPA funds released.

Olivia Taylor, 204 Kent Road, wanted to know why no one was arrested for accosting Councilwoman Wagner and a resident. She believes that the 6 Council members are doing the right thing with the investigation.

Kristin Capparra, 366 Upland Way, believes the Administration should have had the "transparency and honesty" in the beginning to say that mistakes were made. Spoke of issues with Portnoff.

Michelle Schofield, 519 Millbank Road, spoke of much needed stop sign on Ruskin Lane at Millbank Road

Renee Warring, 562 Millbank Road, spoke of vehicle issues on Millbank Road

Tina Hamilton, 4715 Woodland Avenue, compared the costs of each investigation and the online shaming of the 6 Council members. Spoke of reverse racism in response to Councilman Tunis' comments.

Joanne Nommavong, 133 N. Pennock Ave, referred to Councilman Hayman's lawsuit and asked if he was acting as a private citizen while sitting on the dais discussing his lawsuit.

Lee Jordan, 90 Pilgrim Lane, spoke of issues throughout the Township with "No Parking of Trucks or Commercial Vehicles". Needs answers about ARPA funds.

Tom Wagner, 1006 Childs Avenue, feels that the 6 members of Council who are not yet releasing the ARPA funds have been under attack and it should not be tolerated. He believes that there were red flags regarding mis-management within the Administration.

Kyle McIntyre, 1040 Drexel Avenue, believes that at this point, the ARPA funds need to be released. He believes that everyone needs to take a step back and realize that this is best for the community.

Quin Bowen, 552 Littlecroft Road, in favor of installation of a stop sign on Ruskin at Millbank. She stated that she appreciates the integrity and thoroughness of the report presented by Chris

Boggs, but feels that the timeframe could have been shortened had there been a different strategy.

Myron McNeely, 7116 Hilltop Road, believes that the "white powergrab" that took place on Council is wrong. The Democrats voted the Democrat party in and they should be running this Council, and not Democrats with 3 Republicans.

#### The Honorable Mayor Barbarann Keffer

Mayor Keffer clarified that the task of administering and the compliance of ARPA funds goes to Jack Regan of UHY. Vincent Rongione does not spend the ARPA funds. Good evening,

Last month, we hosted a town hall meeting concerning the ARPA funding which remains unallocated by Council. The atmosphere fostered by our amazing community speakers and our panel of administration leadership, as well as all our resident attendees was one of positivity and inspiration. It was incredible to see such a display of what makes our Upper Darby community the amazing place that it is, and how much it deserves this ARPA money. Council received on July 14, six narrowly tailored Ordinances for each of the allocations of the funds. These include:

- Flood Mitigation & Sewer Upgrades: \$5,000,000.00
- Police & Fire: \$5,500,000.00
- Upper Darby Community Center: \$3,000,000.00
- COVID Relief & Negative Economic Impacts: \$5,786,245.00
- Parks & Public Spaces: \$4,500,000.00
- Additional Lost Revenue 2020: \$1,776,294.00
- Lost Revenue 2021: \$9,999,400.00
- Total: \$35,561,939

As Jack Reagan from UHY discussed, we are on a tight timeline. The federal government considers the funds allocated not just when the funds are released through the ordinances but when we have contracted out with vendors to spend these funds. We need time for bids and contracts to be finalized. These funds need to be contracted by December 2024 and need to be spent in full by December 2026. Jack Reagan serves as our ARPA Administrator and Compliance Agent and clearly articulated the timeline. We are working against the clock.

I am asking for a motion for these six Ordinances to be placed on the August 17 Council Meeting Agenda.

Motion to approve: AH/HT

BA requested that there be more information on each Ordinance, with a breakdown of what plans are for the funds.

LW stated that the Finance Committee wanted to meet with UHY to discuss the Ordinances as more information is needed other than lump sums.

Mayor Keffer stated that she had previously said that she believed that the meeting should be with the entire Council at a Public Meeting and not just with the Finance Committee. Solicitor Richardson clarified how the Home Rule Charter and the Administrative Code reads about the Mayor introducing Ordinances and about Special Meetings.

Council members shared their thoughts regarding allocating the ARPA funds.

Council President Burke and Solicitor Richardson had a brief discussion and clarified that the Ordinances would go on the next Agenda for discussion to introduce and advertise, with any necessary amendments.

Moved and seconded. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Motion to introduce and advertise is approved.

Mayor Keffer was experiencing technical difficulties and asked Solicitor Richardson to read the Motion to appoint Daniel Knowles as the Director of Licenses and Inspections.

#### <u>Appointment</u>

The Appointment of Daniel Knowles as Director of Licenses and Inspections

Motion to approve: LW/MB

Moved and seconded. All in favor.

The Appointment of Daniel Knowles as Director of Licenses and Inspections is approved.

President of Council, Brian K. Burke

Council President Burke moved forward to the Committee Reports

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Public Safety Committee** 

Chair: Lisa Faraglia

Members: Andrew Hayman, Danyelle Blackwell, Meaghan R. Wagner

**Resolution No. 27-22,** a Resolution to establish "No Parking of Trucks or Commercial Vehicles" on the 900 block of St. Joseph Drive

Solicitor Richardson gave a brief on Resolution No. 27-22.

Motion to approve: LW/AH

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution No. 27-22 is approved.

**Resolution No. 33-22**, a Resolution to install a stop sign on Ruskin Lane at the intersection with Millbank Road

Solicitor Richardson gave a brief on Resolution No. 33-22.

Motion to approve: MB/LW

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution No. 33-22 is approved.

Finance and Appropriations Committee

Chair: Laura A. Wentz

Members: Matt Silva, Meaghan R. Wagner, Brian Andruszko

Resolution No. 28-22, a Resolution authorizing application to the Keystone Communities Program through the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) to fund the Facade Improvement Project along the business section of Garrett Road

Solicitor Richardson gave a brief on Resolution No. 28-22.

Motion to approve: LW/SS

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution No. 28-22 is approved.

**Resolution No. 29-22**, a Resolution authorizing application to the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program through the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development to fund water quality improvements and stormwater mitigation for Naylors Run and Cobbs Creek

Solicitor Richardson gave a brief on Resolution No. 29-22.

Motion to approve: LW/AH

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution No. 29-22 is approved.

Resolution No. 30-22, a Resolution of Upper Darby Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania authorizing the submission of the application for funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program ("RACP") Grant for the purpose of redeveloping the 7000 Walnut Street property as a Community Center

Solicitor Richardson gave a brief on Resolution No. 30-22.

Motion to approve: LW/HT

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution No. 30-22 is approved.

**Resolution No. 31-22,** a Resolution of Upper Darby Township regarding the 48th Year Community Development Program and Citizen Participation Plan

Solicitor Richardson gave a brief on Resolution No. 31-22.

Motion to approve: LW/AH

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution No. 31-22 is approved.

**Resolution No. 32-22**, a Resolution authorizing application to the Multimodal Transportation Fund through the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development

Solicitor Richardson gave a brief on Resolution No. 32-22.

Motion to approve: LW/MB

Moved and seconded. All in favor. Resolution No. 32-22 is approved.

#### Law and Government & Rules and Procedures Committee

Chair: Matt Silva

Members: Meaghan R. Wagner, Laura A. Wentz, Andrew Hayman

**Resolution No. 35-22,** a Resolution of Upper Darby Township affirming Township Council's commitment to valuing reproductive rights and supporting access to abortion

Solicitor Richardson gave a brief on Resolution No. 35-22.

Motion to approve: LW/AH Moved and seconded. 7 in favor (AH, DB, SS, MS, MB, HT, LW) 4 abstained (BA, LF, BB, MW) Resolution No. 35-22 is approved.

#### Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: HT/AH All in favor. The Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Cicchitti

Alexis Cicchitti

Chief Municipal Clerk

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#### **RESOLUTION NO. 27-22**

WHEREAS, ORDINANCE NO. 449 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DARBY PROHIBITS PARKING OF VEHICLES ON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS AND REGULATES THE PARKING OF VEHICLES ON CERTAIN HIGHWAYS AND IMPOSES PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;

THAT ORDINANCE NO. 449 BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

ESTABLISH "NO PARKING OF TRUCKS OR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES" ON 900 BLOCK OF ST. JOSEPH DRIVE

RESOLVED, THIS 10th DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2022.

**UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP** 

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BRIAN K. BURKE

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST

MICHELLE BILLUPS.

SECRETARY OF COUNCIL

APPROVED, THIS 10th DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2022.

BY:

BARBARANN KEFFER, MAYOL

ATTEST:

CHIEF MUNICIPAL CLERK

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 33-22**

WHEREAS, ORDINANCE NO. 1156 OF UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP PROVIDES THAT TRAFFIC SHALL COME TO A STOP BEFORE ENTERING OR CROSSING CERTAIN STREETS AND HIGHWAYS IN THE TOWNSHIP AND IMPOSES PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT ORDINANCE NO. 1156 IS HEREBY AMENDED BY ADDING TO SECTION 1 THE FOLLOWING:

INSTALLING STOP SIGNS AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:
ON RUSKIN LANE AT THE INTERSECTION WITH MILLBANK ROAD

RESOLVED THIS 10th OF AUGUST, A.D., 2022

UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP

BY:

BRIAN K. BURKE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MICHELLE BILLUPS

SECRETARY OF COUNCIL

APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF AUGUST, A.D., 2022

BY:

BARBARANN KEFFER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

CHIEF MUNICIPAL CLERK

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 28-22**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE KEYSTONE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED) TO FUND THE FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ALONG THE BUSINESS SECTION OF GARRETT ROAD

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township, desires to apply for the Keystone Communities Program ("KCP") through the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development ("DCED") to fund the Façade Improvement project along the business section of Garrett Road; and

WHEREAS, the KCP is designed to encourage the creation of partnerships between the public and private sectors that jointly support local initiatives such as the growth and stability of neighborhoods and communities; social and economic diversity; and a strong and secure quality of life. The program allows communities to tailor the assistance to meet the needs of its specific revitalization effort; and,

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township, recognizes that the Facade Improvement project would be a community asset and an important capital improvement to the businesses of the area; and

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township, desires to request funding from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to complete this project; and

#### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township is hereby authorized to apply for, execute, and submit an application to DCED Keystone Communities Program for up to \$50,000.

2. Barbarann Keffer, the Mayor of the Township, is authorized to execute all documents and agreements needed to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

1. The Township is authorized to provide such assurances, certificates, application fees, and supplemental data or revised data that may be requested in connection with the application and administration of the Keystone Communities Program.

ADOPTED and RESOLVED this 10th day of August, 2022

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BRIAN K. BURKE

President of Council

ATTEST

Secretary of Council

## Resolution No. 28-22 is hereby approved this $10^{\mathrm{th}}$ day of August, 2022

BARBARANN KEFFE

Mayor

ATTEST:

ALEXIS CICCHITTI Chief Municipal Clerk

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 29-22**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE WATERSHED RESTORATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO FUND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS AND STORMWATER MITIGATION FOR NAYLORS RUN AND COBBS CREEK

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township, desires to apply for the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program ("WRPP") through the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development ("DCED") to fund water quality improvements and stormwater mitigation for Naylors Run and Cobbs Creek; and,

WHEREAS, the overall goal of the WRPP is to restore, and maintain restored stream reaches impaired by the uncontrolled discharge of nonpoint source polluted runoff, and ultimately to remove these streams from the Department of Environmental Protection's ("DEP") Impaired Waters list; and,

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township, recognizes that water quality improvements and stormwater mitigation for Naylors Run and Cobbs Creek would be an asset to the township; and

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township, desires to request funding from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to develop of the water quality improvements and stormwater mitigation for Naylors Run and Cobbs Creek; and

#### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Township is hereby authorized to apply for, execute, and submit an application to DCED Watershed Restoration and Protection Program for up to \$300,000.
- 2. Barbarann Keffer, the Mayor of the Township, is authorized to execute all documents and agreements needed to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.
- 1. The Township is authorized to provide such assurances, certificates, application fees, and supplemental data or revised data that may be requested in connection with the application and administration of the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program.

ADOPTED and RESOLVED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022

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BRIAN K. BURKE

President of Council

ATTEST:

MICHELLE BILLUPS

Secretary of Council

## Resolution No. 29-22 is hereby approved this $10^{\mathrm{th}}$ day of August, 2022

BY:

BARBARANN KEFFEI

Mayor

ATTEST:

ALEXIS CICCHITTI
Chief Municipal Clerk

#### Resolution No. 30-22

A RESOLUTION OF UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA REDEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE CAPITAL PROGRAM ("RACP") GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDEVELOPING THE 7000 WALNUT STREET PROPERTY AS A COMMUNITY CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Township is the sixth most populous municipality within the Commonwealth, and borders the largest municipality in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Township does not currently have a Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township was previously awarded funds from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Office of the Budget in the amount of \$2,000,000 for the redevelopment of the Township owned property at 7000 Walnut Street; and,

**WHEREAS**, Upper Darby Township is applying for an additional \$3,000,000 to compliment the additional funding from previous Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program ("RACP") funding rounds; and,

WHEREAS, a blighting influence exists due to the deteriorating condition of the current building; and

WHEREAS, this Council believes it to be in the interest of the Township to apply for the RACP Grant and utilize the funding for further efforts to create a Community Center in the Township; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it **RESOLVED** by the Upper Darby Township Council, and it is hereby **ADOPTED** and **RESOLVED** by authority of same as follows:

1. The Township is hereby authorized to submit the application for funding from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program ("RACP") grant for the purpose of redeveloping the 7000 Walnut Street property as a community center.

2. The Township is authorized to provide such assurances, certificates, and supplemental data or revised data that may be requested in connection with the application.

## ADOPTED and RESOLVED this 10th day of August, 2022.

BY:

BRIAN K. BURKE

President of Council

ATTEST:

MICHELLE BILLUPS

Secretary of Council

Resolution No. 30-22 is hereby approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

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BARBARANN K

Mayor

ATTEST

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CHIEF MUNICIPAL CLERK

### Upper Darby Township Delaware County, Pennsylvania

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 31-22**

# A RESOLUTION OF UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP REGARDING THE 48<sup>TH</sup> YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN.

WHEREAS, all citizen and community requests for the 48<sup>th</sup> Year CD Program and the Citizen Participation Plan have been received and evaluated and public hearings have been held to receive citizen input and comment; and

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township has carefully reviewed and considered these various requests, recommendations, and plans; and

WHEREAS, Exhibit "A" attached sets forth the final allocations to be included in the Action Plan for 2022.

#### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The attached Exhibit "A" representing final allocations of funds for the 48<sup>th</sup> Year Community Development program are hereby approved; and that no changes are made to the Citizen Participation Plan.
- 2. The proper officers are hereby authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to implement the intent of this Resolution.

ADOPTED and RESOLVED this 10th day of August, 2022

BY:

BRIAN K. BURKE

President of Council

ATTEST:

MICHELLE BILLUPS

Secretary of Council

Resolution No. 31-22 is hereby approved this 10th day of August, 2022

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BARBARANM K**e**ffer

Mayor

ATTEST

Chief Municipal Clerk

## **UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP** 2022 YEAR 48 ACTION PLAN

## PUBLIC FACILITIES & IMPROVEMENTS

-ADA Curb Cuts -Parking Improvements Long Lane -Park/Playground Improvements Low/Mod Area	\$482,716.05 \$100,000.00 as \$100,000.00
First Time Homebuyer Assistance Priority Housing Rehabilitation Housing Rehabilitation Rehab Service Delivery Fair Housing Program Administration Homeless Assistance	\$200,000.00 \$150,000.00 \$ 75,000.00 \$ 75,000.00 \$ 1,500.00 \$231,643.40 \$ 81,000.00
PUBLIC SERVICES	
Murphy's Giving Market UDAEF Domestic Abuse Project Bywood Community Association Multicultural Community Family Services	\$ 37,560.00 \$ 50,000.00 \$ 28,987.00 \$ 14,000.00 \$ 16,000.00

#### Upper Darby Township Delaware County, Pennsylvania

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 32-22**

# A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township, desires to apply for the Multimodal Transportation Fund grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development (DCED) to fund improvements to 69th Street between Walnut Street and Marshall Road; and

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township, recognizes that the Multimodal Transportation Fund grant funding for road and pedestrian safety improvements to 69th Street would be an asset to the township; and

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township, desires to request funding from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to improve 69th Street between Walnut Street and Marshall Road; and

#### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1. The Township is hereby authorized to apply for, execute, and submit an application to DCED's Multimodal Transportation Fund grant for up to \$1,500,000.
- 2. The Township shall provide matching funds totaling up to \$450,000 in order to provide the required 30% match.
- 3. Barbarann Keffer, the Mayor of the Township, is authorized to execute all documents and agreements needed to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.
- 1. The Township is authorized to provide such assurances, certificates, application fees, and supplemental data or revised data that may be requested in connection with the application and administration of the Multimodal Transportation Fund grant.

ADOPTED and RESOLVED this 10th day of August, 2022

BY

BRIAN K. BURKE

President of Council

MICHELLE BILLUPS

Secretary of Council

Resolution No. 32-22 is hereby approved this 10th day of August, 2022

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BARBARANN KEFFE

Mayor

ATTEST:

Chief Municipal Clerk

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 35-22**

A RESOLUTION OF UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP AFFIRMING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO VALUING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS AND SUPPORTING ACCESS TO ABORTION

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township Council ("Council") recognizes that dignity and bodily autonomy are closely connected to the ability to access reproductive healthcare, including abortions, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States has overturned the 1973 ruling in Roe v. Wade, which previously prevented individual states from directly banning abortion; and

WHEREAS, Council condemns any proposition by the Pennsylvania General Assembly or Congress of the United States that seeks to restrict access to abortions; and

WHEREAS, Council honors a person's right to bodily autonomy, dignity and control over private medical decisions; and

WHEREAS, access to safe and legal abortion is a deciding factor in long-term health, safety, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, eliminating legal access to abortion has been empirically proven to dramatically increase the risk of death, bodily injury, and infertility, especially within low-income communities and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and Physicians for Reproductive Health issued a joint statement in 2019 indicating that termination of a pregnancy in the form of abortion may be necessary to save a pregnant person's life; and

WHEREAS, Council recognizes that systematically stripping women of access to abortion violates basic human reproductive rights; and

WHEREAS, Council is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of its residents; and

WHEREAS, Council supports codifying the right to an abortion into federal law.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** Upper Darby Township Council hereby affirms and commits to supporting access to reproductive healthcare, including abortion and condemning any act by the Pennsylvania General Assembly or Congress of the United States to restricting access to that care.

## ADOPTED and RESOLVED this 10th day of August, 2022

BY:

BRIAN K. BURKE President of Council

ATTEST

MICHELLE BILLUPS
Secretary of Council

Resolution No. 35-22 is hereby approved this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022

BY

BARBARANN KEFFER

Mayor

ATTEST:

Chief Municipal Clerk