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## FIRST BUDGET HEARING

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**MINUTES**  
**1<sup>st</sup> HEARING FOR 2023 BUDGET**  
**UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**

\*\*\*The video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on [youtube.com/upperdarby.org](https://youtube.com/upperdarby.org)\*\*\*

**A Budget Hearing of Upper Darby Township Council was held on Wednesday evening, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at 6 p.m. before the regularly scheduled 7:00 p.m. 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 Budget Hearing of the Upper Darby Township Council on Wednesday evening, November 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. before 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 2023.
- 2) For all other purposes necessary or incidental thereto.

**Roll Call**

Andrew Hayman (AH), Danyelle Blackwell (DB), Brian Andruszko (BA), Sheikh M. Siddique, (SS), Brian K. Burke (BB), Michelle Billups, (MB), Hafiz Tunis Jr. (HT), Laura Wentz (LW)

Lisa Faraglia (LF), via Zoom  
Meaghan Wagner (MW), via Zoom  
Matt Silva (MS), via Zoom

**Present at the Meeting**

Mayor Barbarann Keffer  
Chief Municipal Clerk, Alexis Cicchitti  
Diana Scutti, Controller  
Donna Stilwell, Brinker Simpson  
Solicitor Courtney Richardson  
Solicitor Colleen Marsini

**Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America**  
**Moment of Silence**

**Finance and Appropriations Committee**

Chair: Laura A. Wentz  
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## **Presentation by Donna Stilwell of the 2023 Preliminary Draft Budget**

### **The Presentation can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube**

Ms. Stilwell began by explaining the process. She stated that in July, a memo went out to the Departments Heads, and then Diane Scutti, Controller met all of them to go through their budgets to anticipate their needs for 2023. The salaries are compared to the contract for accuracy, and to make sure that increases are budgeted. They look at the anticipated sewer and trash fees and do a line by line detailed budget and send it to the Finance Committee. They met with the Finance Committee and also met with Treasurer Hayman and went through the budget again. Ms. Stilwell and Ms. Scutti will continue to meet with the Finance Committee to refine the budget.

Ms. Stilwell gave her PowerPoint Presentation of the 2023 Budget.

### **Council President Burke opened the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing for the 2023 Budget.**

#### **Speakers:**

Joanne Nommavong, 133 N. Pennock Ave, spoke of anticipated trash fees & compared Haverford Township  
Olivia Taylor, 204 Kent Road, stated that she heard that the workers were getting a decrease and wanted to know if the police were safe and if anything was being taken from them. She added that residents should get a credit for the time when they had to dispose of their trash themselves to a dumpster

Kyle McIntyre, 1040 Drexel Avenue, stated that the PowerPoint slide presentation did not provide enough details and needs to be much more transparent. In addition, there should be no decrease in recreation. He went through lines of the Budget and numerous questions were asked and answered.

Spero Pappas, 2423 Cedar Lane, concerned about the cost of diesel fuel skyrocketing, asked about the possibility of twice a week trash collection

Olivia Taylor, 204 Kent Road, came back to the podium because a Councilperson stated that the CAO's salary is private and Ms. Taylor said that taxpayers have a right to know salaries. She also asked where the money came from to pay Marcum and UHY and asked about Brinker Simpson. She believes it was a paid cover-up.

AH stated that regarding recycling, there is an increased fee if the items are tainted.

LW added that she spoke to the Director of Public Works about contaminated recycling materials and the tipping fee for contaminated items is much higher. Therefore, when the sanitation workers see contaminated recycling, including dirty pizza boxes, they do not take it.

Mayor Keffer stated that CAO Rongione negotiated a much better contract with the new handler over a year ago, and that combined with the efforts of the sanitation crew have really helped to lower recycling costs.

### **Council President Burke officially closed the Budget Hearing.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Alexis Cicchitti*

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Chief Municipal Clerk