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**October 6, 2021**

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**MINUTES**  
**Committee Meeting**  
**October 6, 2021**

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

**Opening of Meeting**

**Roll Call**

Hafiz Tunis Jr. (HT), Robert S. Gwin Jr., (RG), Michelle Billups (MB), Matt Silva (MS), Danyelle Blackwell (DB), Brian K. Burke (BB), Sheikh Siddique (SS), Lisa Faraglia (LF), Donald P. Bonnett (DPB), Thomas P. Wagner, Laura A. Wentz (LW)

**Present at the Meeting**

Mayor Barbarann Keffer  
CAO Vincent A Rongione, Esq.  
Deputy CAO Alison Dobbins  
Alexis Cicchitti, Chief Municipal Clerk  
Solicitor Sean Kilkenny  
Solicitor Courtney Richardson  
Mike Galante, Township Engineer

**Guests**

Hugh Cadzow, ELA Group, Inc.  
Ed Brown, President of Upper Darby School Board  
Gina Curry, Vice-President of Upper Darby School Board

**Rules for Meeting Decorum**

**“Upper Darby Township Council and Residents will maintain professional respect for each other. Council encourages free speech, however, civility is required which would prohibit threats, profanity, scandalous, impertinent and redundant comment or any comment the discernible purpose of which is to disrupt or prevent the conduct of the business of the meeting”**

## **Public Forum**

Kyle McIntyre, 1040 Drexel Avenue, National Coming Out Week is next week. There will be a "Walk Out" on 69th Street.

Shooting at Academy Park School where a child passed away. UDTJ will be marching for police accountability on October 17, 2021 to the Sharon Hill Police Department

Ed Brown, 7111 Pennsylvania Ave, School Board President, looks forward to a continued partnership with UDT

## **Presentation for the Drexel Hill Middle School Athletic Facility Land Development**

Hugh Cadzow, ELA Group, described the upgrades for the land development at DHMS

BB asked if there were meetings with residents regarding the proposed lights. Mr. Cadzow stated that meetings would be scheduled with the residents ASAP.

DPB asked Council President Wentz if this would be on the Agenda on October 20, 2021 and asked if the meeting with the residents would be before the meeting. He also shared BB concerns.

TW agreed with the previous comments and asked that Council be involved with scheduling the meetings with the residents, as he is not pleased with the school district scheduling meetings in the past.

RG recommended that electronics versions be sent to Council.

Mike Galante gave a brief review of the progression of the project. He stated that the project was submitted and was reviewed with L&I. It did go before the Delaware County Planning Commission, especially the issue of the lighting and residential glare.

MS and HT stated that the field upgrade would be very beneficial and is much needed.

Ed Brown added that there would be provisions for how the field will be utilized.

Gina Curry stated that she believes that the field will be open to walkers.

HT asked about pavements/walkways. Mr. Cadzow gave a brief description of the planned walkways.

LF questioned the fees regarding the rental of the gym.

Ed Brown stated that he would look into the issue with the fees on the website.

BB asked about the completion date. Mr. Cadzow stated that this kind of work is generally completed during the summer months in time for fall sports.

RG requested that this come before the Planning, Zoning & Building Code Committee.

DPB asked about storm water and Mr. Galante stated that this is being addressed.

TW asked about security protocols for nighttime events and Mr. Cadzow stated that the facility would be enclosed and stated that he would refer the question to the school district.

CAO Rongione stated that the school district has a robust capital improvement plan that the Administration is broadly in favor of and supportive of and as evidence by Mr. Galante's mastery of the plan and the ability to answer these questions, the Administration has been involved in many meetings with the school district and their planners. This also includes the Mayor's new Planning Commission as well as the Delaware County Planning Commission. He added that this project has been the subject of many public school board committee meetings. He also stated that while Mr. Galante can answer many questions, the school board administration is in the best position to answer the particulars.

Council President Wentz thanked everyone for his or her participation in this presentation.

### **The Honorable Mayor Barbarann Keffer**

#### **Mayor Keffer presented two Proclamations:**

\*See attached

*Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week*

*Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month*

### **MAYOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE**

#### **Mayor Keffer read her Budget Message**

\*See attached

**Resolution No. 48-21**, a Resolution of Upper Darby Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, appointing members to the Upper Darby Planning Commission; repealing all inconsistent Resolutions or parts thereof; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date

Solicitor Richardson gave a brief on Resolution No. 47-21

#### **Motion to adopt: RG/DB**

DPB is voting against this Resolution because he believes that a Planning Commission is not necessary, as it will create additional expenses for the taxpayers. He has no issue with the people being appointed.

Solicitor Kilkenny replied that the Solicitor expenses would fall under his retainer and would not cause additional expense to the Township.

DPB added that our legal expenses have more than doubled what they have been in prior years.

BB wanted a response from the Solicitor.

CAO Rongione stated that there would be a full budget presentation where the various Solicitor expenses will be addressed. The Solicitor line does encompass a number of legal functions

outside of what Kilkenny Law provides, such as the Zoning Solicitor and the Labor and Unemployment Solicitor. The Solicitor is here to answer legal questions from Council or the Mayor and not to answer questions about the budget.

BB continued to ask if there is any extra cost. Solicitor Kilkenny stated that this would be covered under his retainer and he has not asked for an increase in his retainer. Therefore, there would be no additional cost.

HT asked to move the question and MS seconded. 10 in favor, 1 opposed (DPB). The question will be moved forward.

The original Motion was moved and seconded. 8 in favor, 3 opposed (BB, TW, DPB)  
Resolution No. 48-21 is adopted

### **President of Council, Laura A. Wentz**

Council President Wentz stated that there would be a presentation on the budget on October 20, 2021, followed by Budget Hearings on November 10, 2021 and November 17, 2021 at 6pm followed by the regularly scheduled meetings.

### **LISTEN TO AUDIO FOR NOTES**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Finance and Appropriations Committee**

Co-Chairs: Robert S. Gwin Jr. & Matt Silva

Members: Danyelle Blackwell, Brian Burke

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TW wanted to know why this was being done tonight and CAO Rongione stated that this is a statutorial obligation.

DPB asked if this had to be done now or could it wait until the budget presentation.

Solicitor Kilkenny stated that he recommends doing this as most other municipalities are doing this at this time. The amounts are the recommendation of the auditor.

**Motion to adopt: DB/RG 11 in favor. Resolution No. 46-21 is adopted**

**Resolution No. 47-21**, a Resolution authorizing the execution and submission of a Keystone Grant for Public Library Facilities Application for the development of a master site plan of all

Upper Darby Township Library locations

Solicitor Kilkenny gave a brief on Resolution No. 47-21

MS asked the purpose of this grant and the CAO responded that although there is no financial obligation on the part of UDT, they are offering support of the grant as a sponsor.

**Motion to adopt: DB/RG 11 in favor. Resolution No. 47-21 is adopted.**

RG stated that the Finance Committee has begun working on the budget for 2022.

**Ordinance No. 3105**, an Ordinance of Upper Darby Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, imposing a real estate transfer tax pursuant to the Local Tax Enabling Act; providing a severability clause and a repealer clause, and providing an effective date

**To be introduced at the October 20, 2021 Council Meeting after the Finance and Appropriations Committee has an opportunity to meet and discuss the Ordinance**

CAO Rongione explained that in other municipalities, the realty transfer tax is split between the school district and the Township. In Upper Darby, it is collected entirely by the school district. In an effort to address the ongoing budget situation, the Township would like to begin to collect some of the realty transfer fee. He stated that it was important to note that this is a fee assessed at the time of closing on a seller, and is not a broad-based property tax in any way. The Township has been working very closely with the school district to figure out a way to do this so that the school district remains completely whole, or as close to whole as possible. This is a preliminary conversation so that this can be introduced to the Council and to the public. The school district and Township are working very closely together to make this plan mutually beneficial for both taxing entities.

Solicitor Kilkenny explained in detail how the tax is administered and used examples of other municipalities. He specifically referred to page 4.

RG asked when this would be effective.

Solicitor Kilkenny stated that there are specific advertising requirements and this must be advertised once a week for three weeks.

CAO Rongione stated that the goal of the negotiation is to keep the school district as close to "whole" as possible.

LW asked how this could happen if we would be taking money from the school district.

CAO Rongione replied that there are a number of complex series of financial relationships with the school district and there are a number of ways to make the deal work.

TW asked if this would increase the amount of tax paid by the seller or buyer of the property.

CAO Rongione stated that the tax is charged to the seller.

TW confirmed that if the tax remained at 1%, then the seller would not be paying any more and the CAO agreed. TW stated that the real issue is if the tax is increased over 1% and if the tax is not over 1%, the school district will lose money and asked if they were ok with that.

The CAO reiterated that they are working very closely with the school district and from a legal perspective, Council can enact it and there is no legal recourse if Upper Darby decides to enact it as other municipalities do.

Solicitor Kilkenny answered RG's question by explaining that if the tax were increased to 1.5%, then Upper Darby Township would then decide what percentage they would want.

BB asked about all different percentages and Solicitor Kilkenny stated that his recommendation would be to follow other municipalities.

There were additional comments about determining the percentage and what other Home Rule communities do. CAO Rongione provided an additional explanation.

RG had additional questions and it was decided that the Finance and Appropriations Committee would meet to discuss.

Neil Desnoyers, Green Valley Road, stated that if the UDSD loses money, it would impact their Capital improvement projects

Rachel Mitchell, 632 Harper Avenue, stated it would also impact the amount of taxes for the taxpayers.

**Planning, Zoning and Building Code Committee**

Co-Chairs: Robert S. Gwin Jr., & Michelle Billups

Members: Donald P. Bonnett, Hafiz Tunis Jr.

**Presentation for Petition for Intermunicipal Transfer of Liquor License, File No. 21-221 for 48 Garrett Rd. Cafe & Restaurant Inc.**

John J. McCreesh, Esq., stated that Innocent Onwubiko would like to open a new restaurant. He currently owns another restaurant on Garrett Road. The new restaurant would be a little more upscale than the one that he has now. He would like to have a liquor license transferred into the Township.

Mr. Onwubiko gave his background and described his plans for the new restaurant.

Solicitor Kilkenny stated that Council should make a Motion tonight to schedule a Hearing.

BB asked if there is a cap on the amount of liquor licenses allowed in the Township. Solicitor McCreesh stated that there is not.

DPB asked if there is a hearing simply because there is a liquor license being added into the Township and Solicitor McCreesh stated that was correct.

**Motion to schedule a hearing on November 10, 2021: RG/HT 11 in favor. Motion passes.**

**Public Health and Environmental Affairs Committee**

Co-Chairs: Hafiz Tunis Jr. & Matt Silva

Members: Michelle Billups, Sheikh M. Siddique

MB stated that there was a good meeting with Stephanie Sena regarding the homeless shelter.

**Nothing for the October 20, 2021 Council Meeting**

**Municipal Services, Licensing and Public Works Committee**

Co-Chairs: Sheikh M. Siddique & Hafiz Tunis Jr.

Members: Thomas P. Wagner, Brian K. Burke

BB asked about the grant for the new trash trucks. CAO Rongione stated that the grant is fantastic and there are over 10 sanitation vehicles either ordered or delivered.

**Nothing for the October 20, 2021 Council Meeting**



**Law and Government & Rules and Procedures Committee**

Co-Chairs: Michelle Billups & Matt Silva

Members: Sheikh M. Siddique, Danyelle Blackwell

SS suggested that UDT become a city rather than a Township.

Council President Wentz stated that UDT is not contiguous and that is only one issue.

CAO Rongione added that UD is a Home Rule Community. Therefore, it would require a referendum and a change to the Home Rule Charter would be required. The Administration has worked with Senator Kearney's office to understand the requirements and obstacles.

**Nothing for the October 20, 2021 Council Meeting**

**Public Safety Committee**

Co-Chairs: Danyelle Blackwell & Brian K. Burke

Members: Hafiz Tunis Jr., **Matt Silva**

HT spoke of the crosswalks being painted in his district.

DB stated that there is an issue with parking at St. Laurence School

LW stated that the new draft of the Responsible Contractor Ordinance would be sent out

DB asked about vehicles being towed because of paving. Mike Galante stated that flyers are delivered and the contractor notifies the residents

LF stated that there is an issue at a bus stop in her district and CAO Rongione stated that he would speak to Superintendent Bernhardt

SS requested speed humps on Marshall Road and would like to speak to the Public Safety Committee

CAO Rongione stated that they are working with PennDOT regarding traffic calming.

RG asked about traffic calming measures. Mike Galante stated that he would get an updated list to Council.

MB asked about the poor road conditions on 69th Street. BB stated that the Committee would set up a meeting with the CAO and the Township engineer.

Solicitor Richardson said that they are working on turning that portion of the road back to PennDOT for maintenance.

**Nothing for the October 20, 2021 Council Meeting**

**Leisure Services Committee**

Co-Chairs: Hafiz Tunis Jr. & Matt Silva

Members: Lisa Faraglia, Danyelle Blackwell

HT spoke of recreation activities in the Township.

LF asked about the grant money for the streams in Gillespie Park. She was not aware of flyers that were delivered to residents in her district

**Nothing for the October 20, 2021 Council Meeting**

**Event Planning Committee**

Co-Chairs: Michelle Billups & Danyelle Blackwell

Members: Hafiz Tunis Jr., Matt Silva

MB stated that the Committee is planning an Expo on May 14, 2022 at the 69th Street Playground.

HT and SS stated that all Council members should be involved in events to show unity.

SS stated that on October 10, 2021, lunch would be provided from 12-4 pm at Cardington Field.  
DB stated that there would be a Farmer's Market at the Watkins Center  
BB stated that the Ferne Blvd Fall Fest will be on October 9 from 2-7pm  
HT stated that he is having a senior health fair from 2-4 pm at Alician Senior Apartments  
CAO Rongione stated that Council members had a 20-minute time slot to be on stage at the International Festival

### **Nothing for the October 20, 2021 Council Meeting**

#### **Solicitor**

Solicitor Kilkenny stated that the agreement of sale for St. Eugene's has been forwarded about 2 weeks ago and hopefully, there will be resolution sooner rather than later.

#### **Old Business**

CAO Rongione stated that Public Works attempted to contact the resident that DB spoke of earlier in the evening who had her vehicle towed but was unsuccessful and requested that DB inform the resident of that if she spoke to her.

DB stated that on September 28, she and RG met with 206 kids at a school at a meet and greet. She thanked those who participated and offered the gifts that arrived later and would like to give them to LW for an upcoming event. She also thanked Fire Chief Sawyer as well as Wawa and members of Council for the event held on October 1. DB also thanked those who participated in the Job Fair.  
She added that she would be hosting a senior dinner in November for Thanksgiving.

#### **New Business**

CAO Rongione stated that there is a flyer in tonight's folder for a pumpkin painting event for seniors

**Motion to adjourn: BB/MB Moved and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.**

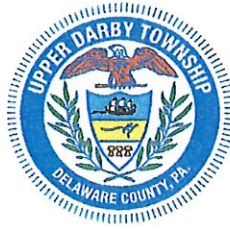
Respectfully submitted,

*Alexis Cicchitti*

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Chief Municipal Clerk

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**Upper Darby**  
A Home Rule Community  
Established 1736

## Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk of fire; and

**WHEREAS**, smoke alarms sense smoke before people can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire. Smoke alarms that work properly cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety,” effectively serves to remind us it is important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, Upper Darby Township is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those who are living in and visiting our community. Residents should be sure that everyone in the home understands the sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond to them; and

**WHEREAS**, first responders in Upper Darby and Delaware County are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

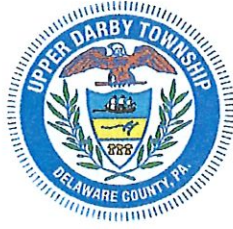
**WHEREAS**, Upper Darby residents who are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Barbarann Keffer, Mayor of Upper Darby Township, do hereby proclaim October 3 through October 9, 2021 as

### Fire Prevention Week

in Upper Darby and encourage the entire community to to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” for Fire Prevention Week 2021 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Upper Darby Township fire and emergency services.

Barbarann Keffer, Mayor  
Upper Darby Township  
Delaware County, Pennsylvania



# Upper Darby

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## Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence is a pervasive issue across Upper Darby, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, the United States, and the world, with implications for personal and community health; and

**WHEREAS**, domestic violence does not discriminate and affects all communities regardless of age, race, disability, gender identity, or socioeconomic status; and

**WHEREAS**, considering medical expenses, lost productivity, legal costs, and property loss and damage, domestic violence costs victims nearly \$82,000 over their lifetime and collectively costs the United States \$3.6 trillion; and

**WHEREAS**, research shows that by creating communities where people are connected, supportive, and care for one another can reduce incidents of domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, in Upper Darby, individuals and organizations play a part in supporting people impacted by domestic violence, providing services including therapeutic, legal, educational, housing, advocacy, and medical services. The Upper Darby Police Department is committed to shaping their practices to further support victims of domestic abuse and to limit its effect on our community.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Barbarann Keffer, Mayor of Upper Darby Township, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

in Upper Darby, and I urge all residents to become involved in efforts to prevent and respond to domestic violence and to recognize the impact of domestic violence in our community.

Barbarann Keffer, Mayor

Upper Darby Township

Delaware County, Pennsylvania



# Upper Darby

*A Home Rule Community  
Established 1736*

**Mayor Barbarann Keffer  
2022 Budget Address  
October 3, 2021**

We are approaching the end of my second year: we have returned to in-person meetings for Council and our boards and commissions. We have made modifications to municipal buildings that make them safer in the wake of COVID and for the personal safety of our employees and the public. We still live and work with the impact of the pandemic and the ensuing Delta variant, their effects felt throughout all of our departments, be it increased costs of materials and fuel, elongated delivery times or decreased revenues.

Gladly and recently, we have hosted two outstanding in-person community engagement events - the pop-up Skate Park two weeks ago at Observatory Playground, coordinating with the Delco Skatepark Coalition and the return of the International Festival in conjunction with the Friends of the Tower Theater District. This summer, we were able to offer a full and fully funded Summer Stage program with COVID precautions in place. We continue to focus on building partnerships with public and private entities like the YMCA, Septa, Friends of the Tower Theater District, the Upper Darby School District, the Tree Tenders of Upper Darby and many others to enhance our programming, spur economic development and improve our neighborhoods and business districts.

Our annual budget is an opportunity to showcase the priorities that will set us on a path to becoming the very best version of Upper Darby that we can become together. Those priorities remain, reinvestment, revitalization and reform. These three objectives are intertwined as we build the future of Upper Darby. Historically, Upper Darby has not pursued and/or received our fair share of state and federal grant money when compared to our peers communities such as Scranton, Reading, and Lancaster. A retooled and more aggressive grant writing program spearheaded by the CAO's office and implemented across all departments, working closely with our elected officials in Harrisburg and Washington has continued to bear fruit. Some of the awards we received in 2021 are:

- RACP: \$1 million for the Community Center demolition and site work
- \$75,000 for life-saving and officer protecting body-cameras
- Treevitalize Grant: \$100,000+ for streambank restoration at Gillespie Park
- PECO Green Region grant to support the Chapman Park-to-Marshall Road multi-use/bike trail

- \$425,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for pedestrians improvements on Market Street & Powell Lane
- \$735,000 for 6 brand new cleaner-energy trash trucks

In addition, we have new programming initiatives to help spur development and improve public safety. The vacant property registration program will help combat blight while the Upper Darby Planning Commission will guarantee community input at an early stage in the land development process and into our future zoning code. The new Fire Code Inspection Program and the PA Department of Community and Economic Development management study of our combination career and part-time fire department will reduce community risk and improve response times and overall operations. Soon, we will be rolling out our new website and completing the transition from the AS400 system to a modern software system that increases efficiency across departments and will allow online tax and fee payments. The parking department now offers a phone app payment option at our meters and soon will offer electric vehicle charging stations in Municipal lot #1.

We are at the preliminary stage of the budget season. This year's budget continues to address the more than \$6 million structural deficits we inherited and worked hard to balance last year with no increase in taxes or fees. Once again, we do not anticipate the need to increase taxes in order to deliver a balanced budget for 2022. Unfortunately though, the nature of a structural deficit is that it recurs annually until the underlying cause or causes are addressed. In our case, the trash and sewer fees, which do not currently cover the real cost of sanitation and sewage disposal and treatment, continue to create serious budget challenges. Additionally, we inherited a budget where more than seven and a half of every ten tax dollars are already committed to staff salaries that are subject to contractually mandated annual increases. These factors when taken with the rising cost of fees from the sewer and solid waste authorities create serious challenges.

One major step we have taken is, working with AQUA, we plan to institute a more fair and equitable usage-based sewer fee system. This will not only help address the structural deficit it will ease the burden placed on seniors and others by the old flat-rate fees. Bills would be issued quarterly and you would only pay for what you actually use unlike now when a family of five or a business is paying the same fee as a single senior citizen living on a fixed income. Many municipalities in the county already use this system.

This year I plan to introduce a trash fee rebate program for seniors and other residents who also qualify for the state's Property Tax rebate. We will be working closely with our state representatives to ensure that all eligible residents receive this rebate. In order to offer this important and well deserved rebate and to address the sanitation shortfall in a responsible way, we do anticipate a trash fee increase of less than \$4 per month.

Over the next few years, we will work to further address the structural deficits. Administratively, we have implemented measures to cut costs in sewer and sanitation fees. Our recycling costs have been lowered by 30% by negotiating a new contract with a new hauler. We

instituted a weekly yard waste collection this year which diverts these materials from the trash stream. I encourage our residents to continue to keep plastic bags out of recycling bins and to participate in the yard waste collections.

Working with Council, we instituted a sewer lateral inspection ordinance which benefits new homeowners and will cut down on the infiltration and inflow which get measured and for which property owners pay. The roofs on the township building and the Watkins Center will soon be replaced and they will both have solar panels which will cut our electric costs. Measures such as these are just the beginning of our comprehensive plan to put Upper Darby on a more prosperous and financially sustainable course for the future.

Upper Darby has received American Rescue Plan money, as have most municipalities, to cover lost revenue due to COVID and to fund qualified projects mostly in the area of infrastructure. This ARP money cannot be used to cut taxes or temporarily offset other similar recurring expenses. It's primary purpose is to keep the economy moving by offsetting lost revenues due to the pandemic and it is important to note that the spending through this plan will be closely audited by the federal government. We do expect that a significant part of the funds will be used to address our revenue losses.

In our operating budget, in addition to the structural salary increases that are part of our contractual obligations to the four unions which form the bulk of our staff, we also have pension and post-employment health care mandates that are among the most expensive in the state. The 2022 budget reflects my commitment to continue a clear, accountable system that addresses long-standing structural deficits and builds the future of a vibrant Upper Darby. At the end of the process we will once again deliver a line-item budget to create transparency.

As another part of our ongoing effort to bring more transparency to the Upper Darby tax payers we are building on our already strong working relationship with the School District to untangle our balance sheets while still providing exceptional services and education to our shared populations. One major piece in this puzzle will be that the Township will begin to collect, as nearly every other municipality in the state does, half of the realty transfer taxes. While this will bring us more in line with how things are done in most other communities it will not nearly address all of our budget issues as it is simply one part of a complex financial relationship. As further evidence of our strong collaboration with the School district and our shared commitment to Upper Darby's future, we are continuing our strong support of their capital facilities improvement program which will enhance our children's education and benefit our entire community for decades to come.

The operating budget reflects our commitment to reinvest in our workforce with paid professional development, promotion-opportunities and a retooled Human Resources Division; we hired 19 new police officers this year, the most qualified and most diverse cohort in Upper Darby history and we're on track to make significant progress in our Fire Department early in 2022. For the first time in our history, we have also hired a Director of Community and Economic Development who brings a vast array of professional experience to help us grow and promote

our commercial tax base, business community, and non-profit sector. Our public spaces have also seen a significant focus and investment: a park system master plan, sidewalk ADA accessibility, a multi-municipal bike lane and trail study, improved and modernized parking lots, vibrant streetscapes, increased litter control and a street sweeping demonstrate my administration's commitment to reinvest in and revitalize our community. The time is now for transit-connected, walkable inner-ring suburbs such as ours to reclaim their rightful place as the most desired locations for growing families and businesses to live, work, and play.

On Wednesday, our CAO will present the preliminary budget and we look forward to discussion with Council and our taxpayers. Thank you.



**UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 48-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE UPPER DARBY PLANNING COMMISSION; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 3101 created the Upper Darby Planning Commission (“Commission”) under the provisions of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code Act 247 of 1968, P.L. 805, as reenacted and amended, 53 P.S. § 10101, *et seq.*; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission shall consist of five (5) member board with two (2) alternates, all of whom shall be residents of Upper Darby Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Planning Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor with the approval of six (6) members of Council by resolution which shall also state the term to be filled by each planning commissioner; and

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


<b>James Mullen</b>	<b>Term expires December 31, 2022</b>
<b>Steve Bertil</b>	<b>Term expires December 31, 2023</b>
<b>Jeffrey Roken</b>	<b>Term expires December 31, 2024</b>
<b>Cassandra Hayes</b>	<b>Term expires December 31, 2025</b>
<b>Debbie Nifong</b>	<b>Term expires December 31, 2026</b>

**REPEALER.** All Resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

**SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Resolution is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately following its legal enactment and shall remain in effect hereafter until revised, amended, or revoked by action of the Upper Darby Township Council.

**ADOPTED and RESOLVED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021

BY:   
LAURA A. WENTZ  
President of Council

ATTEST:   
MICHELLE BILLUPS  
Secretary of Council

**Resolution No. 48-21 is hereby approved** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021

BY:   
BARBARANN KEFFER  
Mayor

ATTEST:   
VINCENT A. RONGIONE, ESQ.  
Chief Administrative Officer

**UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 46-21**

**A RESOLUTION OF UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ACKNOWLEDGING THE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP POLICE PENSION PLAN, FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION PLAN, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN; MAKING PROVISIONS FOR PAYMENT OF THESE COSTS AS PART OF THE UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS THEREOF; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania's Act 205 of 1984 created the Minimum Municipal Obligation ("MMO"), a statutorily mandated actuarial funding standard for pension obligations, which the Township is required to calculate and pay every year; and

**WHEREAS**, the financial obligation of each pension plan and the minimum obligation of the Township with respect to the pension plan, with appropriate documenting detail, shall be submitted to the governing body of the Township on or before the last day of September;

**WHEREAS**, the Township shall provide for the full amount of the minimum obligation of the Township in its annual budget; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Upper Darby Township Council that the Minimum Municipal Obligation for the 2022 Police, Fire, and Municipal Employees Pension Plans shall be budgeted in fiscal year 2022 as follows:

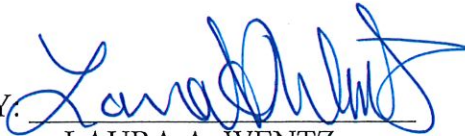
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| 1. Upper Darby Police Pension Plan              | \$3,492,143 |
| 2. Upper Darby Fire Fighters Pension Plan       | \$2,101,841 |
| 3. Upper Darby Municipal Employees Pension Plan | \$912,642   |

**REPEALER.** All Resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

**SEVERABILITY.** If any provision of this Resolution is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such determination shall have no effect on the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

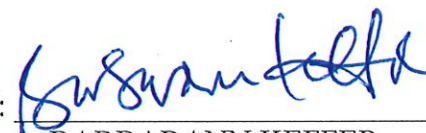
**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately following its legal enactment and shall remain in effect hereafter until revised, amended, or revoked by action of the Upper Darby Township Council.

**ADOPTED** and **RESOLVED** by the Upper Darby Township Council this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

BY:   
LAURA A. WENTZ  
President of Council

ATTEST:   
MICHELLE BILLUPS  
Secretary of Council

**Resolution No. 46-21 is hereby approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021**

BY:   
BARBARANN KEFFER  
Mayor

ATTEST:   
VINCENT A. RONGIONE, ESQ.  
Chief Administrative Officer

**UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP  
DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 47-21**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF A KEYSTONE GRANT FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES APPLICATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MASTER SITE PLAN OF ALL UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP LIBRARY LOCATIONS.**

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**WHEREAS**, Pennsylvania Department of Education (“PDE”) Office of Commonwealth Libraries is accepting applications for grants to improve the physical facilities of state-aided public libraries;

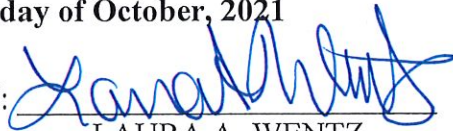
**WHEREAS**, Upper Darby Township, desires to stand as the municipal application for the Keystone Grant for Public Library Facilities Application and to designate the appropriate municipal officials authorized to act on behalf of the Township; and

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

1. Pursuant to applicable state laws and regulation Upper Darby Township shall serve as the municipal applicant for the Keystone Grant for Public Library Facilities Application to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, with the application to be executed on behalf of the Township by Vincent Rongione, Chief Administrative Officer.
2. Chief Administrative Officer, Vincent Rongione, shall serve as the contact person for Upper Darby Township under the terms of the Grant Application.
3. The Township is authorized to provide such assurances, certificates, and supplemental data or revised data that may be requested in connection with the application and administration of this grant.

**ADOPTED and RESOLVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021**

BY:



LAURA A. WENTZ  
President of Council

ATTEST:



MICHELLE BILLUPS  
Secretary of Council

**Resolution No. 47-21 is hereby approved this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021**

BY:



BARBARANN KEFFER  
Mayor

ATTEST:



VINCENT A. RONGIONE, ESQ.  
Chief Administrative Officer

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