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Moment of Silence

Opening of Meeting

**Roll Call**

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

Lisa Faraglia (LF), via Zoom

**Present at the Meeting**

Barbarann Keffer, Mayor  
Vincent A. Rongione, CAO, via Zoom  
Chief Municipal Clerk, Alexis Cicchitti, via Zoom  
Solicitor Sean Kilkenny  
Solicitor Courtney Richardson  
Sergeant of Arms, Officer Anthony Bateman

**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.”**

**Asian Heritage Month Community Award presented to Nasima Ullah**

**Public Forum**

Melissa Harris, 3827 Berkley Ave, feels the meetings are out of hand and is very frustrated with all that is happening in the Township

Ken Collins, 85 Hartley Road, Community is going down and taxes are going up.

Tiffany Taylor, 508 Millbank Road, syringes near schools and in parks, speed bumps are needed, stop sign is needed at Ruskin and Millbank

John Vizzari, 353 Kirks Lane, wants everyone on Zoom to be identified. Feels that the frivolous lawsuits are ridiculous.

Has concerns about the gun buyback program. Also wants an admission that ARPA funds were used without Council’s approval

Michelle Schofield, 519 Millbank Road, appreciates LW distributing flyers in her neighborhood but wants to know who LW stands “in solidarity with”.

Marion Minick, 1204 Wilde Avenue, Democrats are building the future of Upper Darby

Kyle McIntyre, 1040 Drexel Avenue, spoke of the LGBTQ Sanctuary Ordinance that he presented to the Council. He feels that this Ordinance should be passed.

Monica Mapp, 541 Hampden Road, safety issues in the Township with speeding vehicles. Speed bumps and stop signs are needed.

Olivia Taylor, 204 Kent Road, against a marijuana dispensary opening in the 6th District, as she believes it is in the process. She is concerned about traffic, shootings and robberies.

Janice Haman, 727 Stanbridge Road, feels that the ARPA Town Hall was awesome. There is ARPA money available for small businesses. She feels that 6 Council members are nursing a grievance and holding up the funds. The issue of the removal of the CAO will be solved in a courtroom and not in the Council room. She asked that LW and MS return to their democratic values

Brian Taylor, 7258 Lamport Road, speaking for Paulann Sabatino. Believes that there have been false narratives regarding the ARPA funds. There is a Veterans Resource Fair on August 19, 2022.

Cynthia Chappell, Hampden Road, a lot of trash and debris in the area. Landlords need to be contacted. UDT needs more women on the police force

Joanne Nammavong, 133 N. Pennock Ave, feels that speed bumps are needed. Also stated that West Chester Pike is in desperate need of paving.

Becky Duggan, 129 N. Pennock Avenue, feels that it is admirable for Council members to stand up for what is right. She has concerns about speeding vehicles. She believes that additional police officers need to be hired.

Renee Warring, 562 Millbank Road, thanked DB for starting monthly clean-ups. She also thanked the Stonehurst Hills Association for starting it. Thanked the Mayor, Councilwoman Billups and Officer Bateman for attending their meetings.

Stacey Hawley, 1017 Mason Avenue, feels that the new Township website looks great. She stated that UDPD does a wonderful job. ARPA monies need to be allocated. She wants to know what the legal fees will be with AH’s new lawsuit.

Lee Jordan, 90 Pilgrim Lane, safety issues need to be addressed. Rental properties are a serious issue. Property maintenance is a big issue. Asked for the new traffic patterns for the Drexeline land development

Tina Hamilton, 4715 Woodland Avenue, read an article updating the current status of the

David Neill, 432 Burmont Road, supports ARPA funds being released. Asked if everyone is doing all that they can.

Cintia Isles, 7611 Parkview Road, advocate for youth and children of UDT, stated that the Mayor’s vision for the ARPA funds includes activities and programs for the children of UDT. She spoke of the needs of UDFD and UDPD. She asked that the ARPA funds get released.

Peggy Wilson, 824 Drexel Avenue, attended the Town Hall meeting. Believes that the ARPA funds need to be released.

## **Adjournment**

LF made a Motion to adjourn the meeting because Mr. Rongione continues to be on Zoom and the Council does not feel covered by Mr. Kilkenny.

BA seconded the Motion.

AH wanted to make comments and Council President Burke denied the request as he stated that he did not have order. AH stated that he would stay in the meeting with at least four or five members of Council if the Council President did not want to lead the meeting. Mr. Hayman stated that they would give a presentation regarding the truth about the lawsuits and violations of the law.

Council President Burke stated that AH was out of order.

Solicitor Kilkenny stated that Section 403D of the Home Rule Charter states that the Mayor has the right to be present and participate in all Council meetings and to recommend to Council such Ordinances and Resolutions as she deems necessary and desirable, providing that however, she may not vote in Council meetings except in the case of a tie as otherwise provide herein. He added that the Mayor wanted to present the ARPA Ordinances to the Council and wanted to bring this to Council President Burke's attention.

Council President Burke stated that it was not on the Agenda and again stated that "the house is not in order."

A roll call vote was taken regarding adjourning the meeting.

6 in favor, (BA, LF, MS, BB, MW, LW) 5 opposed, (AH, DB, SS, MB, HT)

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Alexis Cicchitti*

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Chief Municipal Clerk

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