

Council Meeting Minutes
Upper Darby Township
100 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
June 3, 2026 7:00 pm

****The video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on youtube.com/upperdarby.org****

President Minick opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call:

Present: Michelle Billups (MB), Marion Minick (MM), Noah Fields (NF), Jonathan McMahon (JM), Danyelle Blackwell (Dblackwell), Myron McNeely (Mmcneely), David Bantoe (DB), and Brian O'Neill (BO).

Excused: Melissa DiNofia-Bozzone (MDB), Syama Disa (SD), Kyle McIntyre (KM).

Also present: The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown, Chief Administrative Officer Crandall O. Jones, Solicitors Gallagher and Youngblood, Chief Municipal Clerk Kate Doggett, and UDT police officers.

Motion by NF, seconded by Mmcneely

Motion to allow those who did not have an opportunity to speak during the initial thirty (30) minutes of the Public Forum to comment at the end of the meeting.

All in favor

Motion passes

Public Forum

Elaine Weaver addressed matters from a previous meeting related to the Public Forum and inquired about plans for America 250.

Charlie Alexander aired grievances about Council members, administration, and the solicitors.

Eugene McNally commented about arrests made in the township by immigration authorities.

Connie Komm expressed opposition to certain programs and activities funded by federal tax revenues.

Eron Jeter requested assistance regarding an Airbnb operating on his street and inquired about who is responsible for pothole maintenance on township streets.

Lee Jordan requested that cell phones be silenced during meetings and asked for updates regarding PennDOT barriers on Township Line Road and discussions regarding MMUs with municipalities receiving fire service. She provided information for a resident requesting funding and expressed opposition to a proposed zoning change at the Rockwell development.

Terri McGrath expressed opposition to the proposed zoning change for the Mozino Tract property.

Mark Litrenta thanked Councilor O'Neill for his efforts to address speeding concerns on Township Line Road and expressed opposition to the proposed zoning change for the Mozino Tract property. John Vizzarri discussed the Home Rule Charter requirements governing Public Forum and commented on Public Forum practices at previous meetings. He also asked the council members whether they were aware of a lawsuit in which they were named as defendants.

Bobby Yantorno aired personal grievances against a council member.

Joanne Nammavong commented on trash trucks leaking onto her street and creating slippery conditions, and expressed concerns about investors purchasing properties in the township and the resulting zoning variance requests. She urged residents to vote for Kevin McGonigle for Major League Baseball All-Star shortstop for the Detroit Tigers.

Council recessed for seven minutes.

Council reconvened.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by Mmcneely

Motion to Approve the May 20, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes

All in favor

Motion passes

The Honorable Mayor Ed Brown

Mayor Brown introduced Colonel Arthur Jenkins, Director of Delaware County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Colonel Jenkins provided Council with information regarding available veteran resources and upcoming events.

Mayor Brown's message included information about Upper Darby Township's credit rating. He spoke about Director of L&I Amrinder Singh's recognition as a 250 Public Service Champion by the National Academy of Public Administration, and CAO Crandall Jones' election as president of the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust, and as the president of the Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management. He also gave an update on the events and activities he attended or participated in since the previous Council meeting.

President of Council, Marion B. Minick

No report.

Chief Administrative Officer, Crandall O. Jones

Resolution 17-26: Adopting the Upper Darby Township Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Action Plan

Rita LaRue, Director of Community and Economic Development, gave a brief overview of the Safe Streets for All Study, the township's commitment to safer movement throughout the township for all ages and abilities, and how it will strengthen the township's position when applying for funds to implement road improvement projects.

The Council was provided with a 200-page report, which is also available online. She then introduced Joshua Chast, Planning and Zoning Manager, who gave a presentation on the Plan which included recommendations.

Dblackwell inquired about the "Fatal Injury" category, the study's time period, and the recommendations for improvements.

MB asked about where the funding opportunities for implementation will come from.

Mayor Brown thanked Rita LaRue and Joshua Chast for their work and stated he will be speaking to the Senator and State Representatives about funding.

Motion by MB, seconded by Dblackwell

Motion to Approve Resolution 17-26

All in favor

Motion Passes

**Resolution 18-26: Waiving BPL/Mercantile Licensing Requirements for Businesses
Participating in Township-Approved Special Events**

CAO Jones introduced and explained the Resolution.

MB expressed support for the Resolution.

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by NF

Motion to Approve Resolution 18-26

All in favor

Motion Passes

John Vizzarri alleged a Sunshine Act violation, stating that the 30-minute Public Forum limit prevented some residents who were present from speaking on the legislation before Council's consideration.

Solicitor Gallagher stated that it is not a Sunshine Act violation.

**Resolution 21-26: Authorize Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing agreement with
HGACBuy**

CAO Jones introduced and explained the Resolution, which would authorize an Interlocal Contract for Cooperative Purchasing agreement with the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGACBuy) for the purchase of Fire Department Vehicles approved in the FY2026 Capital Budget.

Dblackwell clarified that Chief Martin and CAO Jones are working together on these decisions.

Motion by Dblackwell, seconded by MB

Motion to Approve Resolution 21-26

All in favor

Motion Passes

**Ordinance 2026-06: Authorizing the Acquisition of Property Located at 7241 West Chester Pike,
Through the Exercise of Eminent Domain**

Motion by NF, seconded by DB

Motion to Open a Public Hearing on Ordinance 2026-06

All in favor

Motion Passes

CAO Jones provided information regarding the Ordinance and stated that the firehouse has been working cooperatively with the Township.

Public Hearing

Connie Komm expressed support for the Ordinance and raised concerns about the firehouse's transparency in the use of funds.

Joanne Nammavong inquired whether the firehouses were asked if they provided receipts to the township, whether the appraisal is available, and when the township last provided funds to the fire station.

Becky Duggan inquired about a recommendation contained in a previous report.

Jutine Mays asked about the eminent domain process.

Bob Yantorno spoke about the property and the importance of public safety.

Elaine Weaver asked who is paying for the building's maintenance now and about the status of the other fire stations.

Judy Duggan expressed opposition to this Ordinance.

An unidentified resident expressed opposition to this Ordinance.

Spiro Pappas questioned whether fire protection services would end if the firehouse were sold.

An unidentified resident asked whether a mortgage would be required to purchase the firehouse and whether the township intends to acquire ownership of all of the firehouses in the township.

Steve Komm commended the administration, the Mayor, and the Council for the work they have been doing related to fire protection.

James Durante suggested tabling the Ordinance until additional information can be provided to residents. He asked when the fire station was last inspected.

Mayor Brown reassured residents that he heard their concerns, spoke about the drop in volunteer firefighters, and explained the reason for this action. He invited Chief Nicholas Martin to explain the responsibility of continuing to provide fire protection and how best to do so.

John Vizzarri responded to the Mayor's remarks and discussed transparency and the requirement for quarterly financial reports.

Lee Jordan commented on the March 9, 2026, Oversight Meeting and said firehouses were not given enough notice.

Mark Litrenta asked whether the Township's monthly funding covers firehouse operating costs, including payroll, and what expenses are included in that funding.

Olivia Taylor asked whether firefighters would continue to be paid if the Township acquired ownership of the building.

Motion by NF, seconded by Mmcneely

Motion to Close the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2026-06

All in favor

Motion Passes

NF stated that the Township and Council have a duty and responsibility to consider the long-term stability and future certainty of critical emergency services when making decisions.

DB discussed the primary reason for the action and emphasized the importance of ensuring public safety.

Dblackwell stated that she trusts Upper Darby Township to handle the matter and expressed support for the action.

Motion by DB, seconded by Mmcneely

Motion to Approve Ordinance 2026-06

Roll Call Vote: 8 in favor (MB, MM, NF, JM, Dblackwell, Mmcneely, DB, BO), 3 excused (MDB, SD, KM).

Motion passes

Solicitor

No report.

Old Business

Mmcneely thanked everyone who participated in the Cookout and Food Giveaway event with Council at Large, including Mayor Brown, and noted the amount of food distributed.

New Business

No New Business.

Public Forum – Continued

Becky Duggan stated that she received a warning after responding when her name was called in error and believed the warning was unfair. She sought clarification regarding what constitutes a public record, expressed concern that Council was disparaging the volunteer firefighters, and urged Council to vote against the Mozino Tract proposal.

Olivia Taylor disagreed with continuing the Public Forum at the end of the meeting and raised a grievance about Mayor Brown.

Judy Duggan commented that quarterly financial reports are required under the Home Rule Charter, stated that residents are not confused about eminent domain, and spoke about Resolution 18-26.

Justine Mays discussed Earned Income Tax (EIT) revenue, questioned how the projected revenue goals would be achieved, and asked Council members whether they were aware of a lawsuit filed by residents against the Council.

Spiro Pappas spoke on matters related to township immigration practices, community clean-up initiatives, street-sweeping services, and governmental accountability, and inquired about contaminated recycling.

Sabrina Dotson reported a rat infestation on her street and expressed concerns regarding poor sanitary conditions.

Richard A. Blye discussed an American Legion event scheduled on Flag Day to celebrate the Army's birthday.

Steve Komm discussed voters' rights.

Motion by Mmcneely, seconded by DB

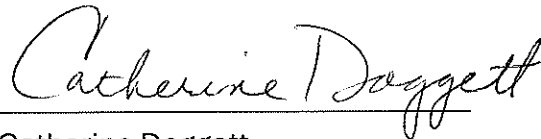
Motion to Adjourn

All in favor

Motion passes

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Doggett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Catherine Doggett
Chief Municipal Clerk