



Upper Uwchlan Township
Board of Supervisors, Draft 2026 Budget Workshop
October 14, 2025
4:00 p.m.
Minutes
Approved

Attendees:

Jenn Baxter, Chair
Andy Durkin, Vice-Chair
Sandy D'Amico, Member

Tony Scheivert, Township Manager
Lindsay Yeager, Assistant Township Manager
Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary
Jill Bukata, Township Treasurer
Rhys Lloyd, Codes Enforcement Officer
Anthony Campbell, Zoning Officer
Mike Esterlis, Public Works Director
Tom Jones, Police Chief
Joe Carr, Police Lieutenant

The Workshop was held at the Township Building, 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs PA 19425.

Jenn Baxter called the Workshop to order at 4:07 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and offered a moment of silence. No one planned to record the Workshop. One citizen was in attendance.

Resolutions

PennDOT Winter Maintenance Services Agreement. Tony Scheivert explained we've had an agreement in place for many years for Graphite Mine Road south of Byers Road plowing services we provide to PennDOT. This Agreement covers the 2025-2026 season through 2033/2034. Total Agreement Value \$9,056.71.

Andy Durkin moved, seconded by Sandy D'Amico, to adopt **Resolution #10-14-25-10** memorializing the Agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

Statewide Local Share Assessment Grant Applications (2). Tony Scheivert explained we'd like to submit 2 grant applications for funds from this Program provided by Pennsylvania gaming revenues: one requests \$55,000 for the Police Department to purchase a Polaris UTV and trailer to haul it to locations within the Township for off-road responses, as needed; and another requests \$150,000 for the Public Works Department for a wheel loader. These would replace current equipment that would be used by other Departments or sold.

Andy Durkin moved, seconded by Sandy D'Amico, to adopt **Resolution #10-14-25-11** for the Police Department request and **Resolution #10-14-25-12** for the Public Works request. The motions carried unanimously.

Hickory Park Renovations Bid Results

The Township recently requested bids from contractors for renovations at Hickory Park, to include pickle ball courts, a T-ball field, additional parking, relocating the sand volleyball court, and stormwater management. Eleven bids were received for site work and four bids for electrical work. The project estimate was \$2,100,000. The low bid for the site work was alone was \$2,586,767. Following thorough review, the major variance between the estimate and the bid numbers is the stormwater. It is suggested all bids be rejected, we'll adjust the scope of work for the additional

parking and stormwater management and rebid in 2026. Andy Durkin moved, seconded by Sandy D'Amico, to reject all bids at this time. The motion carried unanimously.

Draft 2026 Budget

Jill Bukata introduced portions of the draft 2026 budget; the remaining portions will be discussed at the November workshop. She called attention to pension costs will be lower, especially in the Police Department, due to the great market and funding obligations; our insurance carrier moved to a new property insurance insurer which reduced our rates; we believe the health insurance rates will also be good.

Public Works Department. Mike Esterlis noted most line items are consistent with 2025 with a small increase in vehicle maintenance; capital items will be discussed next month. Tony Scheivert noted the Department will have an overall 1% increase, mainly for salaries that haven't been factored in yet. Sandy D'Amico questioned plowing and overtime costs. Mike noted overtime comes from the general fund, not Liquid Fuels.

Building and Codes Department. Rhys Lloyd noted that the overall Department budget will be less than last year due to reduction in pension costs and lower telephone costs.

Police Department. Chief Jones noted the Department budget will be roughly the same, perhaps slight increases here and there; there are new expenses for the K9 Officer; vehicle maintenance; insurance reimbursements; tactical supplies; on the revenue side, accounts receivable will reflect donations such as for the K9 Officer. Capital expenditures will be discussed next month, such as outfitting 140 Pottstown Pike for their needs in 2026, cameras, training, educational opportunities for the officers. Sandy D'Amico mentioned part-time wages and overtime. Chief Jones explained that while the part-time officers go through training, they are paid differently because they can't be out on patrol on their own. He also mentioned that we bill the City of Philadelphia and Bishop Shanahan when we assist them with events, but we don't bill our neighbors when providing mutual aid.

Solid Waste Fund. Mike Esterlis noted few changes; there's a decrease in toter purchases because the proposed development of 100 Greenridge Road hasn't happened; we are building a storage area for the toters in inventory; revenues are on target. Tony Scheivert advised tipping fees will probably be raised \$1-\$2/ton but recycling disposal costs are rising as China is not buying U.S. recyclables. Costs are now at \$55/ton/month.

Liquid Fuels Fund. Jill Bukata advised our funds from the State have already been established but there's the possibility we'll receive more from they estimated. All paving and resurfacing are included though some might come out of the General Fund. Tony noted that paving costs can fluctuate depending on the price of oil and asphalt. We paved 2.7 miles this year; approximately 3 miles is the target each year.

Open Session

There were no comments

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Jenn Baxter adjourned the Workshop at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik, Township Secretary