Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors
October 22, 2026 Budget Workshop Minutes

The October 22, 2026 Budget Workshop of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Ben Weldon at 6:00 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Ben Weldon, Vice Chair Braun Taylor, Treasurer Elizabeth Thompson, Member Yvette Taylor. Member Tom Cino participated by telephone. Also in attendance were Township Manager Gregg Schuster, Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Finance Officer Kelly DiMaria, Planning & Zoning Director Denise Burmester, and Public Works Superintendent Matt Gorman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Weldon led in the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence.

Mr. Schuster provided a general overview of the proposed 2027 budget noting that:

- Operations are generally unchanged.
- There continues to be a General Fund Deficit.
- A new ambulance contract will be negotiated for 2027.
- Funding for the police co-responder program is included.
- A rate change is proposed for the Heritage Hills / Traditions sewer and water system.
- A budget for community events is included.

Mr. Schuster then provided highlights of the following funds: General Fund, Emergency Services, Liquid Fuels, Fire, Riparian, Tree and Building Construction (debt), Throughout the presentation, Board members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

Mr. Schuster then provided recommendations for the Emergency Services Fund. The ambulance budget would remain in that fund but without a General Fund transfer. Additionally, budgets for the Fire Marshal, volunteer firefighter workers compensation, volunteer firefighter incentives, and the Public Works stipend would be moved from the General Fund to the Emergency Services Fund, and a 3.0-mill Emergency Services Tax would be enacted to cover these costs. No millage rate changes were proposed for the General Fund (5.7) or Fire Fund (.75).

The remaining funds will be reviewed at the second Budget Workshop on October 26, 2026. Authorization to advertise the Preliminary Budget will be placed on the November 17, 2026 agenda for Board consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Weldon announced that the second Budget Workshop will be held on October 26 beginning at 6 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Schuster
Township Manager
Approved: November 17, 2026