Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors
October 26, 2026 Budget Workshop Minutes

The October 26, 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, Public Works Superintendent Matt Gorman, and Interim Police Chief Ken Coluzzi.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. Schuster provided highlights of the Capital Fund, which includes funding for the purchase of two police cruisers, a Bobcat, trailer, floodgates, the road program and for the Engine 81 sinking fund.

He then reviewed the following funds: Park & Recreation, Park and Recreation Capital, Water/Sewer and Water/Sewer Capital.

Due to the increasing operational costs and minimal fund balance for the Heritage Hills/Traditions plant, a rate study was conducted by the Water/Sewer Engineer which indicated a 60 % increase would be required to fund operations and planned capital projects. Based on those findings, Mr. Schuster is recommending a 12% rate increase in 2027 to be adjusted accordingly in the future. No PFAS treatment is budgeted at this time as grants will be sought for that future project. An analysis of the Enclave water/sewer funds will occur in 2027.

Throughout the presentation, members of the Board had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments.

A Preliminary Budget will be prepared for the November 17 Board of Supervisors meeting based on Board feedback as will an ordinance to implement an emergency services tax. Once it is authorized for advertisement, the Preliminary Budget will be available for public review and placed on the December 15 agenda for approval.

Mr. Schuster acknowledged staff members for their work and assistance during the budget development process, and the Board thanked the Township team for their efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Weldon announced that the next Regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Building.

A motion was made by Ms. Thompson and seconded by Ms. Taylor to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Schuster
Township Manager
Approved: November 17, 2026