

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Minutes of the meeting held on October 14, 2025

A budget meeting of the Lower Paxton Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Chair Kurtz on the above date at the Lower Paxton Township Municipal Center, 425 Prince Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Supervisors present, in addition to Ms. Kurtz, were Pamela Thompson, Allen McCormack, Jill Vecchio, and John Njeim. Also in attendance were Thomas Vernau, Interim Township Manager, Adam Kosheba, Assistant Township Manager/Director, Public Safety; /Finance Director; Deputy Chief; Brett Graham, Deputy Fire Chief; Karen DeLong, Finance Director, and Rick Grove, Interim Finance Director.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Vecchio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation of 2026 General Fund Budget Proposal (Public Safety -Fire)

Mr. Graham provided an overview of the proposed 2026 General Fund budget, highlighting revenue generated from the fire tax millage, operating expenses, and the planned expansion of staffing. He reported that funding is available to support eight new career firefighters and requested approval for four additional firefighters. He presented a plan to achieve 24-hour, township-wide operational coverage.

Mr. Graham also reviewed preliminary projections for the 2027 budget, noting that no tax increase is proposed for 2026. He discussed the stipend program budget and outlined plans to improve the Township's website to better support firefighter recruitment efforts. Based on call volume statistics and service demand, he proposed a total of 20 career firefighters in 2026.

Mr. Graham noted that increased call volume and service demand are driven by the Township's growth and rising population. A discussion followed regarding the proposed staffing levels, assigned duties, recruitment strategies, and the roles and responsibilities of the proposed lieutenant positions.

Adjournment

Mr. Njeim made motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Vecchio seconded the motion. Ms. Kurtz called for a voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shellie Smith,
Recording Secretary

Approved by,

Robin Lindsey,
Secretary

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