

Upper Pottsgrove Township
Board of Commissioners
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

June 2025

Fellow Residents, a general update:

Upper Pottsgrove Township is in the strongest financial position it has ever experienced. The Township's General Fund balance is 11.0 million with over \$9.7 million invested in short-term US Treasury Bills (strategic project reserves). The Township carries no debt and has fixed the budgeting process and the pension solvency problems created before 2018 as well.

The primary intent of the Board of Commissioners continues to be to provide the residents with a safe and secure Township with the best services at the most economically feasible cost while, at the same time, to enhance the experience of living in the Township. The majority of the Commissioners have also made guarding against overdevelopment a primary task.

The Township realizes this intent through its three departments: administration, police, and public works, and through the funding of the Township's volunteer fire department. The realization of this intent is met as well by the generous support of residents who volunteer to serve on the Township's Zoning, Civil Service, Open Space & Recreation Committees, and the Planning Commission.

In the Commissioner's drive to defend against overdevelopment, they have purchased several tracts of land, parrying off excessive crowding within the Township and adding to the overall rural flavor of Upper Pottsgrove. The Township now owns approximately 338 acres and, with the hard work of the Open Space & Recreation Committee, has continued to enrich the enjoyment of living in Upper Pottsgrove.

With any township government, personnel costs as well as engineering and legal services will continue to rise. The Township's legal issues concern a developer who wants to build over 400 houses in the Township, a formerly discharged police officer who is suing the Township, two individuals who believe their policy demands concerning Township property supersede the decision of the elected commissioners and two individuals who have made defamatory attacks against the Township staff. These issues have forced the Township to defend itself and its staff adding needless costs.

The Township's overall strategic goals have been to eliminate the risk of owning a sewer system, to pay off all debt, to make the pension funds solvent, to develop an investment plan, and to construct a municipal complex. The Township has achieved all these goals except construction of the municipal complex. However, on June 16th the Township approved the contracts to build the complex on Township property located at the corner of Gilbertsville Road and Moyer—it was a long-time coming.

The Board of Commissioners would like to thank the staff for their hard work as well as all the committee volunteers, the volunteer firefighters, and the volunteer fire police who have served the Township. Well done! We appreciate all you do.

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