

**Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors
Meeting of September 16, 2026
Preliminary Budget Meeting and Other Business**

The Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors met on September 9, 2026 at 6:00 P.M., in the Township meeting room, to discuss the Preliminary 2027 Budget and any other business. In attendance and voting were Supervisors: Chairman Gary Deck, Vice Chairman Lester Feick and Harold Zimmerman. Also present were Bryan Dronick, Police Chief; Kathy Judy, Township Secretary/Treasurer and Lisa Care, Sewer Services Secretary.

Members of the audience included Susan Wolfe.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Deck called the meeting to order at 6:13 P.M. The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Susan Wolfe spoke to advocate for the Library, she explained what their public funding is based on, that it doesn't provide all of the needed revenues, fundraising is often needed in order to offer programs and activities, and asked the Board to consider increasing the donation amount for 2027.

NEW BUSINESS: Review 2026 Preliminary Budgets

Township Funds – The line-item breakdown for each accounts' 2026 year to date and projected year end was reviewed and discussed by the Board.

Changes for the 2027 General Fund budget that were discussed included:

- Increasing the Library donation, Police radio, Fire Company radio, Ambulance radio, electric, fuel and insurance costs
- Increasing the rate to charge for Police Services

The Building Maintenance, Police PTO, Emergency Services and Recreation Funds were also reviewed.

The Street Light Fund was reviewed.

- It was noted that the revenue is equal to the utility bills coming in; there are no surplus funds remaining in the account.

The Liquid Fuels Budget was reviewed.

- The Secretary is to reconcile the Snow and Ice Removal expenses for 2026. The Liquid Fuel account will reimburse the General Fund for the \$20,000 that it was budgeted to spend in 2026 for this line item.

Sewer Funds – The line-item breakdown for each account was reviewed and discussed by the Board. Changes to the 2027 Sewer Budget that were discussed included:

- Increasing the Sewer treatment, plant repairs, maintenance services and electric and insurance costs.
- Increasing the number of new tap-in and connects from (3) to (4) for 2027.

Transferring \$30,000.00 from the Sewer Service Prime Account to the to help pay 2026 invoices was discussed.

The Township and Sewer Service projected revenues and expenses for 2026 and 2027 will be reviewed again in November.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- A request for Fire Police Assistance was received from Upper Bern Township. *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to approve the request for Fire Police Assistance at Shartlesville Borough's Parade & Block Party on September 29, 2026 - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- Bridge on Little Swatara Church Road – the board discussed the condition of the roadway and bridge at this site. Vice Chairman Feick stated that he would like to seek grant funding for a box culvert and concrete sidewall and advised that a report from a Structural Engineer will be required. *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to authorize the Township Engineer to obtain the necessary reports and to proceed with an application for funding this project - - seconded by Chairman Deck and passed unanimously (3-0).*
- County Municipal Radio System Replacement – The Board discussed the latest information from the County on the proposed radio refresh. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: *Supervisor Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. - - seconded by Vice Chairman Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Judy, Secretary/Treasurer
Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors