

# BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP

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## BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP Board of Supervisors Work Session Agenda September 24, 2025 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. Budget

**Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors**  
**Work Session**  
**Minutes**

The work session of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held September 24, 2025 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

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| Present:     | Jon Forest              | Chairman                             |
|              | Maggie Rash             | Vice-Chairman                        |
|              | Paul Calderaio          | Member                               |
|              | Dana S. Cozza           | Township Manager                     |
| Not Present: | Daniel Gray             | Township Engineer                    |
|              | Craig A. Smith, Esquire | Township Solicitor                   |
|              | Luke Rosanova           | Bucks County Planning Commission     |
|              | Gary Weaver             | Township Water/Wastewater Consultant |

*The work session began at 4:00 p.m.*

**Budget - Roads and Facilities Department**

Mr. Hinz, Director of the Roads and Facilities Department, was present along with Mrs. Pistory, Director of the Finance Department, to discuss the projected 2026 budget.

- Gasoline. Mr. Hinz said the gasoline budget is up \$4,000 for 2026, and added that the bid was awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.
- Sanitation Recycling. Mr. Hinz said this was reduced by cutting back the leaf bag pick up from twice to one time a year, providing fewer bags and not renting trash trucks for bag retrievals.
- Vehicle repairs and maintenance. Mr. Hinz noted this has increased due to repairs and maintenance being carried out by two of our employees who have their mechanics licenses doing the work. He said that supplies cost money.
- Rental snowplow subs. Mr. Hinz said this is based on previous spending and has been reduced by \$20,000 as an estimate for 2026.
- Overtime pay. Mr. Calderaio noted the wages go up and down quite a bit. Mrs. Pistory explained that is due to snow removal.
- Highway supplies. Mr. Hinz said this item was increased by \$5,000 for asphalt and other supplies.
- Contracting services. Mr. Hinz explained this item keeps increasing due to township owned trees falling and needing to be removed.
- Telephone Services / Machinery & Equipment. Mrs. Pistory explained these items are increased as items are needed for the administration building and the Hughes house.
- Electricity. Mrs. Pistory explained that going 100% green has increased the cost.

**Budget – Recreation and Parks Department**

- Contracting Services. Mrs. Cozza said this was increased for 2025 due to the 325<sup>th</sup> township anniversary events. Mr. Calderaio suggested keeping it well funded due to the Country's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2026, and suggested that Buckingham Day be robustly celebrated again. Mrs. Cozza noted there also are Arbor Day celebrations now, along with other various special events.
- Mowing contract. Mr. Hinz said this is currently out to bid, so numbers will be adjusted following the bid award.

Discussion was held regarding maintenance of the island on Cold Spring Creamery Road near Durham Road. Mrs. Cozza suggested when PennDOT repaves Cold Spring Creamery Road, the township could request that the island be paved or removed completely.

- Rentals. Lightning detection system. Mrs. Cozza explained the township plans to rent a lightning detection system to be used at the Hansel Park Pavilion to alert staff and residents of dangerous conditions during concerts. Mr. Hinz said the system provides 24-7 access to a meteorologist, so they could also use it for snow and other storms. Mrs. Pistory explained the township has to pay for installation and equipment for the first year, and then \$3,900 annually afterwards.
- Park Fund. Mrs. Cozza said the Holicong Park original pavilion is scheduled to be replaced this year. Mr. Hinz said they hope to reuse the concrete pad which will save money, and that materials were \$45,000 when they built the new pavilion a few years ago and are now estimated to be around \$61,000. Mr. Hinz said the bathrooms in the old pavilion are in bad shape and the new pavilion will be identical to the one in the newer phase of the park.
- Entrance at George Bush Park. Mr. Hinz explained this is for the entrance sign to be replaced.

**Budget – Police**

Chief Scirrotto, Buckingham Township Police Department, was present along with Mrs. Pistory, Director of the Finance Department, to discuss the projected 2026 budget.

Chief Scirrotto provided a Budget Preparation presentation with highlights of what has been accomplished in 2025 and what is proposed in 2026.

- Vehicles. Chief Scirrotto explained they had requested two vehicles in 2025 with the option to add a third, and they just got one of them, which is a hybrid. He said the second one hasn't been purchased yet as it is not needed and he is frugal when and where he can be.
- Firearms upfitting. Chief Scirrotto explained there is \$25,000 budgeted to transition from 45 caliber iron-sight service guns to 9mm service guns with optics. He said this will include holsters and training to become proficient with the new equipment.

- Ammunition. Chief Scirrotto explained the department had 6 firearms training sessions in 2025, and project 8 sessions in 2026. He said they can trade in the remaining 45 caliber ammunition for 9mm ammunition.
- Staffing. Chief Scirrotto explained what affects staffing needs, including 150 miles of roads to cover, 911 data, an airport (2 crashes in 2025), and Peddler's Village security (with over 1.6 million visitors annually, and growing 2-3 times each year). He said they propose adding one officer in 2026, and two in 2027 to keep up with the needs. Mrs. Cozza explained that the budget also includes the promotion of two sergeants in 2026.

Chief Scirrotto encouraged the Board of Supervisors to review his powerpoint presentation at their leisure, and ask him any questions they may have.

*6:15 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.*

**Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 22nd day of October, 2025.**

**Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors**

Maggie Rash, Chairman

Jon Forest, Vice-Chairman

Paul Calderaio

Attest:

Dana S. Cozza, Township Secretary

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.*