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BUCKINGHAM TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors
Work Session Agenda
October 22, 2025
5:00 p.m.

Budget

Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors
Work Session
Minutes

The work session of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors was held October 22, 2025 in the Township Building, 4613 Hughesian Drive, Buckingham, Pennsylvania.

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

The work session began at 5:00 p.m.

Budget

Mrs. Cozza reviewed the following outstanding budget items:

- Trail options. Mrs. Cozza said that the township engineer, Dan Gray, would be present later during this work session to discuss various trail options and pricing.
- Mowing Contract. Mrs. Cozza explained the bids needed to be analyzed prior to making a recommendation for award during the November Board of Supervisors meeting, but at first review she didn't see much of a change and there may even be a decrease.
- Open Space Fund. Mrs. Cozza said that \$150,000 has been added to the budget for deer management due to extreme crop damage. She said that resident/farmer Tom Trycieki has asked to attend the November work session along with a representative from the USDA to present options to lessen crop damage by deer.
- Mrs. Cozza confirmed that the Board approves hiring the third person for the police department by the end of 2025 (2 replacing retirees, plus 1 additional hire).
- Mrs. Cozza confirmed that the Board was in favor of replacing the police department handguns and associated items.
- Mrs. Cozza confirmed that the Board was in favor of budgeting \$40,000 for the Bucks County Planning Commission to prepare an updated Comprehensive Plan at a quote of \$31,000, and that sustainability and ordinance changes would also go to that budget line.
- Mrs. Cozza confirmed that Zoning Hearing Board continuance language will be updated on the 2026 Fee Schedule to help cover some of the cost.
- Mrs. Cozza confirmed that the Building and Zoning Department software update to the Cloud system was added to the budget.
- Mrs. Cozza confirmed that the Park Department has requested a vehicle replacement.

- Mrs. Cozza confirmed that the new Holicong Park pavilion replacement that was going to be done in 2025 has been pushed to 2026.
- Mrs. Cozza asked the Board for a decision on budgeting \$6,000 for a weather station as discussed during a previous work session to be used mainly for determining if township concerts should be cancelled or not due to the weather. The Board agreed that the weather station was not needed, and that Jim Kettler, Emergency Management Coordinator would make the determination regarding the weather and that a time would be set in which the decision would be rendered so that residents and the entertainment could be notified in a timely fashion.
- General Greene Inn update. Mrs. Cozza announced that resident Bob Welch purchased the Inn and the township had the opportunity to tour the building with him.
- Mrs. Cozza said that the October 29th work session meeting would not be needed for budget discussion.

5:50 p.m. The Board retired into executive decision to discuss ongoing legal matters: Froehlich, Lykon, McArdle and Feeney.

6:00 p.m. The Work Session resumed.

Trail Options

Mrs. Cozza said that \$500,000 had been put into the 2026 budget for trails, and that Mr. Gray was present to discuss various trail options.

- Buckingham Forest to Devonshire.
 Estimated cost: \$135,000.
 Description: 6' wide multi-use trail from existing sidewalk at Green Ridge Drive (Buckingham Forest) and Swamp Road to existing trail and sidewalk at Oxfordshire Drive (Devonshire), with crosswalks at Green Ridge Road and Oxfordshire Drive. Limited right-of-way-required.
 Discussion: Mr. Gray said the township has the right-of-way to cross Swamp Road, and this would provide residents from Buckingham Forest trail access to the Rita's Water Ice area. Mr. Gray said this trail would complete the connection of Upper Mountain Estates to Heritage Center. Mr. Gray pointed out that the Devonshire trails are not part of the township's official Trail System, as the residents only wanted their homeowners to use their trails. Mrs. Cozza said the HOA could be contacted for a recent opinion if the Board was interested in developing this connection.
- Burnt House Hill between Fell Road and Hansell Road.
 Estimate cost: \$125,000.
 Description: 10' wide Bicycle trail from Fell Road to Hansell Road, primarily for bicyclists who use Fell and Hansell Roads to travel from Doylestown Township to Solebury Township.

Discussion: Mr. Gray said this trail was requested by the Doylestown Bike'n'Hike community. He said that the township currently has an interconnection from The Oaks at Buckingham to Oakleigh Farm via road and sidewalk, to the Cold Spring Creamery Road trail to George M. Bush Park. Mr. Gray said this proposed trail would need 10' with a lot of right-of-way and tree disturbance on a resident's property, adding that the other side of the road is unusable due to a culvert. Mrs. Cozza recommended that the Doylestown Bike'n'Hike persons approach the resident whose property would be disturbed and request his input.

- Durham Road between Carversville Road and Long Lane.
Estimated cost: \$350,000
Description: 6' wide multi-use trail from Carversville Road to Long Lane. Connects Carversville Road and Long Lane to Cold Spring Creamery Road trail at the Durham Road traffic signal.
Discussion: Mr. Gray said this trail would provide a natural extension to the Cold Spring Creamery Road trail. He said there are no right-of-way obstructions along Durham Road, but there are along 2 lots at Long Lane. Mr. Gray said the township has a trail along the Fireside development, but the intersection at Durham and Long Lane is very wide with turn lanes, but could be improved with a traffic signal (which would require long term maintenance).
- Long Lane – Newbolt Court to Street Road.
Estimated cost: \$375,000
Description: 6' wide multi-use trail from Newbolt Court to Street Road. Utilizes the existing Dalton Glen sidewalks to connect to Durham Road.
Discussion: Mr. Gray said this trail would be a little over a mile long, and would start at the 2nd road in Dalton Glen. He said the township has some right-of-way, but would need much more.
- Cold Spring Creamery Road extension. Mrs. Cozza said the township applied for a grant to extend the Cold Spring Creamery Road trail to Swamp Road, but did not get it, and would continue to research grant opportunities.

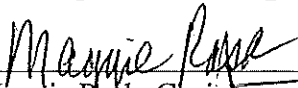
Mrs. Cozza asked the Board to consider the trail options as presented, and to discuss them again during a future work session.


6:30 p.m. The Work Session adjourned.

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Approved by the Board of Supervisors on the 12th day of November, 2025.

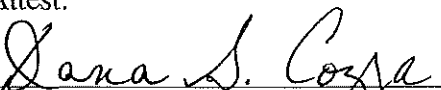
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Maggie Rash, Chairman


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Attest:


Dana S. Cozza, Township Secretary

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lori Wicen.

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