

The stated Organizational meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA.

CALL TO ORDER:

Township Manager Manfredi called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Township Manager Manfredi introduced Honorable Gail Weilheimer of Montgomery County 38th Judicial District Judge of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to administer oaths of office to the following:

Honorable Judge Gail Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Kenneth Brodsky of Ward 2 on this 2nd day of January, 2018.

Honorable Judge Gail Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Michael Thompson of Ward 6 on this 2nd day of January, 2018.

Honorable Judge Gail Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Matthew Vahey Ward 12 on this 2nd day of January, 2018.

Honorable Judge Gail Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Jimmy DiPlacido of Ward 4; Peggy Myers of Ward 8; Thomas Hecker of Ward 10; and Lori Schreiber of Ward 14 on this 2nd day of January, 2018.

Honorable Judge Gail Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to Jay W. Blumenthal, Tax Collector on this 2nd day of January, 2018.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners KLINE, BRODSKY, ROTHMAN, DiPLACIDO, LUKER, THOMPSON, SANCHEZ, MYERS, ZAPPONE, HECKER, SPIEGELMAN, VAHEY, GILLESPIE, SCHREIBER, BOWMAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that she feels the “code is un-enforced as well as there are public safety issues at 12-story buildings.”

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominations for the Office of President:

Manager Manfredi opened the floor for nominations for the Office of President.

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION to nominate Commissioner Wayne C. Luker, Ward 5 for President of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido.

Manager Manfredi asked for any other nominations. There were none.

Commissioner Myers made a MOTION to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Zappone. Nominations were closed.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Nominations for the Office of Vice President:

President Luker opened nominations for the Office of Vice President.

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION to nominate Commissioner Steven N. Kline, Ward 1 for Vice President of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, seconded by Commissioner Schreiber.

President Luker asked for any other nominations. There were none.

President Luker made a MOTION to close nominations, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman. Nominations were closed.

Commissioner Myers said she will be abstaining from this vote and she knows the Solicitor will say 'it's illegal for me to do that;' however, she feels that she does have a conflict of interest and cannot vote, and if anyone wants to know why she cannot vote, please see her after the meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0-1. Commissioner Myers abstained.

Lauren Gallagher, Legal Counsel, said for the record, Mrs. Myers will have to disclose the nature of her conflict, and if there is no conflict that is recognizable, her vote will need to be recorded as a "no."

President Luker questioned whether she has to state that at this time.

Ms. Gallagher replied at this time, there needs to be a financial conflict of interest, and if there is none, then her vote would need to be recorded as a “no.”

Commissioner Myers said there is no financial conflict of interest and “I am not going to publicly disclose why, and the minutes will reflect an abstention.”

Approve the employment agreement by and between Richard J. Manfredi and the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the employment agreement by and between Richard J. Manfredi and the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

President Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Gillespie questioned whether there was any change in this employment agreement.

Manager Manfredi replied there was only one minor change that he noted in his narrative relating to deferred compensation.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Appoint Township Secretary:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt Resolution No. 18-001, appointing Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager to the Office of Township Secretary.

President Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

RESOLUTION No. 18-001

APPOINTMENT OF TOWNSHIP SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

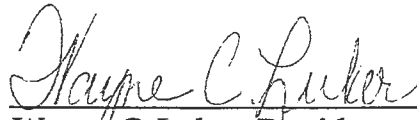
WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code prescribes that the Board of Commissioners appoint a Township Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Abington Township have determined the necessity to appoint a Township Secretary;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township does hereby appoint Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager, to serve as Township Secretary to the Board of Commissioners.

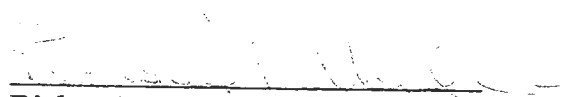
ADOPTED this 2nd day of January, 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:



Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary

Appoint Assistant Township Secretary:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt Resolution No. 18-002, appointing Tara Wehmeyer, Assistant Township Manager to the Office of Assistant Township Secretary.

President Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

RESOLUTION No. 18-002

**APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP SECRETARY TO THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

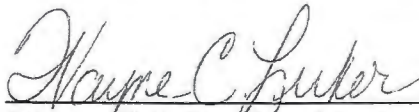
WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code prescribes that the Board of Commissioners appoint an Assistant Township Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Abington Township have determined the necessity to appoint an Assistant Township Secretary;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township does hereby appoint Tara Wehmeyer, Assistant Township Manager, to serve as Assistant Township Secretary to the Board of Commissioners.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of January, 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:



Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary

Appoint Township Solicitor:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Vice President Kline to appoint Rudolph Clarke as Township Solicitor through and until the January 2020 organizational meeting of the Township Board of Commissioners at the fee structure and scope of services included in the December 21, 2017 Rudolph Clarke Scope of Services Letter Submission.

President Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Appoint Township Treasurer:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to appoint Jay W. Blumenthal to the position of Township Treasurer for a period of two-years commencing January 1, 2018 through and until the January 2020 Organizational meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

President Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Appoint Chair of the Township Vacancy Board:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Vice President Kline to adopt Resolution No. 18-003, appointing D. Gregory Holt to the position of Chairman of the Vacancy Board until a successor is appointed at the first meeting of the Board of Commissioners in 2019.

President Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

RESOLUTION No. 18-003

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE VACANCY BOARD
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

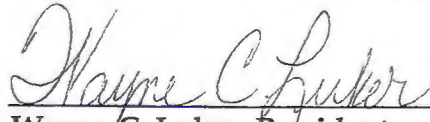
WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code prescribes that a registered elector of the Township shall act as Chairman of the Vacancy Board, which Board shall consist of the members of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code prescribes that said Chairman shall be appointed by the Board of Township Commissioners at the Board's first meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township does hereby appoint D. Gregory Holt to the position of Chairman of the Vacancy Board of the Township of Abington until a successor is appointed at the first meeting of the Board of Commissioners in 2019.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of January, 2018.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:



Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENT:

President Luker announced that chairpersons of the Board of Commissioners' committees and committee assignments will be distributed to the full Board tomorrow. Also, the Code and Enforcement and Land Development Committee of the Board of Commissioners will be conducting interviews for openings on the Planning Commission and the Zoning Hearing Board at a later date by Chairman, Commissioner Ben Sanchez.

President Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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Approved
February 8, 2018