

The following Swearing-In Ceremony was held on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:03 p.m. before the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with President Luker presiding.

Swearing-In - Officer Kevin Magee Promotion to Lieutenant:

Chief Molloy introduced Abington Police Department's next Lieutenant, Kevin Magee, who served in the Philadelphia Police Department from 1998 to 2003 and has served for 15 years in the Abington Township Police Department. Kevin also served as Mall Officer; Tactical Team Leader; appointed acting Platoon Commander; and he also spearheaded the department's Taser Program as well as taking the lead in researching body cameras and he just became a certified Accreditation Manager.

The Honorable Judge John D. Kessler administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Lieutenant Kevin Magee of the Abington Township Police Department before the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 10th day of May, 2018.

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with President Luker presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Township Treasurer BLUMENTHAL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice President Kline noted that business items listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by members of the Board of Commissioners, that item is to be identified by the Board member and will be identified and removed from consent agenda and will be considered separately at the appropriate place on the agenda. Every one of these agenda items was discussed in detail during committee meetings last week.

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the following items a.-k. as listed under Consent Agenda.

President Luker asked if any Board member would like to pull an item from Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Myers asked for Item d. – PW-03-051018 to be pulled from Consent Agenda.

Vice President Kline made a MOTION to AMEND the MOTION to approve the following Items a.-c. and Items e.-k. as listed under Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman.

Items a. - c. was as follows:

To approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of April 12, 2018.

To approve contract with McMahon Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$25,500.00 for Traffic Engineering Design Services at Fitzwatertown Road and Woodland Road/North Hills Avenue intersection improvement project for the 2016 cycle award of the Green Light Go Grant; and to authorize Township Manager to execute the contract and related documents.

To establish a possible Mill Road Sewer District project and to authorize the Solicitor to prepare the necessary documents and the Township Manager to execute the appropriate documents.

Items e. - k. was as follows:

To approve the Land Development application submitted by ABH Builders Inc. for the vacant property located at 1043 Easton Road, Abington, PA. 19001.

To support the (TTF) Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Partnership project and offer an in-kind contribution of \$20,000.00.

To approve submitting a letter of intent to apply for 2019 Tree Vitalize grant in the amount of \$16,000.00; \$8,000 from Tree Vitalize and \$8,000.00 from Township (cash/in-kind). Our Letter of Intent (LOI) was submitted on May 1st deadline. This in no means commits us to accepting or applying for the grant.

To appoint specific Boards, Commissions and Committees:

Library Board of Trustees – Lauren Greaves – term ending 12-31-2020

Shade Tree Commission – Collin Watson – term ending 12-31-2022

Environmental Advisory Council – John Sorrentino – term ending 12-31-2020

To approve investments for the month of March 2018 as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$5,210,000.00. Interest rate yields ranged from 1.750% to 2.50%.

To approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for March 2018 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports \$0.00 and \$1,635.27, respectively. Three-month expenses totaled \$6,271.85.

To approve the Clearing Fund, the Deferred Revenue/Expense activity and Petty Cash balances for the month of March 2018 as previously circulated to the Board. Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of March 2018 were \$815.33 and (\$6,344.01), respectively. Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of March 2018 were \$1,750.00 and (\$0.00), respectively.

MOTION as AMENDED – PASSED 13-0.

Item PW-03-051018:

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to appoint:

McMahon Associates as the Primary Traffic Engineer and Traffic Planning and Design as the conflict traffic engineer and;

Pennoni Associates as reviewing traffic engineer for Traffic Safety matters and;

BCM Engineers for stormwater management and general consulting engineers and;

Boucher and James Consulting Engineers as general consulting engineer and conflict stormwater management engineer.

All firms' rates are to be no greater than the rates provided in Exhibit 1: Approved consulting engineer's firm rates.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Myers said the reason why she asked for this item to be placed back on the agenda is that this was discussed in committee and her concern, in regards to Pennoni Engineers is that, under the grant, the Township does not have to pay a Pennoni engineer and she feels it is a conflict and confusing that if there is a disagreement with that particular engineer's decision, the Township has to consult another engineer of Pennoni and have to pay them. She feels the Township should consult someone other than Pennoni for a second opinion if needed.

Manager Manfredi said LTAP grant is for Pennoni Associates, and if another opinion is needed, the design work has already been done so as to not have to duplicate that work and spend more money for another engineer to review. Also the LTAP grant could move to another firm; however, this motion is to just establish rates. The policy decision by the Board of what traffic engineer will be used will be placed on the agenda at the June committee meeting and it can be conditioned upon that not only Pennoni Engineers would provide a review.

Commissioner Myers said she has no issue with the selections listed in the motion, but her concern is that it may cause a problem having another engineer from the same company make a different determination from the first one.

Manager Manfredi said the place to discuss that will be at the June meeting. Also, the language could be changed from “reviewing traffic engineer” to “conflict traffic engineer,” and there would be three conflict traffic engineers.

Commissioner Hecker said if the work as part of the LTAP grant were to move to another firm next year having Pennoni on the list preserves the Township’s ability to use them moving forward. Also by listing it this way does not restrict individual Commissioners or the Board of Commissioners from saying, “If we were to get a report on something we disagreed with and wanted to seek another opinion, we would have multiple options and not compelled to use another engineer from Pennoni.”

Manager Manfredi added that the Board could use an engineer from another company and the policy will set how the list of engineers will be used at the rates listed.

Commissioner Hecker said there is value in having them listed and define the policy in such a way to minimize the concern raised by Commissioner Myers.

Commissioner Myers agreed that this is a policy decision.

Manager Manfredi suggested changing the language in the motion to: appoint Pennoni Associates as “conflict traffic engineer” for Traffic Safety matters.

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION to AMEND the MOTION to appoint Pennoni Associates as **conflict** traffic engineer for Traffic Safety matters, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman.

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

MOTION as AMENDED – PASSED 13-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item PA-03-051018:

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to adopt Ordinance No. 2154 adopting a certain inter-municipal agreement for the purchase of pool chemicals and supplies among numerous municipalities an authorizing the Township Manager to execute said inter-municipal agreement.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 13-0.

Item PA-04-051018:

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Schreiber to advertise Ordinance No. 2156 amending Chapter 126 - "Real Estate Registry-Vacant Properties," at Section 126-4 – "Registration Statement and Fees; Local Agent, "Subsection D – "Waiver of Registration Fee."

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 13-0.

Item PA-05-051018:

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Schreiber to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (hereinafter "PHRC") and Abington Township Human Relations Commission (hereinafter "ATHRC").

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 13-0.

Township Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal reported for the month of April 2018 monies received from various departments deposited into Republic Bank was \$14,971,718 as compared to last year of \$20,053,502 representing a decrease in the amount of (\$5,081,784) YTD was \$35,677,884 as compared to last year of \$37,542,664 representing a decrease of (\$1,864,780).

Deposits of Real Estate Taxes and fees transferred to Finance Department for April 2018 was \$8,201,973; YTD \$22,290,180 leaving a balance to collect of \$4,799,845.

Item FC-02-041718:

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the March 2018 expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$1,995,696.15 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$2,897,932.21, and authorize the proper Township officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of June 2018.

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

Roll call resulted in motion being passed 13-0. Commissioners Bowman and Brodsky were absent during roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern about the public speaking rules as well as the rules of orders. Also, she asked about the budget line item/discussion for the new cameras as well as the Police Pension Association letter.

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Myers said when she read the Police Private Pension Association letter it was very clear what they were asking for, but just to be sure, she spoke with former Chief of Police John Livingood about the letter and he said that language had been changed. This is the only solicitation that Police Private Pension Association sends out and this money is for aging police officers whose pensions are not the same as when they retired especially widows of police officers.

The emergency card that is inside the PPPA letter is doing the Township a favor by mailing it so the Township does not have to pay for the mailing. When it comes back with or without a donation and the letter very clearly states that you do not need to make a donation to return the emergency information card, that emergency information card is turned over to the police department. The PPPA is a 501C3 and their officers are listed, but they are **not** police officers or former police officers and this letter could not be any clearer.

Commissioner Rothman acknowledged Ethel Jordan's family of Ward 3 who was selected for an award that they will receive on May 23rd from 5:30-7:30 p.m. as they have done so much great work throughout Abington especially in Ward 3 at Alverthorpe and Ethel Jordan Parks over the past few years. An article about it will be posted on the Tookany/Tacony Frankford Watershed Partnership's website.

Commissioner DiPlacido wished everyone a "Happy Mother's Day!" Also, "when driving through Abington Township, please drive like your kids live here."

Commissioner Thompson expressed his gratitude to the Abington Police Department and thanked them for their attention to the community and dealing with the situation.

Commissioner Gillespie thanked everyone who participated in the Glenside Patriotic Association's 5K Run as it was more successful than ever. Also, the 24-Hour Relay Challenge will be held on May 19th.

Commissioner Vahey announced there will be a spring clean up at Hallowell Field on Highland Avenue on Saturday, May 19th at 9 a.m.

Commissioner Spiegelman reminded everyone that on Saturday, May 12th will be the National Postal Carriers Union's Stamp Out Hunger Drive, so if you place a bag of nonperishable foods by the mailbox, your letter carrier will pick it up. Donations will help our local food cupboards. Also, he wished everyone a "Happy Mother's Day!"

Commissioner Hecker announced that PECO will be hosting an Open House on May 23rd from 6:30-8 p.m. at Arcadia University, in the Great Hall of the University Commons Building, located at 450 South Easton Road, Glenside, PA. Parking will be available in Lot 11. Purpose of this Open House is to discuss resident/customer concerns regarding storm response.

The following statement does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the members of the Public Works Committee; however, as the Director of Public Works Committee, he is entirely dissatisfied with this response from PECO as this will not achieve the dialog that we were seeking to have as it covers a wide area, and 90 minutes to cover multiple townships does not leave enough time for proper dialog with residents who have real concerns, and although this is being done, it is not sufficient.

Commissioner Schreiber announced that the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Memorial Day at 11 a.m. beginning at Salem Baptist Church ending at Hillside Cemetery with a ceremony. Also, on Saturday, June 2nd is Roslyn Community Day at Roslyn Park and on Saturday, June 9th will be the Roslyn Pet Fair on Easton Road.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:03 p.m.

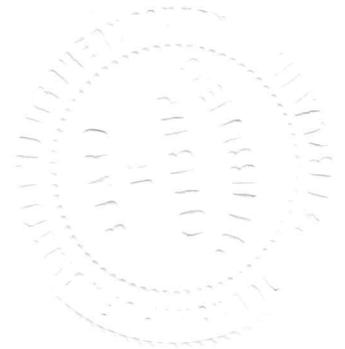
Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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The following ordinance was adopted by the Board of Commissioners on May 10, 2018:

1. Ordinance No. 2154



Approved 6.14.18

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2154

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, MONTGOMERY
COUNTY, ADOPTING A CERTAIN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR THE
PURCHASE OF POOL CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES AMONG NUMEROUS
MUNICIPALITIES

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township as follows:

Section 1. Abington Township hereby adopts and directs appropriate township personnel to execute on its behalf a certain Inter-municipal Agreement regarding the purchase of pool chemicals and pool supplies by Hatfield Township, Upper Gwynedd Township, North Wales Borough, Borough of Perkasio, Towamencin Township, Harleysville Community Center, the Nor Gwyn Pool Commission and Abington Township for the pools maintained and operated by each respective body. Said chemicals and supplies shall be purchased by Hatfield Township, Upper Gwynedd Township, North Wales Borough, Borough of Perkasio, Towamencin Township, Harleysville Community Center, the Nor Gwyn Pool Commission and Abington Township from the successful bidder for the supply thereof pursuant to bid documents prepared by Hatfield Township for the purchase thereof. The term of the agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year and for subsequent one (1) year terms unless terminated by any party at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the then current term.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after its enactment.

Section 3. Severability. In the event that any section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance shall be declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not prevent, preclude or otherwise foreclose enforcement of any of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

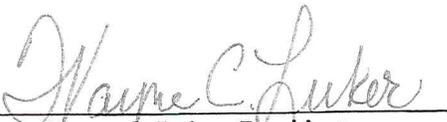
Section 4. Repealer. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 10th day of May, 2018.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:


Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary

By: 
Wayne C. Luker, President

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING JOINT PURCHASE OF
POOL SUPPLIES**

Agreement entered into this 10th day of May 2018, between Hatfield Township and Abington Township.

WHEREAS, Abington Township operates and maintains certain swimming pools known as the Crestmont Pool, located at 2595 Rubicam Ave, Willow Grove, and the Penbryn Pool located at 200 Houston Avenue, Glenside; and

WHEREAS, the operation and maintenance of said pool requires the periodic purchase of pool chemicals and supplies; and

WHEREAS, Hatfield Township also operates and maintains a swimming pool known as the Hatfield Aquatic Center located at 2500 Chestnut Street, Hatfield, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Hatfield Township purchases pool chemicals and supplies for its swimming pool and those other swimming pools operated and maintained by members of the Bucks/Mont Aquatic Consortium; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable for Abington Township to participate in the purchasing program administered by Hatfield Township for its pool chemical and pool supplies needs in that considerable cost savings can be achieved thereby.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Abington Township hereby agrees to participate in the purchasing program administered by Hatfield Township for the Bucks/Mont Aquatic Consortium regarding the purchase of pool chemicals and supplies, and in connection therewith agrees to supply Hatfield Township in a timely fashion an estimate of their pool chemical and pool supplies needs for

inclusion by Hatfield Township in its bid documents associated with the purchase of said chemicals and supplies by Hatfield Township and the Bucks/Mont Aquatic Consortium.

2. Hatfield Township, upon timely receipt of said pool chemical and pool supplies requirements from Abington Township, agrees to include said quantities in its bid documents to be provided to prospective bidders for the supply of pool chemicals and pool supplies to Hatfield Township and the Bucks/Mont Aquatic Consortium.

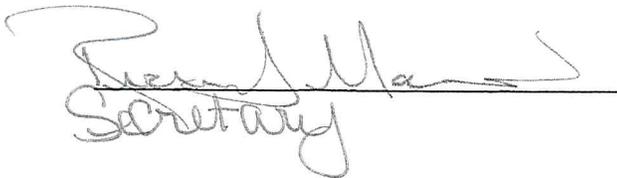
3. Abington Township shall thereafter submit to the successful bidder orders as needed for pool chemicals and pool supplies which shall be supplied to them directly by the successful bidder at the prices specified in the successful bid.

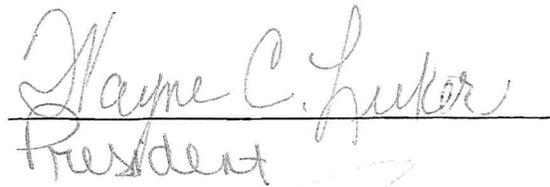
4. The term of this agreement shall be for a period of one (1) year from the date hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this agreement shall continue for further terms of one (1) year unless any party hereto gives to the other party notice of termination thereof at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the then current term.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement on the day and year first above written.

ATTEST:

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP


Secretary


President

ATTEST:

HATFIELD TOWNSHIP

