

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with President Luker presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Chief of Police MOLLOY
Assistant Finance Director HERMAN
Director of Engineering MONTGOMERY
Township Treasurer BLUMENTHAL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Luker excused Township Manager Manfredi for his absence and noted that Assistant Township Manager Tara Wehmeyer was filling in.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

Consent Agenda Items a. - o. as follows:

To approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of September 13, 2018.

To transfer \$20,000.00 from Account No. 07-07-566-7523 (Sump Pump Connections) to Account No. 07-07-566-7525 (Engineering Study – Monroe/Penn Avenue).

To approve the Subdivision Application for a two-lot subdivision for property located at 2219 Old Welsh Road and Parkview Avenue, Willow Grove, PA.

To approve the Subdivision Application for a lot line change by Robert Razzi for properties located at 865 and 869 Jenkintown Road, Elkins Park, PA.

To appoint Campbell, Durrant, Beatty, Palombo and Miller, P.C. as special labor counsel to provide labor and employment law services at their current rates to the Township up to or through December 13, 2018 while the Administration goes through the Request for Proposal process.

To accept the FY 2017 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant in the amount of \$117,500.00.

To enter into an agreement with ESO Solutions to provide software support to the Fire Marshal's Office and authorize the Township Manager to execute said agreement.

To appoint Carl Anderson to the five-year unexpired term ending December 31, 2021 on the Township Shade Tree Commission.

To approve the application for 2019 Tree Vitalize grant in the amount of \$6,000.00. This grant would require a 25% match from Township that will be in-kind services.

To advertise for request for proposals from experienced and qualified planning consultants in the design, planning and implementation of the Township's CDBG and HOME programs. The services shall be performed for the next three (3) years, assuming Federal funds are appropriated and allocated for FY 2018 through FY 2020.

To approve the transfer of \$8,282.00 from Account No. 07-01-500-7526 and \$1,088.00 from Account No. 07-01-500-7505 to Account No. 07-01-500-7530 for the Township of Abington's 2019 calendar and to approve the selection of the Homer Group at an amount of \$18,820.00 for the printing of 22,000 calendars and Red Sky Marketing Group in the amount of \$2,250.79 for the sorting and mailing of the calendars to residents' homes.

To approve investments for the month of August 2018 as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$1,036,000.00. Interest rate yields ranged from 2.300% to 2.500%.

To approve the Clearing Fund, the Deferred Revenue/Expense activity and Petty Cash balances for the month of August as previously circulated to the Board. Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of August 2018 were \$1,062.78 and (\$18,118.71), respectively. Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of August 2018 were \$29.99 and (\$20,198.42), respectively.

To approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for August 2018 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$5,278.37, respectively. Eight-month expenses totaled \$30,470.34.

To approve the transfer of \$2,377.28 from Capital Account No. 07-24-800-7572 (repave Roychester parking lot) to Capital Account No. 07-24-800-7573 (repave Conway driveway parking lot).

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Safety Committee –

Item PS-01-101118:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to appoint candidates Daniel Burgman and Anthony Agudo from the Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided that they successfully complete the Background Investigation, the Medical/Psychological screenings, and all other entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training, effective Monday, October 29, 2018.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Public Affairs Committee –

Item PA-06-101118:

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Vice President Kline to approve and authorize payment to Hill International, Inc. in the amount of \$29,700.00 for the services provided by MyLCM, Inc. for work performed from July 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 and to eComply, LLC in the amount of \$6,000.00 for work performed from October 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 for prevailing wage project compliance.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Finance Committee –

Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer, Jay W. Blumenthal's report was accepted by the Board of Commissioners and it is on file in the Township Manager's Office for review.

Item FC-02-092518:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve August 2018 expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$3,470,702.52 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$2,823,583.90 and authorize proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of November 2018.

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

Roll call resulted in motion being passed 14-0. Commissioner Vahey was absent during roll call.

Item FC-06-092518:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve renewal of Medicare Plan with Aetna for one-year effective 1/1/19.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Item FC-07-092518:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve renewal of energy contract with Constellation Energy for 38 months for electric and 36 months for gas.

President Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Vice President Kline clarified that this is switching to 100% renewable energy and this is the first time the Township achieved that goal this year. Is that correct?

Ms. Jeannette Herman, Assistant Finance Director, replied that is correct.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Monahan, 2122 Kenmore Avenue, commented there is “buzz” going though the neighborhood about traffic reconfiguration at the intersection of Woodlawn, Kenmore and Abington Avenues. Commissioner Vahey has scheduled a community meeting in about 10 days and he found out about the meeting through Facebook, but expressed concern that some neighbors do not have access to social media, and he asked for reassurance that there will be a chance for community feedback prior to the traffic being reconfigured at this three-way crossroad.

President Luker said he will make note of it and that information will be passed onto Commissioner Vahey.

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Myers thanked everyone who attended the PAL Food Festival this past Tuesday night especially the Commissioners who were kind enough to attend. It was a terrific event and it will insure that the PAL Program will continue on in Abington Township, so many thanks to all of the residents and guests who attended.

Commissioner Brodsky thanked Officer Porter for attending our community meeting this morning. He reminded everyone to drive safely and to please be mindful of the speed limit and traffic signals on Huntingdon Pike. He wished everyone a “Happy Fall.”

Commissioner Rothman announced that on October 27th will be the Halloween Parade at the McKinley Fire House at 2 p.m.

Commissioner DiPlacido said, “When driving through Abington Township, please drive like your kids live here,” and “Go Birds!”

Commissioner Thompson reminded everyone that Fire Prevention Week ends tomorrow with an event at the Edge Hill Fire House, so please join us. Also, “Happy Halloween,” and “don’t forget to vote.”

Vice President Kline announced that on Monday, November 5th at 7 p.m. in Abington Township there will be a workshop on the Bike Montco Plan that was adopted by the Montgomery County Commissioners and produced by the Montgomery County Planning Commission. The County’s Bike Plan will coordinate with Abington Township’s Master Bike Plan in changing bike and pedestrian safety.

Commissioner Bowman reminded everyone to come out and vote on November 6th so your voice can be heard.

Commissioner Zappone reminded all residents of Abington Township that on October 20th will be our 8th Annual Ardsley Family Day event from noon-5 p.m. at the Ardsley Community Center, and it is open to all residents of Abington Township with free admission.

Commissioner Gillespie reminded everyone that the Keswick Village Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 13th from noon-5 p.m. She thanked staff of Public Works Department for doing a great job as well as staff of Engineering Department for the new sewer outlet. Also, be careful driving as there are slippery leaves.

Commissioner Spiegelman announced that next week will be Township-wide Clean-Out event for extra trash pickup, and on Saturday, October 20th there will be a free Paper Shredding event coupled with a Food Drive of the Interfaith Food Cupboard that will be held at the Township Yard on Florey Lane from 9 a.m.-noon.

Commissioner Carswell congratulated everyone involved with the PAL event and it was very well attended and a lovely event. Please come out and vote to make sure your voice is heard.

President Luker thanked everyone involved with the PAL event as they put on another stupendous event. He personally congratulated former Police Chief John Livingood and Ms. Valerie Ward, President of the Willow Grove Chapter of the NAACP, who are two outstanding citizens and are well-deserving in both categories.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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Approved
11.08.18