

Police Swearing-In Presentation began at 7:15 p.m.

Chief Molloy said Lt. Thomas Scott has been with our police department since 1997, and prior to coming to Abington, Tom was a paramedic and battalion chief of the Second Alarmers Rescue Squad. Tom has a Bachelors Degree in Health & Health Science from University of Sciences and a Masters Degree in Public Safety Management from St. Joseph's University.

Lt. Scott is a graduate of Northwestern University School of Staff and Command and he holds a certificate in Municipal Leadership from Penn State University. He also obtained his basic level certification in the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Program and working on his professional level certification.

Tom has served in the Patrol Division his entire career and was promoted to Sergeant in 2011, and during that time, he served as Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, Taser Instructor, D.A.R.E. Officer, Less-Lethal Impact Munitions Instructor and Expandable Baton Instructor. He also served on several committees throughout his career including School Safety Committee, Training Committee, Master Police Officer Committee and Firearms Selection Committee.

Lt. Scott has been a member of our SWAT Team Practical Unit since 2008 where he served as Team Medic and Team Leader and Tom has been a Coordinator of Community Response Team since its inception of 2016, and he is also coordinator of Firearms Training Program. He is currently the Platoon Commander of "B" Platoon and Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for Abington Township, and in this capacity, Lt. Tom Scott and Tom McAneney have taken on the monumental task of coordinating our Active Shooter Response Safety Program for every school in the Township.

The Honorable District Judge John D. Kessler administered the Oath of Office to Lieutenant. Thomas Scott of the Abington Township Police Department before the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 2019.

Presentation adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Presentation of Commendation began at 7:28 p.m.

Commissioners Zappone and Gillespie presented Mr. John “Woody” McGoldrick with Certificate of Commendation in recognition and celebration of Woody’s 50 years of dedicated service to Abington School District, the Township of Abington and especially to the children, and to celebrate Woody as a loyal supporter of our community and as Abington Ghosts’ number one fan. Congratulations!

Presentation adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with President Luker presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:31 p.m.

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

Also Present: Township Manager MANFREDI  
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER  
Assistant Legal Counsel GALLAGHER  
Township Treasurer BLUMENTHAL

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**BOARD PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Consider filling the vacancy for the unexpired term of the Board of Commissioners:

President Luker opened nominations to fill vacancy of unexpired term of the Board of Commissioners due to resignation of former Commissioner Ben Sanchez effective February 14, 2019.

Vice President Kline nominated Stuart Winegrad to fill vacancy of unexpired term of the Board of Commissioners for Ward 7 by adoption of Resolution No. 19-005, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman.

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

President Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, questioned the legal process of former Commissioner Ben Sanchez still serving the Township while being elected as State Representative.

Assistant Legal Counsel Lauren Gallagher replied former Commissioner Sanchez while serving the Township and then elected as State Representative was a slight overlap and the Township was not in violation of any law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Myers added that there are other State Representatives in the State of Pennsylvania who have maintained their municipal position, and it is not illegal.

Commissioner Spiegelman agreed with Commissioner Myers as there are others from the County who serve on a municipal level and also have a different position.

President Luker read Resolution No. 19-005 into the record.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

The Honorable District Judge Gail A. Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to incoming Commissioner Stuart Winegrad of Ward 7 of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 14, 2019.

Public Hearing on Resolution No. 19-006 approving Liquor License R-13874 into the Township of Abington from Upper Dublin Township:

President Luker opened Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m.

Lauren Gallagher, Assistant Legal Counsel read Resolution No. 19-006 into the record, which is the transfer of Liquor License R-13874 into the Township of Abington from Upper Dublin Township.

A court stenographer transcribed testimony of Public Hearing.

President Luker closed Public Hearing at 7:56 p.m.

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt Resolution No. 19-006 approving Liquor License R-13874 into the Township of Abington from Upper Dublin Township.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that she is having “trouble getting responses.”

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve Consent Agenda Items a.-f. as follows:

To approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of January 10, 2019.



To adopt Resolution No. 19-007 authorizing the execution of a 2017 Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Grant Project Funding Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation and authorize the Township Manager to execute all documents related to this grant.

To authorize the Board President, Chief of Police and Fiscal Officer to accept a grant extension from the Highway Safety Network, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.

To approve investments for the month of December as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$572,000.00. Interest rate yield ranged from 2.650% to 2.950%.

To approve the Clearing Fund, the Deferred Revenue/Expense activity and Petty Cash balances for the month of December as previously circulated to the Board. Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of December 2018 were \$608.29 and (\$142.83), respectively. Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of December 2018 were \$21,425.00 and (\$0.00), respectively.

To approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for December 2018 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$1,647.00, respectively. Twelve-month expenses totaled \$35,910.52.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Public Works Committee -**

Item PW-01-021419:

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to award Kuharchik Construction as the lowest responsible bidder and to authorize the Township Manager to execute the contract in the amount of \$208,274.90 for construction of roadway and intersection improvements at Mt. Carmel Avenue and North Hills Avenue as set forth in the bid specifications.

President Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Thompson commented that this is an important project for residents of Ward 6, and he asked his fellow Commissioners for their support and approval.

Commissioner Bowman commented that this intersection is shared with other municipalities and questioned whether there is any funding assistance.

Mr. Angelo Pontelandolfo, Public Works Director, replied that intersection is entirely in Abington Township.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**Administrative Code and Land Use Committee –**

**Appointments to the Zoning Hearing Board and Planning Commission:**

**Zoning Hearing Board Appointment -**

Vice President Kline made a nomination to appoint Barbara Wertheimer, Esquire to the Zoning Hearing Board for a new five-year term, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**Planning Commission Appointment –**

Vice President Kline made a nomination to appoint Dale Russell to the Abington Township Planning Commission for a new term, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**Public Safety Committee –**

Item PS-01-021419:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to advertise Ordinance No. 2164, amending Chapter 156- “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – Traffic Regulations,” Section 14 – “Stop Intersections” and Article III – “Parking Regulations,” Section 25 – “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner;” to add “Stop Intersections” at Lafayette Avenue, Cherokee Avenue, Moredon Road and Keswick Avenue; add “No Parking Here To Corner” on Keswick Avenue; add “No Parking” on Brown Avenue all as fully set forth in the ordinance.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**Finance Committee –**

Treasurer’s Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal reported for the month of January 2019 and YTD monies received from various departments deposited into Republic Bank totaled \$1,924,134 as compared to last year of \$1,609,459 representing an increase of \$314,675.

Vice President Kline noted that due to former Commissioner Ben Sanchez moving onto the House of Representatives; he welcomed Commissioner Vahey as Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee and he welcomed Commissioner Winegrad as member of the Finance Committee.

Item FC-02-011519:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the December expenditures, as previously circulated to the Board in the amount of \$3,383,620.69 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$2,128,808.64 and authorize proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of March 2019.

Roll Call resulted in motion being passed 15-0.



Item FC-06-021419:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Vahey to approve final payment in the amount of \$12,070.20 to N. Abbonizio Contractors for the Mill Road Sewer District Project Contract No. 152 from the Sewer Capital Fund Account No. 17-07-903-7330. The required one-year Maintenance Bond has been received.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed her concern about several matters.

**REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Bowman welcomed Commissioner Winegrad. Also, for the residents of his ward, a home located at 2806 Turner Avenue that was damaged by fire will be demolished very soon.

Commissioner Gillespie reminded everyone about the upcoming Glenside Patriotic Association's "Keep the Parade Running 5K" event. She also wished a "Happy Birthday" to Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Also, she wished everyone a "Happy Valentine's Day."

Commissioner Vahey commented that it is that time of year when he and Commissioner Gillespie have a friendly competition as to who can build a bigger team for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade-5K Race, so please sign up, and all funds raised from this event are needed to have a great day.

Commissioner Spiegelman reminded everyone that on Saturday, February 23, 2019 will be the "Anything With a Plug" recycling electronics event at Township Yard on Florey Lane from 9-noon and the EAC will be there holding a food drive as well, so bring non-perishables for the Interfaith Food Cupboard of Abington.

Also, he thanked Commissioners Zappone and Gillespie for honoring Mr. John "Woody" McGoldrick, who is a wonderful Ward 11 neighbor as he has memories of Woody giving a nice send off to everyone on their way to the German Exchange trip. And, he welcomed Commissioner Winegrad.

Commissioner Carswell welcomed Commissioner Winegrad.

Commissioner Schreiber welcomed Commissioner Winegrad.



Commissioner Myers welcomed Commissioner Winegrad. Also, she congratulated Barbara Wertheimer for continuing her many years as member of the Zoning Hearing Board as she has been a real asset.

Commissioner Brodsky welcomed Commissioner Winegrad. Also, he wished everyone a “Happy President’s Day and Happy Valentine’s Day.”

Commissioner Rothman wished his wife and baby girl a “Happy Valentine’s Day.” Also, the police department personnel are amazing and keep up the good work, and he congratulated Lt. Thomas Scott.

Commissioner DiPlacido welcomed Commissioner Winegrad. He wished a “Happy Valentine’s Day” to his sweethearts at home. He thanked Angelo Pontelandolfo on behalf of the Ward 4 neighbors for the snow/slush removal. Also, “when driving through Abington, please drive like your kids live here.”

Commissioner Winegrad said he is honored and thrilled to be sitting as a member of the Board of Commissioners. He acknowledged that State Representative Ben Sanchez leaves big shoes to fill and he looks forward to serving the residents of Ward 7 and working in the best interests of the entire Township. Thank you for this opportunity.

Commissioner Thompson thanked the residents of Ward 6 for attending a very productive meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss the workings of the Township as well as Township staff who were present. Kudos to Angelo Pontelandolfo for the snowplowing as there was positive comments on Facebook about it, so keep up the good work. Also, he welcomed Commissioner Winegrad.

Vice President Kline congratulated Commissioner Winegrad and offered any needed assistance in the future.

President Luker welcomed Commissioner Winegrad. Also, he likes where the staff is seated, which is closer to the Board and more visible, a positive change.

Manager Manfredi gave credit of the new seating configuration to Commissioner DiPlacido.

Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 14, 2019

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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Resolutions adopted by the Board of Commissioners on February 14, 2019 were as follows:

Resolution No. 19-005  
Resolution No. 19-006  
Resolution No. 19-007



Approved  
3.14.19

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 19-005**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
ABINGTON TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR WARD 7**

AND NOW, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019, pursuant to Section 530 of the Pennsylvania First Class Township Code, 53 P.S. § 55530, the Board of Commissioners does hereby Resolve as follows:

Stuart Winegrad, having been a resident of Ward 7 of the Township of Abington for a period in excess of one (1) year, is hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners created by the resignation of Commissioner Benjamin Sanchez, whose resignation was effective February 14, 2019.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution was adopted by the Township of Abington at its public meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

ATTEST:

  
Richard J. Manfredi  
Township Manager & Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

  
Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 19-006**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, COUNTY OF  
MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, APPROVING  
THE TRANSFER OF RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE NO. R-13874 INTO  
THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON FROM UPPER DUBLIN TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, Act 141 of 2000 [the Act], which amends the Commonwealth's Liquor Code, authorizes the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to approve, in certain instances, the transfer of Restaurant Liquor Licenses across municipal boundaries within the same county regardless of the quota limitations provided for in Section 461 of the Liquor Code if sales of liquor and malt or brewed beverages are legal in the municipality receiving the license; and

**WHEREAS**, [the Act] requires the applicant to obtain from the receiving municipality a resolution approving the inter-municipal transfer of the liquor license prior to an applicant's submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

**WHEREAS**, following the public hearing, the receiving municipality must issue a Resolution either approving or denying the application to transfer the license into the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, amendments to the Liquor Code stipulate that prior to adoption of a resolution by the receiving municipality, at least one hearing be held for the purpose of receiving comments and recommendations from interested individuals residing within the municipality concerning the applicant's intent to transfer a liquor license into the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, proper notice of the public hearing held on this date was published as required.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, that Movie Grill Concepts XLIII, LLC has requested the approval of the Township of Abington Board of Commissioners for the proposed transfer of Pennsylvania Restaurant Liquor License No. R-13874 (1708 Limekiln Pike, LLC, 1708 Limekiln Pike, Upper Dublin Township, Dresher, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania 19025-1503) by Movie Grill Concepts XLIII, LLC to a restaurant facility within the Township of Abington to be located at Willow Grove Park Mall, 2500 W. Moreland Road, Abington Township, Willow Grove, Pennsylvania 19060 with the understanding that said transfer must be approved at a later date by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

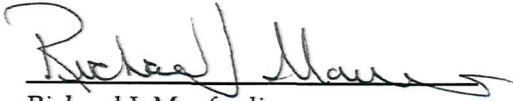
**Be It Further Resolved**, that based on the application and the testimony at the advertised public hearing held on February 14, 2019, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington find that transfer of Restaurant Liquor License No. R-13874 will/ will not adversely affect the welfare, health, peace and morals of the Township of Abington or its residents; and



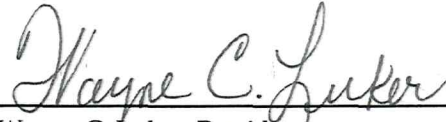
Be It Further Resolved, that the application filed by Movie Grill Concepts XLIII, LLC for the inter- municipal transfer of Restaurant Liquor License No. R-13874 into the Township of Abington is hereby APPROVED/ DENIED.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON:



Richard J. Manfredi  
Township Manager & Secretary



Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION NO. 19-007

A RESOLUTION, BY AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A 2017 AUTOMATED RED LIGHT  
ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM GRANT PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES AT THE INTERSECTION OF SUSQUEHANNA  
ROAD AND EDGE HILL ROAD

Be it RESOLVED, by authority of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of  
Abington, Montgomery County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that  
the Township Manager of said Municipality be authorized and directed to sign the  
attached Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Project Funding Agreement on its  
behalf.

ATTEST:

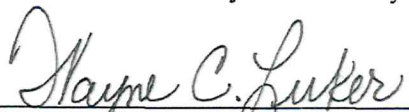
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

  
Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary &  
Township Manager

By:   
Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

I, Wayne C. Luker, President of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington  
do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted  
at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners held this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

DATE: 2.27.19

  
Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners