

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with President Luker presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 9:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners ZAPPONE, SPIEGELMAN, SANCHEZ, MYERS, MARKMAN, KALINOSKI, SCHREIBER, BOWMAN, DiPLACIDO, FARREN, GILLESPIE, HECKER, JONES, KLINE, LUKER

Township Manager LEFEVRE
Township Treasurer BLUMENTHAL
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Chief of Police KELLY
Assistant Finance Director BARRON
Township Engineer POWERS
Director of Code Enforcement MATTEO
Director of Parks and Recreation WENDELL
Director of Public Work MICCIOLO
Director of W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY
Fire Marshal CLARK
Assistant Legal Counsel GALLAGHER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of December 11, 2014 and the Board of Commissioners Budget Meeting of December 18, 2014.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 15-006- Edge Hill Road/Tyson Avenue – Flood Control/Street Reconstruction Project – PennDOT Transfer Agreement

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to approve Resolution No. 15-006 for the Edge Hill Road and Tyson Avenue Transfer Agreement No. 0641027.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION NO. 15-006

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 President of said Municipal Board of Commissioners be authorized and directed to sign the attached **Edge Hill Road and Tyson Avenue Transfer Agreement No. 0641027** for a portion of Edge Hill Road, S.R. 2034 (Legislative Route 46118) and a portion of Tyson Avenue, S.R. 2036 (Legislative Route 46208) on its behalf and the Secretary be authorized and directed to attest the same.

WHEREAS, the portion of State Route 2034 (Legislative Route 46118) being transferred is known variously as Edge Hill Road from Jenkintown Road (State Route 2021/Legislative Route 5463) to Easton Road, an approximate length of 5,086 feet or 0.963 mile;

WHEREAS, the portion of State Route 2036 (Legislative Route 46208) being transferred is known variously as Tyson Avenue from Edge Hill Road (State Route 2034/Legislative Route 46118) to Easton Road, an approximate length of 5,616 feet or 1.064 miles; and,

WHEREAS, the COMMONWEALTH will reconstruct approximately 0.963 mile of Edge Hill Road and approximately 1.064 miles of Tyson Avenue and install two (2) drainage basins (collectively, the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS the COMMONWEALTH, following completion of said roadway reconstruction and drainage improvements constituting the Project, will abandon State Route 2034 and State Route 2036 within the limits described herein to the MUNICIPALITY, which shall assume full ownership and maintenance of all portions of these roadways.

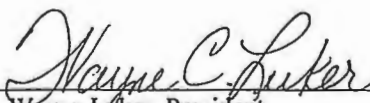
NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and of the mutual promises set forth below, the parties agree, with the intention of being legally bound, to said Agreement:

IN WITNESS THERETO, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Township of Abington, this 8th day of January, 2015.

ATTEST:

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP


Michael LeFevre, Secretary

BY 
Wayne Laker, President
Board of Commissioners

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement the date first above written.

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

BY _____
Deputy Secretary of DATE
Transportation or Designee

ATTEST

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON*

Michael LeFevre
Signature DATE
Title: Michael LeFevre, Secretary

BY Wayne C. Luker
Signature DATE
Title: Wayne Luker, President

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO LEGALITY
AND FORM

DOCUMENT NO. _____
CERTIFIED FUNDS AVAILABLE UNDER
SAP NO. _____
SAP COST CENTER _____
GL ACCOUNT _____
AMOUNT _____

BY _____
for Chief Counsel DATE

BY _____
for Office of Comptroller DATE
Operations

BY _____
Deputy General DATE
Counsel

BY _____
Deputy Attorney DATE
General

**TOWNSHIP's resolution authorizing execution and attestation must accompany this Agreement; please indicate the signers' titles in the blanks provided and date signatures.*

"Contract No. _____ is split N/A%, expenditure amount of N/A for Federal funds and N/A%, expenditure amount of N/A for State funds. The related Federal Assistance program name and number is N/A;N/A. The State Assistance program name and number is HIGHWAY TRANSFER # 617."

Eastern Montgomery County Waste System Authority Disposal of Assets

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to accept the Waste System Authority's proposed disposition of assets and authorize the execution of a mutual release from any liabilities or obligations related to those funds.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Sanchez said the motion calls for a mutual release and the actual release says that the Township is releasing the County. Is this final or can the Township negotiate it?

Solicitor Clarke replied it is a formal lease drafted by reps of the County for all 22 municipalities and, while its termed a "mutual release," the Township is releasing the County and the County does not need to release the Township of anything.

Commissioner Sanchez asked is there an opportunity for the County to release the Township from any liabilities or obligations related to those funds?

Solicitor Clarke replied if the Board wants him to revise some of the language, he will do that, but this lease has been submitted to all 22 municipalities and he is not sure whether the County would want a different lease for just this Township.

Commissioner Sanchez said he will vote in favor of it, but he asked for that to be investigated.

Solicitor Clarke replied if the Board would like to approve it tonight with the idea that some of the language will be revised to reflect an actual mutual release that will be done, although there would not be any cause of action taken against the Township regarding the assets.

Commissioner Kline commended the County, Waste System Authority Board and especially Manager LeFevre for this agreement as it is a good solution that will work out for all municipalities involved.

Manager LeFevre commented that it is the most equitable solution for all parties involved and a fair agreement.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Radiation Equipment – Abington Transfer Station

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to accept the Waste System Authority's offer of \$50,000 for the replacement of the radiation detection equipment at the transfer station and authorize the Board President to execute a release of all claims related to the same.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Sanchez questioned whether this agreement should be a mutual release as well.

Manager LeFevre explained that the County leased the property from the Township for the past 25 years and, at the end of the lease, all fixed assets are returned to the property owner, which is the Township. The radiation equipment is still operable, but approaching the end of its useful life and the County has recognized that and made an offer of \$50,000 payment to the Township to replace that equipment when the need arises. The consulting engineer estimated that cost at \$35,000, so it seems to be a generous offer.

Solicitor Clarke added that the Township is releasing the Waste System Authority and they will cease to exist because the County has terminated that Board. However, he will discuss with the Waste System Authority's Solicitor about a mutual release.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Solid Waste Disposal Services Contract

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to approve as amended the Solid Waste Disposal Services contract between Abington Township and Covanta.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Kline asked for an explanation of the amendment.

Solicitor Clarke replied the original agreement that the Board approved last month contained certain language where Covanta will still be required to pay lease amounts, but Covanta noticed after they agreed to sign it that it did not have any language regarding circumstances out of their control such as acts of God, fire, explosion, etc. or anything else not caused by Covanta or by one of their contractors, so they asked for that language to be included. However, that language was referenced in the original bid documents, but was not included in the original contract. -6-

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Sanchez announced that the Committee had no business at this time.

Commissioner Kline announced that the Planning Commission held two meetings on the draft revised Zoning Ordinance on December 4, 2014 and January 7, 2015. The meetings can be viewed from the Township's website. The next meeting will be held on January 26, 2015 at 7 PM before the Planning Commission, and there will be a fourth meeting that is yet to be scheduled.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Ordinance No. 2086 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic”

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2086 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article II (Traffic Regulations), and 14 (Stop Intersections), and Article III (Parking Regulations), Section 25 (Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping or Standing) and Section 28 (Special Purpose Parking Zones).

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2086

**AN ORDINANCE 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; PARKING PROHIBITED EXCEPT
CERTAIN HOURS; NO STOPPING OR STANDING”
SECTION 28 – “SPECIAL PURPOSE PARKING ZONES”**

WHEREAS, the Township of Abington is a Township of the First Class, duly organized and existing pursuant to the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.44 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56544, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to enact and amend provisions of the Abington Township Code (“Code”) at any time it deems necessary for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.10 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56510, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to take all needful means for securing the safety of persons or property within the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.49 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56549, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to regulate parking; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic Regulations,” Section 14 “Stop Intersections,” and Article III – “Parking Regulations,” Sections 25 “Parking Prohibited At All

Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing” and 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones,” should be amended for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington does hereby ENACT and ORDAIN as follows:

- Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic Regulations,” Section 14 – “Stop Intersections,” shall be amended to add the following restrictions:

Stop Sign On	Direction of Travel	At Intersection Of
Bradfield Road	Both	Tyson Avenue
Holly Tree Road	East	Church Street
Roberta Avenue	West	Allen Lane

- Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III, “Parking Regulations,” Section 25 – “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours,” shall be amended to add the following restrictions:

Name of Highway	Side	Location
Fairhill Avenue	North	30 feet west of Sylvania Avenue
Fairhill Avenue	North	30 feet east of posted Stop Sign at Roberts Avenue
Lycoming Avenue	West	30 feet north of posted Stop Sign at Parkview Avenue
Lycoming Avenue	East	30 feet south of posted Stop Sign at Parkview Avenue

Parkview Avenue	South	54 feet west of the crosswalk at Lycoming Avenue
Parkview Avenue	North	30 feet east of the posted Stop Sign at Lycoming Avenue
Sylvania Avenue	West	30 feet north of posted Stop Sign with Fairhill Avenue

3. Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III, “Parking Regulations,” Section 28 – “Special Purpose Parking Zones,” shall be amended to add the following restriction:

Name of Highway	Authorized Purpose of Vehicle	Location
Easton Road	Handicapped Parking	In front of 1164 Easton Road

4. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

5. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 8th day of January, 2015.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

Michael LeFevre
Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: *Wayne C. Luker*
Wayne Luker, President

Ordinance No. 2087 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic”

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to advertise Ordinance No. 2087 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article II (Traffic Regulations); Section 14 (Stop Intersections) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on February 12, 2015.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Per-Diem Union – Collective Bargaining Agreement

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to approve a one-year collective bargaining agreement with the Per-Diem Union for the calendar year 2015, providing for a salary increase of 2.6%.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked for “documents that tell the story and this is one of them,” such as all of the costs for that individual.

Manager LeFevre replied that we provided that information to this resident, but it is not in the format that she prefers, and the Township is under no obligation to create documents to satisfy her interests.

Ms. Lehmann questioned where she can get those documents.

Solicitor Clarke replied if the resident files a Right to Know request and the documents received are not responsive to the Right to Know request, there is a mechanism by which a person can appeal to the Office of Open Records.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources – Municipal Tree Restoration Program (MTRP) Grant

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Schreiber to approve a \$5,500 Municipal Tree Restoration Program (MTRP) Grant award to the Shade Tree Commission from the PA Department of Commission and Natural Resources to demonstrate proper planting in the vicinity of power lines at four locations within the Roslyn Business District.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Expenditure/Revenue Increase

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Schreiber to approve an increase in the expenditure budge line Item No. 01-24-156-5331 in the amount of \$29,000 and to increase park revenue budget 4427 by \$29,000.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Markman questioned what this is for.

Mr. Wendell replied we have discount tickets and there are certain programs that have to pay for themselves and these estimates were made previously in the month of August. We need to keep the budget legal and up to par, so we are requesting this change and there was actually more revenue than \$29,000, and all expenditures were already covered.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Victor Krievins, 840 Maple Avenue, commented that he is a strong advocate for the Township's park system thanks to Mr. Wendell.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal reported that for the month of December 2014, monies were received from various Township departments and deposited into Republic Bank in the amount of \$802,013 representing an increase over prior year of \$352,862; YTD \$18,274,596 representing an increase over prior year of \$19,295.

The Tax Office collected in real estate taxes for December 2014, \$95,956 representing a decrease over prior year of (\$1,958). Balance to be collected was \$493,265 with 2% remaining.

The books are now closed and he will take the lien list to the County. For those who have not paid their taxes by the end of the year they will be collected by a third party organization.

Business tax returns will be sent out tomorrow or early next week and real estate tax bills will be sent out end of January, beginning of February.

Investments

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to approve investments for the month of November as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$910,000.00. Interest rate yield ranged from 1.000% to 1.050%.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the November expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$3,913,697.35 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,695,867.12.
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of February 2015.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

Roll call resulted in motion being passed 15-0.

Training and Conference Expenses

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for November 2014 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$1,795.69, respectively.

Eleven-month expenses totaled \$39,120.71.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Clearing Fund/Deferred Revenue and Expense/Petty Cash

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to approve the Clearing Fund, the Deferred Revenue/Expense activity and Petty Cash balances for the month of November as previously circulated to the Board.

November Petty Cash balances previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of November 2014 were \$18,547.79 and (\$17,580.33), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of November 2014 were \$3,195.00 and (\$237.21), respectively.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Resolution No. 15-001- Investment of Township Funds

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to adopt Resolution No. 15-001 authorizing the finance director and his/her designate to invest Township funds in any and all such financial institutions as permitted by First Class Township Code.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked what is being invested that would require this resolution?

Commissioner Kline replied this is done every year.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

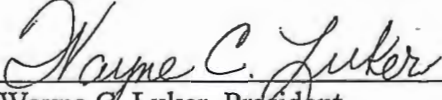
RESOLUTION NO. 15-001
INVESTMENT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS

WHEREAS, Abington Township invests its funds in various financial institutions utilizing financial instruments permitted by state law; and

WHEREAS, the finance director on a daily basis monitors these investments and acts on behalf of the Township.


NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that on this 8th day of January, 2015, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington does hereby authorize the finance director and his/her designate to invest Township funds in any and all instruments and with any and all institutions as so listed and in accordance with Section 1705.1 of the First Class Township Code.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON



Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

Resolution No. 15-002 – Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer for Township Employees' Pension Plan, Police Pension Plan, and 457 Deferred Compensation Plans

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt Resolution No. 15-002 appointing Kevin S. Barron as Chief Administrative Officer of the Township of Abington Municipal Employees' Pension Plan, the Township of Abington Police Pension Plan, and the 457 Deferred Compensation Plans, effective February 1, 2015.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked for a financial report to be posted on the new Township website.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-002

**APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES' AND PENSION PLANS, AND
THE 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLANS**

WHEREAS, the Township of Abington does maintain two pension plans and three 457 Deferred Compensation plans; and

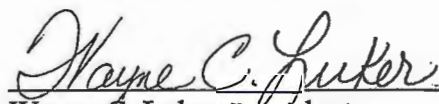
WHEREAS, said plans are known as the Township of Abington Municipal Employees' Pension Plan, the Township of Abington Police Pension Plan, 457 Deferred Compensation Plans (ICMA, Lincoln Investment and InR); and

WHEREAS, the present Chief Administrative Officer, Susan W. Matiza, will retire on February 1, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Kevin S. Barron be appointed Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of Abington Employees' and Police Pension Plans and the 457 Deferred Compensation Plans, effective February 1, 2015.

RESOLVED, at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners this 8th day of January, 2015.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON



Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

Resolution No. 15-003 – Appointing Delegate and Alternate Delegates for Tax Collection Committee

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to appoint Kevin S. Barron as primary voting delegate, Jeannette M. Hermann as first alternate voting delegate, and Michael LeFevre as second alternate voting delegate for the Tax Collection Committee, effective February 1, 2015.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Farren said previously, Manager LeFevre was not named as a voting delegate, so why is he being named now?

Manager LeFevre replied previously, Susan Matiza was primary voting delegate and Kevin Barron and Jeannette Herman were first and second alternate voting delegates, so it is being revised.

Commissioner Farren asked who will fill in for Jeannette Hermann?

Manager LeFevre replied that has not been determined yet.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-003

Appointing Delegate and Alternate Delegates
for Tax Collection Committee (TCC)

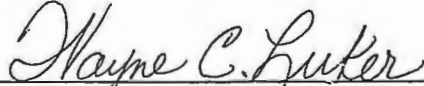
WHEREAS, Act 32 § 505(b) requires the governing bodies of townships, boroughs, cities, and school districts to appoint one voting delegate and one or two alternate delegates to be their Tax Collection Committee (TCC) representative. The purpose of this resolution is to appoint the required delegates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of the Township of Abington that the following individuals are hereby appointed as TCC delegates for the Township of Abington:

1. Primary voting delegate: Kevin S. Barron
2. First alternate voting delegate: Jeannette M. Hermann
3. Second alternate voting delegate: Michael LeFevre
4. If the primary voting delegate cannot be present for a TCC meeting, the first alternative voting delegate shall be the representative at the TCC meeting. If both the primary voting delegate and first alternative voting delegate cannot be present for a TCC meeting, the second alternate voting delegate shall be the representative at the TCC meeting. The work address for both the primary and alternate delegates is 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001, and the phone number is 267-536-1000.
5. These appointments are effective February 1, 2015 and shall continue until successors are appointed. The delegates shall serve at the pleasure of the Commissioners and may be removed at any time.
6. The Township Manager is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to the Superintendent of the Abington School District, the Montgomery County Board of Commissioners, and the Governor's Center for Local Government Services of the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

ADOPTED this 8th day of January, 2015.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON


Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Michael LeFevre, Secretary

Resolution No. 15-004 – Appointment of Assistant Secretary to the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, PA

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to adopt Resolution No. 15-004 appointing Kevin S. Barron to serve as Assistant Secretary to the Board of Commissioners effective February 1, 2015.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-004

**APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT 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 may appoint an Assistant Secretary; and

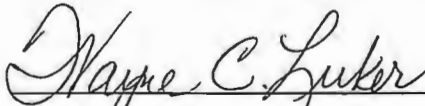
WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Abington Township have determined the necessity to appoint an Assistant Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the current Assistant Secretary, Susan Matiza, will be retiring effective February 1, 2015,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township does hereby appoint Kevin S. Barron to serve as Assistant Secretary to the Board of Commissioners effective February 1, 2015.

ADOPTED this 8th day of January, 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

Resolution No. 15-005 – Authorizing the Disposition of Certain Finance Office Records

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt Resolution No. 15-005, authoring the disposition of certain Finance Office records as set forth in Exhibit “A.”

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Kline clarified that disposition of these records meets all statutory requirements. Is that correct?

Manager LeFevre replied that is correct.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 15-005

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
ABINGTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE
DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN FINANCE OFFICE RECORDS**


WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution No.11-009, adopted March 10, 2011, the Township of Abington declared its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008, and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968 each individual act of disposition shall be approved by resolution of the governing body of the municipality;

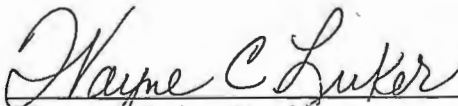
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 8th day of January, 2015, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above-cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the public records as set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Attest:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: 

Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

Collection of 2014 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

Commissioner Kline announced that this item has been deleted from the agenda and will be discussed in detail at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Blumenthal commented in regards to deletion of this agenda item, he needs to clear his books for the County on Monday, so this may be an issue.

Solicitor Clarke replied the Tax Claim Bureau is always the repository for those documents whether or not the Township is using a third party collector.

Mr. Blumenthal said we will discuss it further after the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that she feels that something should be done about a park in Ward 1 across from the train station. She expressed concern about the passing of an ordinance for a restaurant and that she feels it was not clarified whether or not it will be a "family" restaurant. Also, she expressed concern that she feels "green space is being given away as a bonus and she feels that there is a connection to the amount of green space and sewer problems."

Victor Krievins, 840 Maple Avenue, commented that in-lieu-of the fact there has been tragedies in this country with the killing of police officers for no reason; he suggested thanking our officers for the good job that they do and also thank our firefighters and EMT's.

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Spiegelman announced that January 19, 2015 will be the Dr. Martin Luther King Day of Service and, in remembrance of that, two great Ward 11 organizations, the Abington Township Fire Company and Abington Memorial Hospital will team up to collect goods for Cradles to Crayons organization that provides clothes and school supplies for kids from underprivileged families up to teenage years.

At the Abington Memorial Hospital from January 15-18, 2015, they will be collecting children's clothes and school supplies and collection will also take place at other hospital locations in Lansdale and Willow Grove.

On Monday, January 19th the Abington Township Fire Company will be collecting donations as well as items for Cradles to Crayons. For more information, please contact him.

He wished everyone a "Happy New Year." -25-

Commissioner Myers announced that her beautiful blue bow that was placed on the dais was in recognition and support of our Police Department and all of our emergency services. To Chief Kelly: she knows that everyone in Abington agrees that "Police Lives Matter."

Commissioner Markman said he received an email from a Commissioner of Upper Dublin, who informed him that one of Abington's trash collector operators driving Truck #207 on Kimball Avenue saw an elderly woman shoveling her sidewalk and he stopped, jumped out of the truck and finished the job for her. The Commissioner from Upper Dublin said, 'you can't put a value on an employee like that.'

He forwarded that email to Mr. Ed Micciolo, Director of Public Works and commended James Veney for doing that good deed, and apparently James does this quite often, helping people.

He was very proud to get this email from a longstanding Commissioner of Upper Dublin and he thanked Mr. James Veney.

Commissioner Schreiber announced that there is a call for films for the Roslyn Film Festival and the early discounted price ends at the end of January and all films are due by the end of February. They are looking for short films and the discount entry fee is \$15 if it is submitted by the end of January, after that, it is \$25 until March 1st.

Commissioner Bowman reminded Township residents they can ice skate at Crestmont and Penbryn Parks.

Commissioner DiPlacido commented that the roads are slippery, so "please, when driving through Abington Township, drive like your kids live here."

Commissioner Farren invited everyone to see the new fields at Glenside/Weldon property site.

There are many ongoing changes in Keswick Village and there is a neighborhood meeting on January 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the New Life Church in the main sanctuary where a developer and proposed business owners will be to discuss proposed ideas for the area.

Dr. Martin Luther King Day celebration is coming up and, given what is going in the world, it is a timely event.

In France, Charlie Hebdo, a satirical newspaper was attacked by extremists and 12 people lost their lives, and what has come from social media is "*Je suis Charlie*," which is French for "I am Charlie," which is a move of solidarity that what's happening in our country and in France underscores not just the value of dialog and communication, but the freedom and ability to express ourselves completely and safety without retribution and stifling that in any way stifles any sense of advancement that we can make as a country, as a people and as a global nation. So please keep that in mind when dealing with others and actions speak louder than words.

Commissioner Gillespie said since it is so cold please check on elderly neighbors to make sure they are warm. She wished everyone a "Happy New Year."

Commissioner Hecker announced that an event has been organized for tomorrow between 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. in front of the Abington Towne Center at the intersection of Old York Road and Rockwell Road where residents can express their support for the Abington Police Department and all local police who put their lives on the line on a daily basis serving the community.

Commissioner Jones wished everyone a "Happy New Year" and he wished his 13-year old daughter, Lauren a "Happy Birthday."

Commissioner Luker thanked Mr. Larry Matteo for organizing another fine program for the upcoming celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Day scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2015. This year's award recipient will be the Honorable Judge Garrett Page.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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