

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with President Luker presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:34 p.m.

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

Township Manager LEFEVRE
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Chief of Police KELLY
Finance Director BARRON
Assistant Township Engineer CLARK
Director of Code Enforcement MATTEO
Director of Parks and Recreation WENDELL
Director of Public Work MICCIOLO
Fire Marshal CLARK

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Commissioner Luker announced that an Executive Session was held on April 9, 2015 at 6:30 PM on a litigation matter.

PRESENTATIONS:

Honoring Pennsylvania War Hero – PFC Frances J. Harmer

Commissioners Zappone and Kalinoski presented a Citation to the Harmer Family in recognition of their father's service to our country and who was a member of the Ardsley family for many years. The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington honors PFC Frances J. Harmer, a Pennsylvania war hero, who served in the Pennsylvania National Guard and was one of the first to ashore in the Battle of the Bulge. Frances was wounded in combat and received a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars.

The Board of Commissioners and the entire Abington Township community saluted PFC Frances J. Harmer on this 9th day of April, 2015.

Presentation by Second Alarmers to LA Fitness Staff Members:

Chief Klenk, of the Second Alarmers, said on November 25, 2014 at 5:04 p.m., while he was working out at LA Fitness in Glenside, a 61- year old male suffered a cardiac arrest. Recognizing that a client was in distress, staff members, Olivia Sylbert, Joel Robinson and Mike Nassar rushed to his side and immediately began performing CPR. The automatic defibrillator delivered two shocks prior to the arrival of EMS.

Sergeant Tom Scott, Officer Ed Howley, Officer Pat Corbett and Officer Paul Welsh of the Abington Police Department arrived and assisted in care prior to the arrival of the ambulance.

At 5:08 p.m., the Second Alarmers Ambulance and Battalion Lieutenant Chief Brad Nash, Paramedic Joe Staniszewski and EMT Matt Walsh assumed care for the patient and at 5:11 p.m. the patient had to be shocked a third time by paramedics and subsequently regained a pulse.

The patient was transported to Abington Memorial Hospital, admitted and then discharged without any significant long-term effects from the incident.

Chief Jon Klenk and Ken Davidson introduced Olivia Sylbert, Joel Robinson and Mike Nassar (both were not present); members of the Abington Police Department Sergeant Scott, Officers Howley, Corbett and Welsh; members of the Second Alarmers Paramedic Joe Staniszewski (not present), EMT Matt Walsh and Lieutenant Chief Brad Nash, to the Board.

Presentation of Lifesaving Awards:

State Representative Madeleine Dean on behalf of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania presented Lifesaving Citation Awards to Olivia Sylbert, Joel Robinson and Mike Nassar (both were not present); members of the Abington Police Department Sergeant Scott, Officers Howley, Corbett and Welsh; members of the Second Alarmers Paramedic Joe Staniszewski (not present), EMT Matt Walsh and Lieutenant Chief Brad Nash in recognition of their supreme efforts in saving the life of a fellow citizen, and thanked them for their service to our community.

Commendation of Appreciation Citizens and Police Together

Chief Kelly said last year, Abington Township won an international award for Community Policing and only four in the entire world have received this award. But we did not start out at that level.

In 1992, our Community Policing was a meager program and was developed because of the citizens who got involved. The award was given to the Police Athletic League, the Abington Community Task Force and CAPT (Citizens and Police Together).

Recently, we needed funds to be able to take part in special training dealing with youth problems and, being one of only three communities in the country who would get this opportunity, we needed funding for training. CAPT came forward and gave up over \$5,000, so we were able to have this outstanding program in Abington Township.

CAPT has been operating behind the scenes doing good things in our community for the past 22 years such as running the 24-Hour Relay Challenge, the Youth Aid Panel, which is acclaimed throughout the County and funded by CAPT; a 15-passenger van used to transport students for our programs was donated by CAPT; and also the Citizens and Police Academy that brings volunteers together for many of our programs, etc.

Commissioners Schreiber and Kalinoski, along with Lt. Kelley Warner presented President Adam Reiff as well as representatives of CAPT with Certificate of Commendations in recognition of their great public service to Abington Township on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 9th day of April, 2015.

PROCLAMATION – “Arbor Day Observance” – April 25, 2015:

Commissioner Luker read into the record the Proclamation of “Arbor Day Observance” – April 25, 2015 in Abington.

PROCLAMATION

“Arbor Day Observance” in Abington

WHEREAS, the trees and other natural resources of Abington Township are fundamental elements in the vitality of our community; and

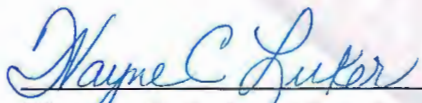
WHEREAS, the urban forest of Abington Township provides us with immeasurable environmental, human health, economic, educational, family and social benefits; and

WHEREAS, in the month of April an annual celebration of Arbor Day is held in Abington Township as part of the National Observance and as a project of our Shade Tree Commission and our Environmental Advisory Council; and

WHEREAS, all the people of Abington are invited to participate in our 2014 celebration and tree planting at Grove Park, Roslyn on April 26th beginning at 11 AM; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by the Abington Township Board of Commissioners that **April 26, 2014**, is designated **“Arbor Day.”** The Board issues this proclamation calling upon the people of Abington Township to observe the day by joining our celebration and by continuing to enhance the environment by planting trees in our community. **APPROVED THIS** tenth day of April 2014.

Abington Township Board of Commissioners



Wayne C. Luker, President



Michael LeFevre, Secretary



APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of March 12, 2015.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Schreiber to amend Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2015 with correction (23 Complaints).

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

VOLUNTEER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Zoning Hearing Board:

President Luker opened nominations for appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Vice President Kline nominated Gertrude Hackney, seconded by Commissioner Myers.

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

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Vice President Kline to approve Resolution No. 15-020 filling vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board and appoint Gertrude Hackney to serve as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board for a full-term until December 31, 2019.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

RESOLUTION No. 15-020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON FILLING A VACANCY ON THE
ZONING HEARING BOARD**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Zoning Hearing Board as a result of the retirement of Edward A. Mebus; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Abington Township wishes to appoint Gertrude M. Hackney for a full-term until December 31, 2019.

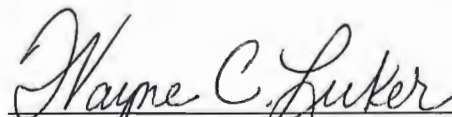
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington does hereby **RESOLVE** as follows:

Gertrude M. Hackney **SHALL BE** and **HEREBY IS APPOINTED** to serve as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board until December 31, 2019.

RESOLVED and ADOPTED this 9th day of April, 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By:


Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

Planning Commission:

President Luker opened nominations for appointment to the Planning Commission.

Vice President Kline nominated Mavis Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Myers.

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

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Myers to appoint Mavis Robinson as a member of the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Charles P. Carter until December 31, 2015.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Shade Tree Commission:

President Luker opened nominations for appointment to the Shade Tree Commission.

Commissioner Schreiber nominated Charles Soboleski, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski.

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

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to appoint Charles Soboleski to serve on the Shade Tree Commission for the term January 2015 through December 2019.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Master Casting Agreement – Update with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (PADOT)

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the proposed Master Casting Agreement No. 0601068 for the next three year cycle ending in 2017 between the Township of Abington and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement and Resolution No. 15-018.

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

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

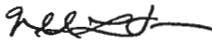
MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-018
MASTER CASTING AGREEMENT NO. 0601068
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

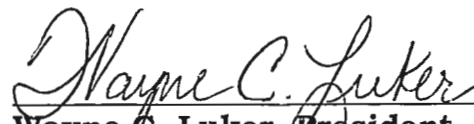
BE IT RESOLVED by authority of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the President of said Municipal Board of Commissioners be authorized and directed to sign the attached Agreement on its behalf and the Secretary be authorized and directed to attest the same.

ATTEST:

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP



**Michael LeFevre
Secretary**

BY: 
**Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners**

I, Wayne C. Luker, President of the Abington Township Board of Commissioners do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Abington Township Board of Commissioners held the Ninth day of April, 2015.

DATE: April 9, 2015

(SEAL)

Emergency Force Main Repair – North Hills Avenue

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to authorize payment in the amount of \$34,241.53 from the Contingency Expense Account No. 02-10-200-5299 to Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. for the emergency excavation and repair to the Kimball Avenue Pump Station Force Main sewer that parallels Kimball Avenue near Elliot Avenue, which was completed on February 13, 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 14-0.

Funding for Street Repairs

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to spend \$100,000.00 from Fund Balance for repairs to streets deteriorated due to the severe cold winter this year. The anticipated work areas are attached.

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 the number of miles the \$100,000 will pave and asked about her street being repaved.

Manager LeFevre replied the Board Action Form clearly states that four miles of overlay will be done using Township funds and four miles of overlay will be done using Aqua funds, and in addition, the motion before the Board is to consider spending \$100,000 to make repairs over and above eight miles of roadway.

Director of Public Works Department evaluates and determines what streets are in dire need of overlay and those are prioritized. Although, the speaker's street is on the list and considered each year, there are other streets that are worse and they are priority.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Funding for Salt Replacement

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to appropriate \$89,000.00 from Fund Balance for the purchase of salt for roadways to stockpile our storage facility for potential storms in 2015 calendar year.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Farren asked how many tons of salt does \$89,000 buy?

Mr. Micciolo replied approximately 1,400 tons.

Commissioner Farren asked how much salt is used each year?

Mr. Micciolo replied in the past two years, we used approximately 5,000-6,000 tons. In prior years, we used about 2,000 tons.

Commissioner Farren asked is this money being spent now in anticipation of the coming winter being similar to the past two years?

Mr. Micciolo replied he needs to have a stock of salt for November and December. Due to a previous shortage of salt, he does not want to wait until then in case of a storm.

Commissioner Farren asked is there any type of price discount for purchasing it now rather than in peak season?

Mr. Micciolo replied it is better to purchase it now because he feels the price of salt will increase tremendously.

Commissioner Jones clarified that this is a municipal contract. Is that correct?

Mr. Micciolo replied that is correct. It is a consortium contract with other municipalities for approximately 2,500 tons of salt and that is how we get better pricing.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Commissioner Kline read an email into the record from one of his constituents commending an employee of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, Roger Eickhoff, who assisted them with a plumbing problem on their property.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Historic Resource Survey Project

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Myers to authorize the execution of a Partnership and Scope of Services Agreement with the Heritage Conservancy for the development of a Historic Survey of the Township.

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

Solicitor Clarke noted that at the last meeting, the Board requested that the Heritage Conservancy to be contacted in regards to language in the agreement. He spoke with Jeff Marshall, Executive Director, and he agreed that the word “funds” can be removed from the agreement, so that will be done.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern about the “number of nonprofit organizations associated with the Township that ask for funds and resources, which should not be given without a tally being done.”

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Land Development LD-15-01 – Patient First (PF) Abington, Inc. 938-944 Old York Road

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Myers to approve the subdivision and land development application of PF Abington, Inc., applicant for the properties located at 938 and 944 Old York Road. The applicant seeks approval to demolish the existing structure on the site and construct a new 7,151 square foot building. The proposal is for a new parking lot, design, site lighting, landscaping and an onsite stormwater management system. In addition, the plan calls for the relocation of the lot line between the two properties. The properties are zoned in the (PB) Planned Business District and the (R-2) Residential District in Ward No. 7 of the Township of Abington.

This motion is subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant is required to provide the Township with a two (2) new executed, signed, notarized and recorded deeds. This is a requirement of the subdivision process.
2. The applicant is required to set concrete monuments as directed by the Abington Township Engineering Office.
3. Any work proposed within the roadway will require a “Highway Permit” from PennDOT.

4. The items listed within the Staff Review letter dated, February 2, 2015 becomes a condition of the application.
5. The applicant has submitted an ACT 537 Exemption application for the three (3) new EDU's that will be required for this proposal.
6. The applicant is required to relocate the ADA parking stall down two to three stalls to allow for better use of the these stalls. (This can be completed without the loss of any onsite stalls).
7. The applicant is required to submit a sight line diagram of the southernmost driveway that will include all of the proposed landscaping and signage. (This plan is to be reviewed and approved by the Traffic Safety Officer, prior to the installation of any improvements).
8. The applicant will install a bench and trash can to be placed in front of the new building.
9. A bike rack will be added to the site.
10. The applicant should add additional planting and ground level shrubbery to the front yard buffer.
11. The applicant agrees that no permits will be issued during the Zoning Hearing Board's decision on the pending appeal. (Docket Number 2014-33063).

This motion is subject to the following waivers:

1. Waiver from Section 146-11.A. – Property Identification Plan.
2. Waiver from Section 146-11.B. – Existing Features Plan
3. Waiver from Section 146-11.F.b. – Street Plan
4. Waiver from Section 146.11.1 – Phasing Plan
5. Waiver from Section 146-11.J. – Recreation Facilities Plan
6. Waiver from Section 146.11.L. – Architectural Plan
7. Waiver from Section 146-30 – Lot Shape

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 14-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Ordinance No. 2091 – To Amend 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; No Stopping or Standing

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2091 amending 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; No Stopping or Standing) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on April 9, 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 14-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2091

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING 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; NO STOPPING OR STANDING”**

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 25 – “Parking prohibited at all times; no parking between signs; no parking here to corner; parking prohibited except certain hours; no stopping or standing”

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:

1. Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic 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,” shall be amended to **add** the following restriction:

Name of Highway	Side	Location
Edge Hill Road	West	30 feet north of the No Parking Here to Corner sign north of Custer Avenue

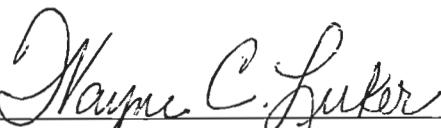
2. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
3. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 9th day of April, 2015.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:


Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: 
Wayne C. Luker, President

Ordinance No. 2096 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” – Article III (Parking Regulations), Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on May 14, 2015

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to advertise Ordinance No. 2096 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article III (Parking Regulations) Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on May 14, 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 14-0.

Ordinance No. 2092 – Amending Chapter 155 – “Traffic Control,” Article I – “Automated Red Light Enforcement Systems,” Section 155-7 – “Duties of the Township of Abington”

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2092 amending Chapter 155 (Traffic Control), Article I “Automated Red Light Enforcement Systems,” Section 155-7 – ‘Duties of the Township of Abington’ allowing a \$35 cost of collection fee to be added to the \$100 Red Light Camera Fine when the fine is referred to a third party collection agency for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on April 9, 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 12-2. Commissioners Luker and Kline opposed.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2092

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 155 – “TRAFFIC CONTROL,”
ARTICLE I – “AUTOMATED RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS,”
SECTION 155-4 – “VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES,”
SECTION 155-7-“DUTIES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON”**

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 1502.5 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56505, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to define the duties of the police force; 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, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that Chapter 155 – “Traffic Control,” Article I – “Automated Red Light Enforcement Systems,” Sections 155-4 – “Violations and Penalties,” should be amended for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that Chapter 155 – “Traffic Control,” Article I – “Automated Red Light Enforcement Systems,” Sections 155-7 – “Duties of the Township of Abington,” 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:

1. Chapter 155 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article I – “Automated Red Light Enforcement,” Section 155-4 – “Violations and Penalties,” shall be amended to **add** the following:
(7) Upon receipt of the “Final Determination of Violation Liability” letter pursuant to Sections 155-7, and failure to pay the applicable fine pursuant to Sections 155-4 and 155-11, a \$35 cost of collection fee will be added to the outstanding balance and the matter will be referred to a third party collection agency.
2. Chapter 155 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article I – “Automated Red Light Enforcement,” Section 155-7 – “Duties of the Township of Abington,” shall be amended to **add** the following:
(6) If the registered owner fails to pay the applicable fine pursuant to Sections 155-4 and 155-11 or fails to request a hearing pursuant to Section 155-12 within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the notice of violation, the system administrator shall send a “Notice of Determination” letter. If the owner subsequently fails to pay the applicable fine pursuant to Section 155-4 and 155-11, the system administrator shall send a “Final Determination of Violation Liability” letter.
3. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with

this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

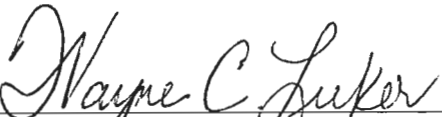
4. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 9th day of April, 2015.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:


Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: 
Wayne C. Luker, President

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 15-019 – Authorizing the Disposition of Certain Administrative Office Records

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to approve Resolution No. 15-019 authorizing the disposition of Senior Citizen Transit Identification Cards dated between January 1, 1986 – December 31, 1999 and “Right To Know” requests dated 2012 and prior.

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, commented that she put in a “Right To Know” request to look at those records before they were destroyed and the response was that she was not specific enough about the documents.

Manager LeFevre replied that the “Right To Know” law requires that requests are to be specific in what documents are being asked for. The motion is to dispose of many documents from the years stated and staff time would need to be devoted to redact each and every document that may contain personal information.

Township staff fully complies with that law and we do everything we can to comply with requests on a daily basis, and we will continue to do so.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 15-019

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

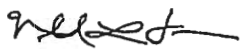
WHEREAS, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968 each individual act of disposition shall be approved by resolution of the governing body of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 9th day of April 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 following records:


- Senior Citizen Transit Identification Cards dated between 01/01/1986-12/31/1999.
- Right to Know Requests dated 2012 and prior.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Attest:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: 
Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal reported for the month of March 2015, \$1,923,839 was deposited into the Republic Bank from various Township departments representing an increase over prior year in the amount of \$545,535; YTD \$3,791,788 representing an increase over prior year in the amount of \$619,055.

The Tax Office collected in Real Estate Taxes for March 2015, \$9,939,701 and last year the YTD amount was \$13,594,648, which was due to timing, because on the last day of the month the Township received an \$8 million payment from a third party processor. Collected YTD was \$10,583,207 leaving a balance to collect in the amount of \$15,764,657.

Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the February expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$1,814,746.91 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,885,316.82.
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of May, 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 14-0. Commissioner Markman was absent during roll call.

Training and Conference Expenses

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for February 2015 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$1,946.50, respectively.

Two-month expenses totaled \$5,936.04.

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 14-0.

Clearing Fund/Deferred Revenue and Expense/Petty Cash

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

February Petty Cash balances previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of February 2015 were \$17,976.33 and (\$17,314.51), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of February 2015 were \$500.00 and (\$3.89), 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 14-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Edith Schmid, Elite Florals, 1160 Bradfield Road, asked what are the duties and obligations of the Commissioners to the business owners and residents for each ward?

Commissioner Myers replied the Township is divided into 15 wards and residents of each ward elects their own Commissioner and that Commissioner's main responsibility is to set policy for the Township and also to look out for the interests of our constituents and take calls regarding complaints, challenges, concerns, etc.

Each Commissioner sits on various Township committees of different areas of responsibility, and at this Board meeting every month, each Commissioner has equal say and an equal vote.

Ms. Schmid asked when and where will an item be advertised relating to Code Enforcement?

Commissioner Kline replied requirements are to advertise in the local newspaper (Times Chronicle) that will run twice consecutively and residents will be notified.

Margaret Adelsberger, 1507 North Hills Avenue, read a statement into the record regarding “thousands of unaccompanied minors who crossed our borders illegally in 2014 that were secretly transferred to various cities within the United States including Abington Township.”

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that she has not been given an answer on how miles of roadway were paved.

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner DiPlacido wished everyone in East Abington Little League a wonderful opening day on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at Alverthorpe Park.

He has a meeting with Traffic Safety Officer Freed in regards to speeding traffic in an area in his ward.

So, “When driving through Abington, please drive like your kids live here.”

Commissioner Farren announced that GYAC’s opening day is this coming Saturday, April 11th and the parade and events will be held at the Glenside/Weldon field.

Commissioner Gillespie announced that it will be a full day on Saturday, April 11th in Keswick Village/Glenside area with the 5K Run in memory of her late husband, Mike Gillespie and it benefits the Greater Glenside Patriotic Association’s events that are held on the 4th of July.

Commissioner Hecker expressed his gratitude to the members of the Second Alarmers Rescue Squad, and he is a proud community member to see Ward 10 neighbors Chief Jon Klenk and Battalion Chief Brad Nash, who represent a wonderful group and work seamlessly with the members of our Police and Fire Departments.

Also, on April 18th at 9:00 a.m. at Roychester Park, Tina Carlson, Associate Member of the EAC, is sponsoring a cleanup event of the creek bed going up towards the park.

To the residents of Bockius Avenue; he will be in touch to schedule a community meeting in the near future to discuss parking concerns, and he will be working with Mr. Matteo and Lt. Malloy on those details.

Commissioner Jones commented that we should be very thankful for our First Responders; the Firefighters, Second Alarmers and Police Officers who protect and serve the individuals here. We cannot thank them enough as most of us could not do what they do physically as well as the emotional and psychological scars that go with it.

He thanked Mr. Larry Matteo for attending a community meeting with him yesterday where residents had an opportunity to express their frustrations. All residents get an opportunity to share their thoughts and it is understood that they do not always get their way, but they will definitely get their say, and that is what this country and Township are predicated upon.

Commissioner Zappone thanked Tim Clark for his assistance with some issues in his ward this week and Tim is always there when needed.

He reminded his residents that on Friday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m. at the North Penn VFW we will be having an Ardsley Family Day's First Annual Designer Bag Bingo. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and to please contact him for tickets.

Commissioner Spiegelman acknowledged a gentleman by the name of Horace Richter, Jr., who he never had the pleasure of meeting, but just recently passed away at the age of 98 and lived in Whitmarsh Township.

Back in the 1960's, Mr. Richter lived on Jenkintown Road at the edge of Glenside Gardens, which is currently Ward 12, but back then, it was Ward 11. Mr. Richter was a former Commissioner of Ward 11 from 1960 until 1972. His daughter indicated the immense amount of pride Mr. Richter took in his years of service to his ward and our Township, so he wanted to acknowledge that Mr. Richter had one of the best jobs in the world.

An upcoming event in Ward 11 will be on April 18th from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Abington Library and they will be having their Annual Sidewalk Sale selling plants and books, which is a major fundraiser for the library.

In the news in recent months, we have seen truly horrific situations of interactions between police and citizenry, and when these things happen, there is no overstating the comfort he takes when he thinks about our Abington Police Department. All of our Officers and volunteers of CAPT and PAL are so integrated into the community and into the lifeblood of what happens here.

New officers are trained not just in procedure, but in Abington's spirit by their mentors, and during difficult times, it is a tremendous source of comfort and strength having a fabulous police department.

Commissioner Sanchez commented that he had an opportunity to chat with residents of Rydal Park and they were very interested in the use of Narcan in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and he was proud to say that the Abington Police Department was already using it, and they were very appreciative and impressed by it, so thank you.

Commissioner Myers commented that recently, there was a letter in one of the local newspapers defaming one or more of the nonprofit organizations in this Township. Every one on this Board is associated with either a nonprofit or volunteer group or series of events and we all take this time to promote them to get the word out because inevitably we are all helping other community members, and it is certainly within our guidelines to do that.

These organizations are a benefit to the community and, on any day during the week or weekend, there is something of interest that can be found somewhere and someplace for everyone.

She invited everyone to join us for the PAL Comedy Show, and the Police Athletic League, although sponsored by the Police Department, is completely funded by private donations and no tax dollars.

And when someone asks, 'what resources are being used' it should not be that same person who uses resources beyond measure in this Township to fill their own needs.

So please join us for the Comedy Show by PAL on Thursday, April 16th.

Commissioner Kalinoski thanked Chief Kelly for recognizing CAPT, which is an organization that is very near and dear to his heart as he was past President and now Vice President and soon to be President again. Every penny raised goes back into Abington Township. We are an organization that always looks for ways to give back to the community. Everyone from CAPT recognized tonight is a personal friend of his and those friendships were developed through events such as the 24-Hour Relay Challenge, etc.

The 24-Hour Relay Challenge event will be held soon, so if anyone is interested in volunteering, please contact him. This year, we will be recognizing again, former Commissioner Mike Gillespie for his courage and honor as well as our first President Butch Beal for his nonstop work for CAPT.

Commissioner Schreiber commented that the Roslyn Film Festival that benefits the Roslyn Fire Company was held recently and one of the films was from a college in Kentucky that came in second, and the Roslyn Film Festival got press in Kentucky, nationwide.

Commissioner Luker thanked and recognized Valerie Ward, who is involved with the PAL and CAPT programs and Valerie devotes her time every weekend to the PAL program and she is also President of the Willow Grove NAACP.

He also acknowledged retired Detective Chief Oscar Vance of Montgomery County, who was here this evening, and has been a longstanding member of CAPT.

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Also, it is official that Mr. Larry Matteo, Director of Code Enforcement Department, who has been a Township employee for 43 ½ years, has decided not to retire.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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Approved
5-14-2015