

The stated meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA, with Commissioner Schreiber presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners SCHREIBER, ROTHMAN, BRODSKY, THOMPSON, BOLE

Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Director of Engineering MONTGOMERY

Also Present: Commissioners SPIEGELMAN, HECKER, CARSWELL, ZAPPONE, DiPLACIDO, BOWMAN, LUKER, MYERS, VAHEY, WINEGRAD

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Rothman to approve the minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting of December 4, 2019.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Comment from Public Safety Chairperson Commissioner Schreiber on behalf of the Board of Commissioners on recent School Board Meeting:

Commissioner Schreiber commented that the Board of Commissioners has always valued that we have a great Police Chief, wonderful leadership in our Police Department and a well-trained community-minded police force. We support them and appreciate them. Even before this recent School Board concern, the Public Safety Committee was already having conversations with police leadership about increasing community conversations particularly concerning interactions with vulnerable populations including, but limited to, the concerns of people of color; people with special needs; the LGBTQ community and people experiencing mental health and substance abuse disorders.

We have had these conversations before, but we also recognize there is always room to improve communication and we welcome those programs in our future. Our hope is that positive dialog will be the outcome of this current situation and look forward to that as well.

As this is not an agenda item, we will not be taking public comment on this issue, but instead move onto the agenda.

PRESENTATION: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

Item PS-01-021320:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to advertise Ordinance No. 2172, amending Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic Regulations,” Section 7 – “Speed Limits Established,” 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 26 – “Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours,” Section 27 – “Parking Time Limited” and Section 28 – “Special Purpose Parking Zones” to add speed limits on Oak Hill Drive and Hidden Pond Drive; add “Stop” Intersections on the east and west side of Shoemaker Road at Edmund Road and on the east and west side of Ferndale Avenue at Rubicam Avenue; add No Parking on both sides of Huntingdon Pike and the east side of Lindsay Lane; add No Parking Here to Corner on the east side of Kelly Lane; add No Parking M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Lindsay Lane – west side and add Handicapped Parking on Tyson Avenue.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Bole said in regards to omitting the section of the ordinance for “two-hour parking on Tague Avenue;” this is a residential parking issue that is complicated, and he is working on it.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – general matters relating to Public Safety:

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked for her disabilities to be accommodated for.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Minutes Secretary