

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held as a Zoom webinar and teleconference on Thursday, July 9, 2020 with President Spiegelman presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present via teleconference: Commissioners THOMPSON, BRODSKY, BOLE, CARSWELL, ROTHMAN, LUKER, MYERS, ZAPPONE, BOWMAN, DiPLACIDO, WINEGRAD, VAHEY, SCHREIBER, HECKER, SPIEGELMAN

Also present via teleconference:
Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Township Treasurer BLUMENTHAL
Director of Engineering MONTGOMERY
Chief of Police MOLLOY

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Commissioner Schreiber called on Chief of Police Pat Molloy for an update on community concerns.

Chief Molloy since the murder of Mr. George Floyd and subsequent protests and rioting throughout the country, his department responded to a number of social media threats against the mall, Target and other locations, and because of preplanning, personnel assignments and proactive approach, there were no acts of violence, vandalism or looting in our Township. He gave credit to Lt. Fink, other members of the Command Staff and Abington Police Department personnel, who on a number of occasions left our jurisdiction to assist with violent protests in Cheltenham Township, Philadelphia and the King of Prussia Mall. We should all be proud of the peaceful tone of protests including the Abington students who organized the largest protest in front of the police/Township building with over 600 residents. The APD officers who were present stood with them and knelt with them as a sign of respect for Mr. Floyd and his family and in protest of the awful actions of those Minneapolis Police Officers.

These protests; inquiries from the public; proposed legislative reforms and repeated cries for transparency has prompted our department to begin a process of future introspection and reevaluation in how we can embark on making meaningful changes and improve on all of the great things we have accomplished with our community over the past three decades. At these peace rallies, we have stated that we are listening and we hear you and have taken an approach to first understand and to be understood and because of these rallies we have established new relationships and invited many new citizens to join us in continuing the conversation on achieving reform.

He thanked the Board of Commissioners and the entire community for the opportunity to come together as one to focus on what brings us together. We have a common goal of promoting public safety and treating all people with respect and dignity.

We are one of only four police agencies that have been accredited by the State and internationally and we will remain committed to best practices in policing opening our books to outside assessors every two years since 2003. While we are proud of these achievements and our relationship with our community, we know that we can always do better with regards to transparency, accountability and fostering relationships with our community that is based on trust.

We have endorsed House Bill 1841 that was unanimously passed that prevents bad cops from getting jobs after getting fired from one organization and moving onto to another. We are in the process of posting a majority of policies and procedures on our website www.abingtonpd.org as well as all statistical data related to arrests and citations. A new initiative has come about in working with the President of the NAACP Valerie Ward, Pastor Jerome Coleman of the Crestmont Baptist Church and Reverend Marshall Mitchell, which will be known as the Chiefs Advisory Commission on Racial Justice that will be comprised of six members who will receive specialized training.

Since June 15th, the APD has received over 129, 9-1-1 or radio calls of reports/complaints about the use of fireworks. We were able to identify 34 residents using fireworks and issued a documented warning, so that if there was another call, a citation could be issued. There was one arrest made in Roslyn, and recently in Philadelphia, there were two serious injuries from use of fireworks. PSA's have been sent out that there are very few places in Abington where it is legal to use fireworks, and calling 9-1-1 is the most efficient way for response by an officer.

Commissioner Schreiber suggested that the Board of Commissioners consider a resolution at its next meeting that could be sent to State Legislators to try and repeal the selling of fireworks in our community or any community throughout Pennsylvania.

Bee, Bergvall & Co. Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2019:

Ms. Jennifer McHugh provided an end of audit summary for 2019. Reports issued include Township CAFR Financial Statement; Tax Office Agreed Upon Procedures and Financial Statement. The District Justice Procedures are currently being worked on and will be issued soon. In addition to the audit and audit opinion, we assisted with capital asset schedules; proposed adjusting journal entries and prepared reports. The DCED report is the State's annual report that must be filed. Audit testing results showed that records were neat and orderly; staff was helpful and knowledgeable; there were multiple levels of internal controls and there is a detailed written internal control policy that is followed.

The financial statements have an unmodified opinion in which the information is fairly stated and in compliance with accounting standards. No new accounting standards were implemented in 2019 and there will be GASB 87 on leases in the future. 2019 Financial summary was provided to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Lora Lehmann, Meadowbrook, commented that she sent an email expressing concern about the amount of speaking time on agenda items. Also, about the advertising of the configuration of HUD funds prior to public comment, and she asked for the agenda item regarding 1235 Meinel Road to not be approved.

Dino Ditri, 1215 Meinel Road, commented that he is opposed to the subdivision of 1235 Meinel Road including waiver approval and this matter should go back to committee for re-approval following examination of all of the options. He thanked Commissioner Brodsky for addressing the neighbors' concerns as well as keeping them abreast of the situation as well as other areas of concern.

Gerald Magid, 1236 Meinel Road, thanked Commissioner Brodsky and the Township as in the past few days the developer cut the grass and shrubs and now it is a pleasure to look at a clean property.

Jacqueline Myers, Hoyt Road, expressed concern how the stormwater runoff in regards to the 1235 Meinel Road property will be handled.

Nathan Shugerman, 1245 Meinel Road, expressed concern that the retention basin on the 1235 Meinel Road property located under a public road will cause undue financial hardship for the Township for maintenance, repair and replacement of the basin, and there should be a redesign of the project.

Paul Feldman, 1202 Oliver Road, said in regards to 1235 Meinel Road property; the rules require the developer to have the plan recorded within 90-days and that did not happen, and now the developer is asking the Board to vote on something that will be detrimental to the community. Who will be responsible for the retention basin when it fails, and this should be looked at by the current Board to come up with a decision that will be in the best interest of all of the neighbors.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Myers to approve Items a. – c. as listed under Consent Agenda as follows:

To approve the minutes from the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of June 11, 2020.

To approve the Clearing Fund, the Deferred Revenue/Expense activity and Petty Cash balances for the month of May 2020. Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of May 2020 were \$19,871.71 and (\$21,572.60), respectively. Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of May 2020 were \$0.00 and (\$27.00), respectively.

To approve the Travel Expense activity for May 2020. Travel Expenses were (\$3,160.00) and five-month expenses totaled \$11,018.80.

President Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Land Use Committee –

Item LU-02-040720:

Commissioner Thompson made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Luker to re-approve the Subdivision Land Development Plan - LD-16-06 – Steven Kozlowski, 1235 Meinel Road, which was submitted as request to consider the waiver of the 90-day recording requirement of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of the Township of Abington.

President Spiegelman called on Commissioner Brodsky.

Commissioner Brodsky said the neighbors have made their opinions known, and he asked for support by the Board to deny the entire motion due to procedural deficiencies by the applicant and the plan/application needs to go through the process from the beginning.

It was noted there was no representation for the developer present at this meeting and there has been no communication in return to outreach by the Manager.

President Spiegelman asked for any other comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Thompson asked is this a request for approval for the original waiver of 90-day recording or has there been a new application submitted?

Manager Manfredi replied no new application has been submitted. The applicant was advised that they need to resubmit a plan/application based on comments made at the Board meeting in which they attended for review and reconsideration by the Board of Commissioners, and that has not occurred. So request by the applicant is for the Board to act on the plan that was previously approved.

Commissioner Thompson replied since there has been no response from the developer in regards to a new plan, he is opposed to this development plan.

Commissioner Bowman said this was approved three years ago as the Board felt it was an acceptable development plan including an effective stormwater management plan. Stormwater detention systems do not generally fail as it is a concrete vault that collects water and releases it slowly over time, so the developer is controlling the water on his land, and he would vote in favor of it again.

Commissioner Zappone commented that Commissioner Brodsky has been in constant contact with his residents providing all of the information about this project since it is in his ward, so he support's the decision that Commissioner Brodsky will make on it.

Commissioner Brodsky said his recommendation is to completely deny the motion in its entirety; deny request for extension; deny the motion as presented; deny request for re-approval of the plan that was submitted three years ago.

Commissioner Schreiber clarified that since the applicant is not present this evening to offer further explanation about items previously discussed; they could come forward again with a brand new application. Is that correct?

President Spiegelman replied yes.

President Spiegelman asked for a roll call vote on the motion on the floor as follows:

Commissioner Thompson voted no.

Commissioner Brodsky voted no.

Commissioner Bole voted no.

Commissioner Carswell voted no.

Commissioner Rothman voted no.

Commissioner Luker voted no.

Commissioner Myers voted no.

Commissioner Zappone voted no.

Commissioner Bowman voted yes.

Commissioner DiPlacido voted no.

Commissioner Winegrad voted no.

Commissioner Vahey voted no.

Commissioner Schreiber voted no.

Vice President Hecker voted no.

President Spiegelman voted no.

MOTION FAILED 1-14.

Commissioner Brodsky made a MOTION, seconded by President Spiegelman to deny in its entirety the Subdivision Land Development Plan/Application – LD-16-06 of Steven Kozlowski 1235 Meinel Road – original plan from 2017.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Commissioners –

BOC-01-070920:

Vice President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to adopt Resolution No. 20-035 ratifying the Declaration of Disaster and State of Emergency from May 28, 2020 to July 16, 2020 and approve the Declaration through July 23, 2020.

President Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Schreiber said the declaration is through July 23rd, does that mean the Township will not need one after that date?

Manager Manfredi replied it is to ratify actions taken through that time period.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Public Works Committee –

Item PW-01-070920:

Commissioner Rothman called on Manager Manfredi.

Manager Manfredi said previously he spoke with Mr. Micciolo about turning the cost center into a profit center and he thanked Township staff for their hard work on this project.

Mr. Mark Maxwell, Refuse Services Manager, presented three bid options from Covanta, Waste Management and J.P. Mascaro for consideration. Bid Option 1- Direct Haul Service Fee - this option would severely impact cost of operation increasing it dramatically. Bid Option 2 – Service Fee – Abington Transfer Station Operations, Maintenance, Transfer, Hauling and Disposal Services, which is what is being done now and Bid Option 3 - Disposal Service Fee. Also, other municipalities are waiting on the decision by the Board.

Recommendation is Bid Option 3 in which the Township runs the transfer station and Covanta hauls and that would result in a savings for the Township; five year costs were presented; there would be optional years for extension up to three and both parties must agree to it. This preferred alternative would allow the Township to reduce the need to increase refuse fee in the future and enable opportunities to generate revenue for the Township to offset costs.

Ms. Amy Montgomery, Director of Engineering, added that staff's recommendation is considered to be price bid form 3, which is the disposal service fee from Abington Transfer Station, and Covanta was the only bidder to provide that.

Commissioner Rothman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Carswell to approve preferred alternative price bid form 3 where the Township runs the Abington Transfer Station and Covanta hauls.

President Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Bowman said since other municipalities are waiting on the decision by the Board, does that mean they would bring their trash to this transfer station, and if so, how much tonnage would they bring?

Mr. Maxwell replied that is correct and anticipated 15,000 tons.

Commissioner Vahey asked for the net difference from this year as opposed to next year.

Manager Manfredi replied \$91,100.00.

Commissioner DiPlacido clarified that the transfer station is located in Upper Dublin; is there a cost associated with it?

Manager Manfredi replied it is located in Upper Dublin although the land is owned by Abington Township, and there are operating costs for the facility.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Public Safety Committee –

Item PS-01-070920:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to adopt Ordinance No. 2175, amending Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic Regulations,” Section 14 – “Stop Intersections,” add “Stop Intersections” on Hawthorne Road at Elm Avenue and Spruce Avenue at Hamel Avenue.

President Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Thompson asked the Board for their support as these signs have been there for a few months and have been successful.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Finance Committee –

Receive Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal reported for the month of June 2020 monies deposited into Republic Bank were behind this time last year (\$206,773); YTD (\$3,936,213). Business Tax deadline was extended until July 15th. Real estate taxes for June 2020; there was increase over prior year by \$1,191,450. 94% has been collected; remaining balance 6%.

Item FC-01-070920:

Commissioner Vahey made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Myers to approve the May 2020 expenditures in the amount of \$4,681,750.36 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,967,927.49 and authorize proper Township officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of August 2020.

President Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

Roll call resulted in motion being passed 15-0.

Item FC-04-070920:

President Spiegelman called on Mr. Van Strother, Director of Community Development.

Mr. Strother said in regards to the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 CDBG budget; tonight he will make presentation on current status of the CDBG program; proposed projects and the specific timeline for it. Proposed budget will be advertised 30-days prior to final decision so the public has time to comment. Final decision by the Board on the CDBG budget will be on August 13, 2020 at the Board of Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Vahey noted public facility improvements has an amount listed of \$581,251.00; could some of it be used for owner occupied rehabilitation projects in which there is a long waiting list.

Mr. Strother replied yes, and there is a substantial waiting list.

Commissioner Winegrad said he concurs with Commissioner Vahey in providing assistance to those residents in need as there is a large backlog, so he would like the amount of \$581,251.00 to be put towards owner occupied rehabilitation projects.

Manager Manfredi noted that a vote by the Board of Commissioners on how proposed CDBG funds will be dispersed needs to be advertised with request for public comment for a 30-day period and then a final vote by the Board will occur at its meeting on August 13th.

Commissioner Myers noted that previously discussed during Finance Committee meeting was a possible senior center in collaboration with Salem Baptist Church; is that being taken off the table?

Manager Manfredi replied no. The Board needs to discuss and determine the budget tonight so it can be advertised along with request for public comment and then the Board will vote on the final budget.

Commissioner Myers said she would be in favor of a senior center as our seniors are very under-served and they are a large percentage of our population and many would be well-served by it.

Commissioner Schreiber commented that she has always been in favor of working on that list of home projects; however, she is not clear on the status of that list and how much would need to be spent from existing dollars. Also, a senior center is a wonderful idea and we could use one. Would the County contribute to it?

Mr. Strother replied it is a broad spectrum of identifying projects and we would need to determine scope of cost and associated costs. A grant was received from DCED in the amount of \$400,000 and there are eight homes positioned in which we will send out for bids. Costs are unknown until bids come in and the projects begin.

Commissioner Bowman agreed with Commissioner Myers in that some of that money should go towards public facilities improvements.

Commissioner Carswell said she loves the idea of providing a safe space for socialization and recreational activities for our seniors; however, we have a duty to resolve and address that long list of homeowners who need help in repairing their homes making them safe, and that needs to be added to revised budget.

Commissioner Vahey clarified that he expressed his support for a senior center during Finance Committee meeting; however, upon further reflection, it is a sizeable amount of money and due diligence has not been done. He is not comfortable spending that amount of money on a senior project this year, and currently there are no shovel-ready public facility improvement projects. He would be thrilled to have a new senior center and Roslyn is an ideal location for it, but we should plan for it and not rush it in four weeks prior to the budget being passed. In the absence of any other ideas, we have an extraordinary long list of citizens in this Township who need support to improve their homes and there is no better way to use these funds, and although we may not even put a dent in that list with this amount of money, it is something that needs to be done as there are no other viable options at this time.

Vice President Hecker agreed with Commissioner Vahey's perspective. He also supports the idea of a senior center in the Township, but more planning needs to be done so it can be shovel-ready for next year. He concurs there is a long list of homeowners' projects that needs to be addressed and funds from this budget should be put towards it.

Commissioner Bowman suggested taking \$250,000 from the Public Facilities Improvements line item to be put towards Owner Occupied Rehabilitation.

Commissioner Myers commented that the Township may never put a dent in that list and it will continue year-after-year, and depending on how much is dedicated to it, nothing else will be done. Unless there is a commitment to work on some type of senior facility for next year, this is a mute conversation because that list will never end.

Commissioner Winegrad said he is in favor of a senior center it just needs to be more shovel-ready for next year. He proposed that from the public facilities improvement amount of \$581,251.00 put \$281,000 towards owner-occupied rehabilitation along with the amounts of the other line items as presented.

Vice President Hecker said he would be willing to commit to discussion and the planning for a senior center next year. Given the state of affairs in the community as well as the world, this is the year to focus on individual needs and then get a solid plan together on a broader scale project related to the establishment of a senior center.

Commissioner Schreiber suggested that some of the funds from the \$581,251.00 be put towards emergency repairs in regards to the owner-occupied rehabilitation program.

Mr. Strother replied he would need to look further into the process for that documentation, and questioned who will decide whether one emergency is more pressing than another.

Commissioner Bole agreed with a lot of what has been said tonight including the need for a senior center. What is the average cost or range of costs for home improvements that are traditionally made and how many projects can be done in a fiscal year? Also, there is a real need for curbing improvements in the communities and he does not want that to be pushed aside.

Mr. Strother replied average range is \$30,000-\$60,000 per house; there is a rehab specialist that visits the home to make assessment as well as a lead testing professional for lead abatement if needed and there are administrative costs. Just a few homes are completed in a year.

Pastor Marshall Mitchell, Salem Baptist Church, said the need for a senior center is vast and it is shovel-ready because Living Word has taken great care of that facility for many years; there are preliminary plans and financing is in place. We are acquiring the facility for the purpose of a senior center. This country's senior population has been eviscerated by the pandemic and significantly at risk, and if we do not make efforts to close that gap, we will find ourselves in another year facing similar problems, and we are trying to help an entire class of people. Financing is lined up for the acquisition and there are preliminary plans that include a lift for the facility. Also, a daycare has been operating at this facility as well as PAL and the Nexus School, which has benefited the entire Abington community.

Mr. La Don Marsh, COO of Salem Baptist Church, said one of the reasons why we purchased this church was so that we could advance our senior citizen group that has been in existence more than 40 years, and there is the Interfaith Food Cupboard at Living Word Lutheran Church. Currently, the facility is too small and we intend to expand with the purchase of a new church and most of the members who attend are not Salem members, they come from all over Eastern Montgomery County. We have made an investment to be good neighbors and cannot wait for our seniors to have a home that they would be proud of. If there are any questions or if anyone wants to see the facility, they would see where we have come from and where we are going in terms of making it a world-class facility.

President Spiegelman questioned whether there has been any discussion with reps of Montgomery County as a partner.

Pastor Mitchell replied they are already a partner because it is an official senior center and they have been involved, but the "lion's share" of resources comes from us.

Commissioner Zappone said seniors are people too and they are the very foundation of this country and he 100% supports a senior center in Roslyn. There are seniors who are not working as they are retired and need something to do and a place to go.

Commissioner Carswell questioned whether the senior center improvement is shovel-ready.

Pastor Mitchell replied it is shovel-ready as the financing is in place and the demand exists.

Commissioner Carswell said being discussed are two different concepts; trying to serve many people as well as help those waiting who would most likely be using the senior center. The Board needs to decide on the strategy as to how to handle these dollars as there is a deadline.

Commissioner Bowman suggested splitting the funds between the two line items.

Manager Manfredi clarified that the Board can adjust the amount up or down at its meeting in August. Is that correct?

Mr. Strother replied yes, on the dollar amount. The categories are most important at this time.

Manager Manfredi asked Pastor Mitchell if no funds were received from CDBG program would he still move forward with a senior center, and if so, what about the improvements?

Pastor Mitchell replied absolutely, our seniors will not wait. A commercial kitchen is needed to run a facility four-five days a week; there is no air conditioning in some parts of the building and there are ADA accessibility issues such as to be able to access both the top/bottom floors.

Commissioner Winegrad clarified that the funds for the public facilities improvement category does not guarantee that it would go to this senior center it could go to some other type of facility improvement. Is that correct?

Mr. Strother replied that is correct.

Commissioner Myers said Commissioner Bowman's suggestion is the most viable and fair and reaches the most amounts of people in this Township, so she supports a split of funds.

Commissioner Zappone also agreed in the splitting of funds.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for a small amount to go towards emergency repairs and then split the remaining between the two categories, public facilities and owner occupied rehabilitation.

Commissioner Bowman said this Federal program does not have flexibility such as for emergency repairs because that would call for discretion, which is excised from these types of grants.

Mr. Strother added that for emergency home repair there is generally a cap of \$5,000-\$10,000. Commissioner Bowman is correct in that who would be the arbitrator to determine whose emergency is more important than another, and that is why the existing program is in chronological order.

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to allocate from the total amount of \$581,251.00 of CDBG funds; \$300,000 to be put towards the Public Facilities Improvement category and add category Owner Occupied Rehabilitation and allocate \$281,251.00 to that line item.

President Spiegelman asked for any other comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Bole pointed out that amount of money would only be helping six residents of the Township and the spirit was to help as many as possible.

Commissioner Schreiber questioned whether that is the correct number per year.

Mr. Strother replied six to eight.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-1. Commissioner Winegrad opposed.

Land Use Committee –

Item LU-01-070920:

Commissioner Thompson made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Luker to authorize release of the performance security for Mr. Arthur B. Herling, ABH Builders, LLC/ABP Investments, Inc. for Land Development 18-01, 1043 Easton Road, Abington, PA, 19001, and authorize Township Manager to sign accordingly.

President Spiegelman asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lora Lehmann, Meadowbrook, expressed concern about the amount of time for public comment; that the senior center can wait because right now seniors cannot come together without being in danger; also there should be funds for emergency repairs.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:04 p.m.

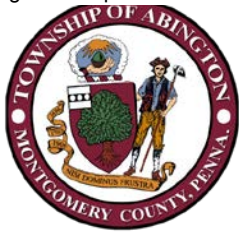
Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Minutes Secretary

Resolution No. 20-035 and Ordinance No. 2175 were adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 9, 2020.

APPROVED

08.13.20



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

John L. Spiegelman, *President*
Thomas Hecker, *Vice President*
Richard J. Manfredi, *Township Manager*
Jay W. Blumenthal, *Treasurer*

RESOLUTION # 20-035 DECLARATION OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY

July 9, 2020

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has been declared by the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention a “public health emergency of international concern”; **and**

WHEREAS, both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Montgomery County have declared a state of emergency due to the identification of COVID-19 infected citizens; **and**

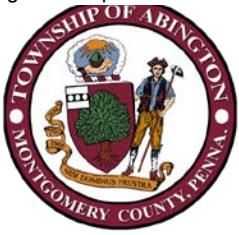
WHEREAS, on or about March 16, 2020 COVID-19 has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage, and suffering to the persons and property of Abington Township; **and**

WHEREAS, this incident has or is about to continue endangering the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in Abington Township and threatens to create problems greater in scope than Abington Township may be able to resolve; **and**

WHEREAS, Section 74-2.A of the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Abington requires that the Board of Commissioners ratify a Declaration of Emergency within seventy-two (72) hours; **and**

WHEREAS, emergency measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and emergency to protect the health, safety, and welfare of affected residents in Abington Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S.A, Section 7101 et seq., do hereby declare the existence of a disaster emergency in Abington Township and pursuant to the provision of Chapter 74 - Public Emergencies in the Abington Township Municipal Code, the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington is authorized to declare a state of emergency and take any one or more of the specified measures per the legislation, and that the state of emergency in Abington Township is extended, the seventy two (72) duration requirement is waived, and the disaster declaration is affirmed for an additional seven (7) days subject to ratification by the Board of Commissioners at a future date.



FURTHER, the Abington Township Emergency Management Coordinator is directed to coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this disaster emergency.

STILL FURTHER, the Abington Township Manager is to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies as legally authorized under this Proclamation, namely, and to include, by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, and by entering into such contracts and agreements as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirement excepted.

STILL FURTHER, the Board of Commissioners hereby waives the provisions of Section 74-2.A of the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Abington to the extent that ratification of the declaration of emergency is required within 72 hours of the declaration, and to the extent that further formal ratification is required pursuant to the Township Ordinance.

This declaration shall take effect immediately this ninth day of July 2020.

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John L. Spiegelman

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John L. Spiegelman

President, Abington Township Board of Commissioners

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Richard J. Manfredi

ATTEST

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Date: July 9, 2020

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2175

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
CHAPTER 156 – “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,”
ARTICLE II – “TRAFFIC REGULATIONS,”
SECTION 14 – “STOP INTERSECTIONS”**

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 traffic and parking; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that the Code of Ordinances of the Township of Abington shall be amended at Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic Regulations,” Sections 14 - “Stop Intersections,” 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. The Code of the Township of Abington is amended at Chapter 156 - "Vehicles and Traffic," Article II - "Traffic Regulations," at Section 14 - "Stop Intersections," to **add** the following restrictions:

<p>Stop Sign On Hawthorne Road Spruce Avenue</p>	<p>Direction of Travel</p>	<p>At Intersection of Elm Avenue Hamel Avenue</p>
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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 July, 2020.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

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Richard J. Manfredi

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Richard J. Manfredi,
Township Manager & Secretary

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John L. Spiegelman, President