

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with President Luker presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Commissioners ZAPPONE, SPIEGELMAN (7:37 p.m.), SANCHEZ, MYERS, MARKMAN, KALINOSKI, SCHREIBER, BOWMAN, DiPLACIDO, FARREN (7:34 p.m.), GILLESPIE, HECKER, JONES, KLINE, LUKER

Township Manager LEFEVRE  
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER  
Township Solicitor CLARKE  
Chief of Police KELLY  
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  
Community Development Director STROTHER

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE ON THE EVE OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11**

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Eagle Scout Collin M. Quigley

Commissioner Gillespie presented Eagle Scout Collin M. Quigley with a plaque on behalf of a proud and grateful Abington Township saluting Collin on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America. In achieving this honor, Collin earned assorted achievement badges, which attest to his leadership qualities. His chosen project was a terrific example of the good our local organizations perform for the larger community. His dedication to raise money for St. Francis Ann in Philadelphia to purchase baby supplies and the hours he spent leading a volunteer crew of scouts to install new railings, drywall, paint and new shelving is a testament to his community spirit.

We, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, join Collin's family, friends and his fellow troop members in extending our congratulations on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

100<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration to Mrs. Lucy May Selby

Commissioner Jones presented Mrs. Ecclester Musgrove with a plaque, who accepted it on behalf of Mrs. Lucy May Selby, who will be 100 years old on Monday, September 14, 2015.

To Mrs. Lucy May Selby, September 14, 1915, 100 years celebration on the occasion of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, the Abington Township Board of Commissioners takes great pleasure in joining her family, church family and many friends in saluting her and wishing her the very happiest of birthdays. Lucy's life accomplishments brought pride to our community and they wished her Good Health and Good Fortune on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

Retired Detectives John Lyon, Tony Ammaturo and Tony DiSandro:

Chief Kelly said he would like to honor three members of the Police Department who recently retired. Detectives John Lyon, Tony Ammaturo and Tony DiSandro were among the first class of our police department in the 80's. They had a major and profound impact on our police department and changed our police department.

Detective Anthony Ammaturo served in the United States Marine Corp for four years and began his career with the Abington Township Police Department on October 12, 1987. He stayed with us for 28 years before his recent retirement to work as an Investigator for Arcadia University. During his career, he was assigned to the Patrol Division where he served as a member of the Honor Guard and the Tactical Team. He was a chemical munitions specialist and precision marksman and was also assigned to the Willow Grove Park Mall as a Mall Officer.

In 1996, he was assigned to the Detective Division where he served as the Department's Polygraph Examiner and Head Evidence Custodian. Tony also did background checks and did a great job working with new candidates.

Tony received numerous commendations including the Citizens Crime Commission Award in 2005 for armed robbery, homicide and home invasions, but his proudest accomplishment has been serving the community of Abington Township for the last 28 years. Also his son, Andrew is a new member of the Abington Police Department. After 28 years, Detective Anthony Ammaturo retired from the Abington Township Police Department.

Detective John Lyon had over 30 years of reserve and active duty military service including numerous overseas deployments. He began his career in Abington on August 25, 1986 and retired after 29 years of service.

He was assigned to the Juvenile Detective Division in 2000 where he also served as the Liaison Officer for the Youth Aid Panel. One of his proudest moments was delivering a baby without any complications on November 17, 1999. John was also involved with the hiring of the new officers, and he was recently hired as a Special Agent with the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, and retiring from Abington Police Department after 29 years, Detective John Lyon.

Detective Sergeant Anthony DiSandro began his career with Abington Police Department on August 25, 1986 and retired after 29 years of service. Tony was assigned to the Patrol Division where he served as a Field Training Officer and as a member of the Tactical Team and continued on with the Tactical Team for 17 years. He also served on the Regional Drug Task Force.

Tony had many different roles in our Police Department. He was a Firearms Instructor, a Range Officer, a Long Rifle Marksman, a Use of Force Instructor, a Pepper Spray, Baton and Handcuffing Instructor, a Handgun Armorer and a Hostage Negotiator.

He was assigned to the Detective Division in 1993; promoted to Sergeant in 2000 serving in the Patrol Division. He was assigned as Detective Sergeant in 2003.

Tony received numerous commendations and citizens' letters of appreciation and he was involved in many activities including an Officer Stress Program that he brought not only to Abington, but to many departments across Montgomery County. One of his proudest accomplishments was saving the life of a choking infant, who had stopped breathing, and Tony was able to clear the child's airway and the child made a full recovery.

Tony will continue working and is now a member of the Bucks County Sheriff's Department, and retiring after 29 years, Detective Sergeant Anthony DiSandro.

Director of Public Safety Committee, Commissioner Schreiber presented plaques to retired Detectives Anthony Ammaturo, John Lyon and Anthony DiSandro to acknowledge with sincere appreciation their many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Abington Township on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

Promotion to the Rank of Sergeant – Detective Shawn Nisbet

Chief Kelly said Detective Shawn Nisbet has 16 years of service with our Police Department hired in May, 1999. He served in the Patrol Division, Detective Division, Field Training Officer, Power Shift Officer, member of the Honor Guard, outstanding Firearms Instructor, Range Officer, a member of the Crisis Team and Isaac Unit. He has served both in plain clothes and in uniform and is a member of the Tactical Team, the Entry Team and a precision marksman. He is an instructor for distraction devices and less lethal and chemical munitions. He is a Montgomery County Drug Task Force member and he has received two Medals of Valor.

District Justice Juanita Price administered the Oath of Office to Shawn Nisbet promoted to the rank of Sergeant on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

Swearing in of two new Police Officers by District Justice Juanita Price

Chief Kelly said Probationary Officer Daniel Prior has a B.S. Degree in Administration of Justice from Penn State University. He is a member of the Army National Guard holding the rank of Sergeant and serves as a Calvary Scout, and he has been deployed to Iraq and Kuwait.

Probationary Officer Nathan Walters enlisted in the United States Air Force Reserve in 2006 where he held the rank of Senior Airman E4 until his honorable discharge in 2012. Prior to coming to Abington, he was employed as a Police Officer with Warminster Township Police Department.

District Justice Juanita Price administered the Oath of Office to new Probationary Officers Daniel Prior and Nathan Walters on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of August 13, 2015.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

1500/1600/1700 Blocks – Old Welsh Road – Sanitary Sewer System

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to enter into contract with Cardno-BCM in the amount not to exceed \$90,750.00; to prepare engineering plans to sewer the 1500/1600/1700 blocks of Old Welsh Road; to be funded from Sanitary Sewer Retained Earnings.

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.

Emergency Repair Rail Road Tie Wall Behind the Home at 583 Baeder Road

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the Engineering Department to hire a contractor the rail road tie wall behind the home at 583 Baeder Road, at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. To be funded from surplus funds from the 2014 Bond Issue.

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.

Montgomery County Snow and Ice Agreement

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Kalinoski to have the proper officials enter into an agreement with Montgomery County for Snow and Ice removal on Easton Road from Cheltenham border to Old Welsh Road.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Mr. Micciolo said that officials of the County agreed to pay the Township \$1,450 per lane mile for the next three years.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Resolution No. 15-032 – PennDOT Snow and Ice Agreement

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Resolution No. 15-032 – authorizing the proper officials to enter into a contract with PennDOT for snow and ice removal on PennDOT Highways for the years 2015-2020.

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**  
**#15-032**  
**Penn Dot**  
**Snow and Ice Contracts**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by authority of the \_\_\_\_\_ Board of Commissioners  
(Name of governing body)


of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, and it  
(Name of MUNICIPALITY)

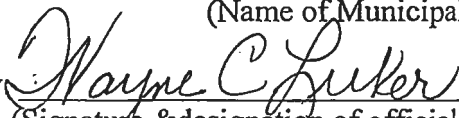
is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the Township Manager of  
(Designate official title)

said MUNICIPALITY be authorized and directed to sign the attached agreement on its behalf.

**ATTEST:**

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP  
(Name of Municipality)

  
(Signature & designation of official title)  
Michael LeFevre  
Township Manager

By   
(Signature & designation of official title)  
Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

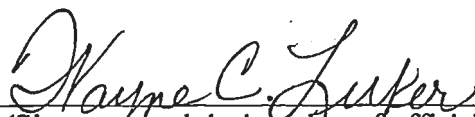
I, Wayne Luker, President  
(Name) (Official title)

of the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing  
(Name of governing body and MUNICIPALITY)

is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the

Board of Commissioners, held the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.  
(Name of governing body)

Date: September 10, 2015

  
(Signature and designation of official title)  
Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

**CODE ENFORCMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:****Land Development LD – 15-04 – Penn State University – 1001 Old York Road**

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the Land Development application of Penn State University, owner of the property located at 1001 Old York Road. The applicant seeks approval to demolish the existing improvements on the site and construct a multi-story building for use as student apartment housing. The structure is proposed to house 400 residents. This project was subject to a zoning text amendment approved by the Board of Commissioners on June 24, 2015. The property is zoned in the (PB) Planned Business District in Ward No. 7 of the Township of Abington.

This motion is subject to the following conditions:

1. The items listed in the Staff Review letter dated, July 29, 2015 is to be taken under consideration by the Board of Commissioners.
2. The applicant has submitted an ACT 537 Exemption application for the new EDU and projected discharge of 15,519 gallons per day. Abington Township uses a flow rate of 265 per EDU and (55) EDU's will be required for this proposal.
3.
  - a. In the direction from the Campus to the Apartment on Huntingdon Road (between Woodland Road and Susquehanna Road), Penn State will install signs directing students to cross at the traffic light at the intersection of Old York Road and Susquehanna Road.
  - b. Penn State will install two "No-Pedestrian Crossing" signs, one on the northwest corner and one on the southwest corner, at the intersection of Huntingdon Road and Susquehanna Road.
  - c. In the direction from the Apartments to the Campus on Old York Road, Penn State will install signs directing students to cross at the traffic light at the Susquehanna Road intersection.
  - d. All will be subject to PennDOT approval, where required.
4. The applicant shall comply with Traffic Impact Assessment Review #1, prepared by Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. dated September 8, 2015, attached.
5. The applicant shall even the pavement and stripe the crosswalk at the intersection Old York Road and Rydal Way.

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. J – Recreational Facilities Plan
4. Waiver from Section 146-11.K – Planning Module



Marc Jonas, Attorney with Eastburn & Gray, P.C., Suite 302, 470 Norristown Road, Blue Bell, PA., representing the applicant, Penn State University, said we have been working diligently to address the review comments made by the Township's Planning Commission as well as the County.

The plans we are seeking land development approval for this evening are the same as those that were submitted during the zoning amendment process. One of the issues was student safety and Penn State has a significant orientation program and conditions address sign requirements of the TPD, and we will comply with those recommendations. Regarding the intersection of Huntingdon and Susquehanna Roads; the recommendation by TPD for that intersection is listed as a condition in the motion.

Shuttle service will run every 15-30 minutes and we expect students to take the shuttles as stops will be located on campus and throughout the community.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Kline clarified that Condition No. 3 regarding signage as listed in the motion is a result of the discussions with Township staff. Is that correct?

Mr. Jonas replied that is correct. We met with Mr. Matteo, Mr. Penecale and Township Solicitor regarding the issue of pedestrian safety.

Commissioner Schreiber said she will recuse herself from voting on this item.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Public Hearing Resolution No. 15-026 – Transfer of Liquor License No. R-15994 Dino's Backstage, LLC – 285, 287 and 289 N. Keswick Avenue

Commissioner Luker opened Public Hearing at 8:12 p.m.

This public hearing was transcribed by Thomas P. Corcoran.

Commissioner Luker closed Public Hearing at 8:27 p.m.

Commissioner Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to adopt Resolution No. 15-026 for the transfer of Liquor License No. R-15994 for use by Dino's Backstage, LLC – 285, 287 and 289 N. Keswick Avenue, Glenside, PA.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 15-026**

**A RESOLUTION OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP,  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE  
R-15994 INTO ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FROM THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, an application for transfer filed under the Act must contain a copy of a resolution adopted by the municipality approving the transfer of a restaurant liquor license into the receiving municipality; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Dino's Backstage, LLC, has requested the approval of the Abington Township Board of Commissioners for the proposed transfer of Pennsylvania Restaurant Liquor License R-15994 to its facilities, located at 285, 287 & 289 N. Keswick Avenue, within the Township of Abington, with the understanding that said transfer must be approved at a later date by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that based on the Application and the testimony at the duly advertised public hearing held on September 10, 2015, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington finds that the Transfer of Restaurant Liquor License No. R-15994 into the Township of Abington by Dino's Backstage, LLC, will not adversely affect the welfare, health, peace and morals of the Township or its residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the application of Dino's Backstage, LLC for the inter-municipal transfer of Restaurant Liquor License R-15994 into Abington Township is hereby **APPROVED**.


I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that this Resolution was adopted by Abington Township at its public meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

**ATTEST:**

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP**



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Michael LeFevre  
Township Secretary

  
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Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

Public Hearing Resolution No. 15-027 – Transfer of Liquor License No. R-17136 C & D  
Brewing Company of Huntingdon Valley, LLC

Commissioner Luker opened Public Hearing at 8:28 p.m.

This public hearing was transcribed by Thomas P. Corcoran.

Commissioner Luker closed Public Hearing at 8:57 p.m.

Commissioner Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt Resolution No. 15-027 for the transfer of Liquor License No. R-17136 for use by C & D Brewing Company of Huntingdon Valley, LLC at 785 Huntingdon Pike, Huntingdon Valley, PA.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-1. Commissioner Jones opposed.

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 15-027**

**A RESOLUTION OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP,  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
APPROVING THE TRANSFER OF RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE  
R-17136 INTO ABINGTON TOWNSHIP FROM THE MUNICIPALITY  
OF UPPER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, an application for transfer filed under the Act must contain a copy of a resolution adopted by the municipality approving the transfer of a restaurant liquor license into the receiving municipality; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, C&D Brewing Company of Huntingdon Valley, LLC, has requested the approval of the Abington Township Board of Commissioners for the proposed transfer of Pennsylvania Restaurant Liquor License R-17136 to its facilities within the Township of Abington, with the understanding that said transfer must be approved at a later date by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that based on the Application and the testimony at the duly advertised public hearing held on September 10, 2015, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington finds that the Transfer of Restaurant Liquor License No. R-17136 into the Township of Abington by C&D Brewing Company of Huntingdon Valley, LLC, will not adversely affect the welfare, health, peace and morals of the Township or its residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the application of C&D Brewing Company of Huntingdon Valley, LLC for the inter-municipal transfer of Restaurant Liquor License R-17136 into Abington Township is hereby **APPROVED**.


I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that this Resolution was adopted by Abington Township at its public meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

**ATTEST:**

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP**



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Michael LeFevre  
Township Secretary

  
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Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Ordinance No. 3003 – To Amend Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article II – (Traffic Regulations), Section 14 (Stop Intersections), 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 Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 3003 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article II – (Traffic Regulations), Section 14 (Stop Intersections), 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. 3003**

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

<b>Stop Sign On</b>	<b>Direction of Travel</b>	<b>At Intersection Of</b>
Cadwalader Avenue	North	Douglas Avenue
Kipling Road	West	Crosswicks Road
Mary Avenue	East	Old Ford Road
Mayfield Avenue	East	Perry Street
Scrope Road	West	Amity Road
Sylvania Avenue	North	Rosemore Avenue

- 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
Wesley Avenue	East	40 feet north of Rockledge Avenue
Winding Creek Lane	North	93 feet west of Huntingdon Pike

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
Tyson Avenue	Handicapped Parking	in front of 300 Tyson Avenue

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

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Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: Wayne C. Luker  
Wayne Luker, President

Sobriety Checkpoint Grant

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to authorize Township officials to accept a grant award from the Bureau of Highway Safety and Traffic Engineering in the amount of \$45,000.00 with the Township's matching portion approximately \$460.00.

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 Hearing – Red Light Camera Contract Extension – GATSO USA, Inc.

Commissioner Luker opened Public Hearing at 9 p.m.

Commissioner Luker called on Chief Kelly.

Chief Kelly said the Red Light Camera Program is another tool in an effort to keep our town safe focusing on the health, safety and welfare of the citizens, which is what this program is really about.

Traffic violators are still a problem and a major complaint, and reducing traffic violations is a major goal of our Township. Primary tools in accomplishing that goal are education and enforcement.

From October 2014 until June 2015, there were over 4,500 red light violations, which are over 500 violations per month at the three red light camera intersections. In the entire year of 2014, about 10,000 or 893 per month of traffic citations were issued and the red light camera generated 505 violations a month, so they are increasing the enforcement factor by over 56% and costs the Township nothing additional.

From the first three months of the program until the last three months; violators were down 47%, so it is having an impact and that number will continue to increase. Angle crashes at those three intersections were reduced by 33% from 2014 and 50% in 2013. Angle crashes have the highest injury rate and have the second highest fatality rate of any type of crash and the number of accidents went down by 7% in the first 11 months

So the enforcement factor has been increased by 56% with no additional costs; violations were reduced by 47% and angle accidents were reduced by 33% in 2014 and 50% in 2013. All accidents at red light intersections were reduced by 7%.

Traffic Safety Officer Freed said in the area of cut-thru traffic at Susquehanna and Old York Road with Adams and Guernsey Avenues; in 2012 on Adams Avenue prior to the red light camera program, there were 1,740 vehicles a day using Adams Avenue, and in 2015 after the red light camera program, it was decreased by 150 vehicles. There were cut-thru complaints on Guernsey Avenue back in 2010 and surveys were done and showed that 234 cars per day were cutting thru Guernsey, and in 2015, 237 per day.

Commissioner Kline questioned whether traffic counts were done on all roads in the vicinity of the red light camera intersections, and he asked for more recent data as he would like to know what the trend was prior to this program.

Traffic Safety Officer Freed replied the only survey that was done was on Susquehanna Road, and at the other intersections such as Fitzwatertown and Moreland, there are no roadways there to be considered as a cut-thru road to avoid that area. At Old Welsh and Old York Road; we sat on Lycoming and Parkview to do counts by watching traffic and those counts were done during rush hour.

Chief Kelly apologized for not having more recent data at this time.

Lt. Kelley Warner provided a video showing violations being committed at the red light camera intersections to the Board.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Myers asked are those the same videos that violators can view?

Chief Kelly replied yes, those are the videos that can be viewed at home and then the person can decide to pay the fine or come in to view it.

Commissioner Kline asked about the violators in the video and what the percentages are for repeat offenders?

Chief Kelly replied 6% are repeat offenders.

Traffic Safety Officer Posey added that none have multiple violations.

Commissioner Kline questioned whether any other municipality in the State of Pennsylvania has enacted the red light camera program, and if not, are any considering it?

Chief Kelly replied no, but there are 17 that are eligible, and he has been told some are considering it.

Commissioner Kline asked out of 505 per month violations; how many of those were fought and overturned?

Traffic Safety Officer Posey replied there were 133 hearings; 75 were found liable and 58 were not liable.

Commissioner Kline clarified that if the operator of the vehicle is not the owner of the vehicle, the fine is sent to the owner and the owner has to prove they were not driving the vehicle. Is that correct?

Chief Kelly replied yes.

Commissioner Jones clarified that if any funds are sent to PennDOT they become grant funding. Is that correct?

Chief Kelly replied yes.

Commissioner Spiegelman commented that successful implementation of the red light camera program could potentially lead to the department's being eligible for other pilot program-traffic enforcement measurers such as radar. At what level is Abington's Police Department eligible for other pilot programs?

Chief Kelly replied by participating in this program puts the department in the front of the line to try other technology to help keep our community safer.

Commissioner Zappone said he is not against the concept of the program, and he conducted a survey and received results from his residents. His issue is with a three-year contract and he also takes issue with the provision in the contract that says, A "Camera Relocation fee" of \$750 for any camera relocated by the Township, in accordance with Section 3.4, or \$2,500 for any camera relocated by Gatso, during the Term."

Chief Kelly replied he looked into that and that cost would be able to be used as an expense of the program, so therefore, the money would be taken out of the fines. The reason for that is that when there is a reset there is a tremendous amount of behind the scenes computer/programming work.

Commissioner Zappone clarified that there is a \$4,200 fee per camera, per month and the fines cover that, but suppose there is not enough in fines to pay that fee in accordance with their contract.

Chief Kelly replied if there is not enough money then they do not get paid that fee that month.

Commissioner Zappone clarified that, at a later time, GATSO cannot come back and request to be paid with taxpayers' money. Is that correct?

Chief Kelly replied that is correct.

Commissioner Zappone expressed concern that, that may be the case now with this contract, but the new contract is for a three-year extension.

Solicitor Clarke replied if the contract is extended for three years the provision that GATSO only receives is what is collected in fines less expenses that is sent to them each month and there is no provision in the contract for GATSO to come back to the Township at a later date saying, 'fees were short during a certain period of time and we want the difference to be made up.'

If at some point during the three year term the Township terminates the contract, GATSO would have the ability to collect some of the costs. GATSO runs the risk of the fees not being sufficient to cover the \$4,200 a month less the expenses that the Township is permitted to deduct.

Commissioner Zappone asked would GATSO accept a one-year contract? Why does it have to be a three-year extension?

Andrew Noble, GATSO USA Inc., replied the contract provision regarding paying \$4,200 a month per camera regardless of how much money comes in; Gatso would not come back later to the Township for it. Regarding the contract provision for the three year extension allows for the existing terms of conditions in the contract.

This is the only one-year contract we have in the entire nation. Typical photo enforcement programs are based on three to five year programs because the cost of the cameras is not recovered in the first 18 months. Legislation enabled communities in Pennsylvania to implement this program and we acquiesced to a mutual one year contract with the idea of extending to a multiple-year contract.

We would agree to a lesser term than a three-year term contract because every day the program runs helps pay off of the debt and we would like to continue working with the Township.

Commissioner Zappone clarified that Gatso is not opposed to a one-year contract. Is that correct?

Mr. Noble replied yes, if that is the only choice, but a two-year contract would be more beneficial.

Commissioner Spiegelman asked if Gatso realized they were not going to get additional business/revenue from other municipalities in Pennsylvania, would there be a point in time that they would decide to pull out of the contract.

Mr. Noble replied we have never pulled out of a contract, because the longer the program goes on, the more of a chance we have in recovering our debt.

Commissioner Zappone clarified that if this contract is not extended tonight, would the Township be responsible for any payments to Gatso?

Mr. Noble replied this is a no-loss contract and the Township would not owe Gatso any money.

Commissioner Hecker asked for the data for Lycoming Avenue.

Traffic Safety Officer Freed said he did a survey at Parkview and Lycoming Avenues back in August, 2014 during rush hour due to concern about cut-thru traffic. During that period of time, most of the traffic that came thru the neighborhood was from the northbound direction heading south and there were a total of 16 vehicles in one hour. In September 2014, there was a total 32 cars, and in November 2014, there were a total of 60 vehicles. Cut-thru traffic is defined as the roadway having an average daily traffic of at least 1,000 cars a day and a total of 100 trips one way.

Commissioner Farren commented that he has a number of reservations about red light cameras in general, but he never doubted the ability of members of the Police Department to run this program the way they said they would and that has been proven. The number of crashes was down by 7%, but that is not a significant enough decrease to justify the red light cameras and there are no other methods within the Township to compare that data.

If this program goes forward, he would like to see a comparative between the effectiveness of the red light camera program versus extending yellow lights, timers on stop signs, etc. to find out what is the best fit for Abington Township.

Also, he is concerned about signing a three-year contract based on such a short amount of data.

Chief Kelly replied we asked PennDOT about extending the time of the yellow lights and they were not very supportive of the idea, but we will approach them again about it. To do that experiment, we will need to have an extension of the red light camera program to compare it to.

Traffic Safety Officer Posey said we surveyed other intersections besides the red light camera intersections between August 2014 until June 2015, which were Susquehanna and Edge Hill Roads; Easton and Welsh Roads; and Old York and Township Line Roads, and during that time period, there was a total of 45 crashes at those locations as compared to 24 crashes at the three red light camera intersections.

Commissioner Luker recessed the meeting at 10:20 p.m. until 10:26 p.m.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

John DiPrimio, 1324 Warner Road, commented that the numbers presented at last week's Public Safety meeting have not changed and the number of violations are nowhere near the numbers forecasted. The number of accidents does not have any bearing on whether or not the cameras are working and the State of Pennsylvania is not getting a "dime" from this program and neither is Abington Township. The only entity that is getting a "dime" from this program, is the one whose cameras are on our street corners. If Gatso is not meeting the numbers that they projected why hasn't the Township received a letter from them saying they are not meeting revenue predictions and it is not profitable and they cannot continue? Because it did not cost the amount of money they said it did to put up those cameras.

He read a release from the U.S. Department of Transportation that said, 'the average cost to arm an intersection with red light cameras is in the range of \$67,000-\$80,000 per intersection.' That is not per camera, so Gatso probably already made their money back on the installation of this equipment.

The videos show reckless drivers that should have been cited for reckless driving and received points on their license for driving that way and not just a \$100 fine without any points.

The State of Pennsylvania's statute that governs red light cameras sunsets July 15, 2017 and a three-year extension on the contract exceeds the Township's ability to honor that contract.

Commissioner Kline clarified with Township Solicitor that the contract says, "If there is any change in the law, the contract will be terminated." Is that correct?

Solicitor Clarke replied that is correct. There are two different provisions in the contract where if the enabling legislation expires on July 15, 2017 the contract would terminate.

John Walko, 2014 Susquehanna Road, said as the Hearing Officer for the program, he would like to speak about the integrity and credibility of the program. If you were to receive any type of traffic ticket, not pertaining to this program, something is sent in the mail as to whether or not to plead guilty or not guilty and fines are well over \$100 for court costs.

In this program, a citation is sent in the mail with a picture and they can go to the website to view the video and pay the fine or they can request a hearing, and if so, the officers work with the person at the hearing. He also works with the person as to whether or not to find them liable or not. He, along with the officers works with people so as to keep the integrity of the program, and he does not see the downside of it.



Catalin Florea, 1120 Wellington Road, expressed concern that the Township does not pay for this program, but the people do, and crashes were not reduced by a lot.

Victor Krievins, 3505 Moreland Road, said he is in support of the cameras and the contract should be renewed.

David Saplansky, 2967 Lincoln Avenue, commented that crashes did go down at Old York and Susquehanna Roads, but he feels the yellow light is really short there. Old York and Welsh Roads went from 10 to nine crashes, and at Fitzwatertown and Moreland Roads, the crashes went from six to nine, a 50% increase. We do not need these cameras.

Donna Brewer, 1644 Arnold Avenue, commented that she admired the presentation made this evening, but she asked the Board to take into consideration what their constituents are requesting. Mr. Noble indicated this endeavor starts out losing money and may never be recovered, and she does not understand why someone would stay in business to lose money. Also, she feels this program is not the most effective way to reduce crashes.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that accidents are what we are trying to stop, but she feels the red light cameras are not stopping them.

Fran Early, 356 Central Avenue, commented that he is in favor of red light cameras.

Commissioner Luker closed Public Hearing at 10:59 p.m.

Commissioner Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to consider the extension of the Red Light Camera agreement with GATSO USA, Inc. for a one, three-year term running through September 30, 2015.

Commissioner Zappone said he would like to amend the motion to a one or two-year contract because he cannot accept a three-year contract.

Commissioner Schreiber said if we will consider other variables previously discussed could we make the contract for two years.

Commissioner Zappone replied if that will be done, he will agree to it.

Commissioner Zappone made a MOTION, to AMEND the MOTION to consider a two-year contract extension with GATSO USA, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Myers.

Commissioner Jones requested that Chief Kelly and his staff to make a data presentation on other traffic calming measures after one year as previously discussed tonight.

Chief Kelly agreed.

Commissioner Zappone said final results from a survey that he took in his ward came in today and showed that the majority of the residents were in favor of the red light cameras.

Commissioner Kline noted that he received 35-40 emails and maybe five residents were in favor of the red light cameras.

Commissioner Gillespie noted that she took a survey of her residents as well and they were in favor of the red light cameras.

Commissioner Jones said he also did a survey and results showed 44% were in favor and 44% were against.

Commissioner Kalinoski said he also did a survey and results showed the majority were in favor.

MOTION as AMENDED – PASSED 10-5. Commissioners DiPlacido, Farren, Hecker, Kline and Luker opposed.

Solicitor Clarke said another motion needs to be made with regards to the agreement just approved. When the Board originally approved Article 1, Chapter 155, a sunset provision was created, which indicates that these articles shall expire one calendar year from the date that the automated red light camera system becomes operational unless the Board of Commissioners, following a public hearing, votes to further extend the effectiveness of the article.

Commission Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Myers to extend Chapter 155, Article 1 to coincide with the agreement that the Board of Commissioners entered into with GATSO USA, Inc.

MOTION was ADOPTED 10-5.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

**The Hiring of Carter Van Dyke & Associates for Briar Bush Master Site Plan Project**

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the hiring of Carter Van Dyke & Associates to perform all of the functions necessary to complete a master site plan for the Briar Bush Nature Center.

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. 15-030 – Fair Housing

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Jones to adopt Resolution No. 15-030. Annual Fair Housing resolution to further Fair Housing practices within the Township of Abington.

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**

**FAIR HOUSING – RESOLUTION NO. 15-030**

**LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS** of the Township of Abington that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the Pennsylvania Human Act. It is the policy of the Township of Abington to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, age, familial status (families with children) religious creed, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability, use of guide or support animals because of blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals, or because of an individual's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. Therefore, the Township of Abington does hereby pass the following resolution.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that within available resources the Township of Abington will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, age, familial status (families with children) religious creed, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability, use of guide or support animals because of blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals, or because of an individual's sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township of Abington shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

**FURTHER PUBLICITY** will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this resolution and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contracts: (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 10, 2015

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP**

  
Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

**ATTEST:**

  
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Michael LeFevre, Secretary

Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to advertise the public hearing on the Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2015 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room of the Abington Township Administration Building, located at 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Donna Brewer, 1644 Arnold Avenue, asked for clarification on the motion.

Commissioner Spiegelman replied it is a motion to advertise a public hearing.

Ms. Brewer clarified that it is standard practice to make a substantial amendment on how this money is spent, which can be done at any time. Is that correct?

Community Director Mr. Strother replied yes, the procedural process is being followed to request permission from the governing body to advertise a public hearing in November.

Commissioner Kline clarified that a substantial amendment is being proposed now, and in six months, could another substantial amendment be made?

Mr. Strother replied yes.

Commissioner Kline clarified that a substantial amendment can be made to the CDBG at any time as long as it is properly advertised and proper procedures are followed. Is that correct?

Mr. Strother replied that is correct.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

PA Child Protection Services Law Funding

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Myers to authorize the expenditure of up to a maximum of \$6,000 from the Contingency Account to cover the cost associated with processing the child abuse clearances and criminal record checks of Township employees and volunteers, as mandated by the amended PA Child Protection Services Law.

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.

Donation of Township Property – 1425 Highland Avenue

Commissioner Spiegelman announced that this item has been deleted from the agenda.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Commissioner Kline announced that the Township Treasurer's report is available for review in the Township Manager's Office.

Investments

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve investments for the month of July as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$1,060,000.00. Interest rate yields ranged from 0.800% to 1.1.50%.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Donna Brewer, 1644 Arnold Avenue, asked where can she find more information on this investment?

Commissioner Kline replied it is a report reviewed each month by the Finance Committee meeting that is listed on the agenda. A "Right To Know" form can be filed for more information.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Expenditures/Salaries and Wages:

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the July expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$5,814,989.67 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,852,999.54.
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of October 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 DiPlacido to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for July 2015 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$942.07, respectively.

Seven-month expenses totaled \$26,463.29.

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 Jones to approve the Clearing Fund, the Deferred Revenue/Expense activity and Petty Cash balances for the month of July as previously circulated to the Board.

July Petty Cash balances previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of July 2015 were \$19,273.72 and (\$2,538.30), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of July 2015 were \$0.00 and (\$0.00), 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.

Commissioner Kline thanked all of the Department Heads who attended the Finance Committee meetings for examination of their proposed 2016 budgets.

**PENSION COMMITTEE:**

**Resolution No. 15-031 – Minimum Municipal Obligation – Pension Plans**

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Jones to adopt Resolution No. 15-031 – recognizing that the Township's minimum municipal funding obligation for the calendar year 2016 with respect to the Municipal Employee and Police Pension Plans, is \$782,023 and \$1,139,264, 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. 15-031**

**MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Abington does maintain two pension plans;

**WHEREAS**, said plans are known as the Township of Abington Municipal Employees Pension Plan and the Township of Abington Police Pension Plan;

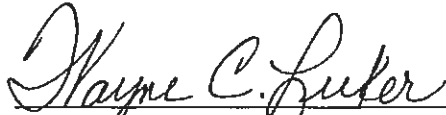
**WHEREAS**, Act 205 of 1984 mandates that the governing body of said "plans" recognize their minimum obligation on or before September 30 of a given year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that based upon the following Actuarial Development of Pension Plan Funding Cost of the Abington Employees' and Police Pension Plans of the Township of Abington, County of Montgomery, State of Pennsylvania, the Board of Commissioners acknowledges the funding requirements for the above mentioned plans to be \$782,023 and \$1,139,264, respectively. These actuarial costs have been submitted pursuant to an actuarial valuation completed as of January 1, 2015 by AON Consulting.

**THEREFORE**, the Board of Commissioners recognizes these funding requirements and makes provisions for these costs as part of their budget for the year 2016.

**RESOLVED**, at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By:   
Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:

  
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Michael LeFevre, Secretary

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Louise E. Twymann, 1672 Franklin Avenue, commented that in May 2015 the concept of a PAL building was accepted in Crestmont Park and that is when the Crestmont Community Center Committee was organized. She asked for the concept of a Crestmont Community Center to be placed on the agenda.

Margaret Pinder Bing, 1611 Summit Avenue, commented that regardless of what the topic is, we need to work together. She thanked the Township and Commissioner Myers' husband as we were able to open the Veterans of Foreign War Post 3398 and that was done with the support of everyone in the community.

Donna Brewer, 1644 Arnold Avenue, said her comments made at the last meeting were in regards to the needs, desires and concerns of the residents of Ward 5. She requested that the concept of a community center in Ward 5 be placed on the agenda because residents in Ward 5 are taxpayers and deserve to be heard and helped.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that we do have an organized committee and the signatures of the community represent that they want a self-directed center and not a PAL center.

Ron Griffith, Animal Control Officer, 640 Maple Avenue, commented that he is a PAL volunteer and speaks with residents in Ward 5 every day and he is not sure about what was just said about 'residents not wanting a PAL center in Ward 5' is correct. Most people he speaks with are in favor of a PAL Center and he also is interested in a PAL Center being located in Ward 5, and he will go door-to-door to find out if there are others interested in a PAL Center as well.

**REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Bowman thanked Chief Kelly for a good and factual presentation and he is glad we voted in favor of it.

Commissioner DiPlacido welcomed back the McKinley Elementary Class of 2015-2016 and those students are crossing the streets, riding their bikes and waiting for the bus, so "when driving through Abington, please drive like your kids live here."

Commissioner Gillespie congratulated the new Police Officers, the Police Department and the retirees.

Commissioner Jones thanked the volunteers of the Tacony-Tookany Watershed project and there will be 170 plantings planted at the Ethel Jordan Memorial Park costing zero tax dollars.

Commissioner Zappone reminded his residents that Ardsley Family Day event will be held on October 3, 2015 at the Ardsley Community Center from noon-6 p.m. There will be food and craft vendors, a car show, haunted house and pumpkin patch, etc. The rain date is Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Sanchez read a letter into the record from Phillip Chapalis on behalf of his family, who lives on Township Line Road in Ward 7 dated, Tuesday, September 8, 2015, to the Board of Commissioners commending and praising Ron Griffith, the Township's Animal Control Officer and they thanked him for his assistance.

Commissioner Kalinoski announced that the Edge Hill Fire Company's Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2015 from 8-12 noon at the North Penn VFW and everyone is invited.

Commissioner Luker announced that Unity Day will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at Crestmont Park and everyone is invited. Also, he thanked Mr. Matteo and Mr. Strother for their assistance with a property maintenance issue in his ward. Also, kudos and thanks to Ron Griffith, Animal Control Officer for picking up discarded furniture while on patrol. He also thanked Chief Kelly and Lt. Gallagher for tactfully and professionally handling a delicate situation in Ward 5.

**ADJOURNMENT:**            11:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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