

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 9, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

**Township Manager LEFEVRE
Assistant Manager WEHMEYER
Township Tax Collector BLUMENTHAL
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Chief of Police KELLY
Finance Director BARRON
Township Engineer POWERS
Director of Code Enforcement MATTEO
Director of Parks & Recreation WENDELL
Director of Public Works MICCIOLO
Director of W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY
Fire Marshal CLARK**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT

An Executive Session was held on April 9 at 6:30 PM on a litigation matter.

**HONORING PENNSYLVANIA WAR HERO – PFC FRANCES J. HARMER
Call on Commissioner Zappone**

PRESENTATION BY SECOND ALARMERS TO APD OFFICERS

**Sergeant Tom Scott
Officer Ed Howley
Officer Pat Corbett
Officer Paul Welsh
Call on Chief Kelly**

PRESENTATION BY SECOND ALARMERS TO LA FITNESS STAFF MEMBERS:

Mike Nassar

Olivia Sylbert

Call on Chief Klenk and Ken Davidson

PRESENTATION OF LIFESAVING AWARDS TO THOSE INVOLVED:

Call on State Representative Madeleine Dean

COMMENDATION OF APPRECIATION

Citizens and Police Together

Call on Chief Kelly

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

Call on Commissioner Luker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Commissioners Meeting of March 12, 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to amend Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2015 with correction (23 Complaints).

VOLUNTEER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion to approve Resolution No. 15-020 filling a vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board and appoint _____ to serve as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board for a full-term until December 31, 2019.

Motion to appoint _____ as a member of the Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Charles P. Carter until December 31, 2015.

Motion to appoint _____ to serve on the Shade Tree Commission for the term January 2015 through December 2019.

PROCLAMATION

“Arbor Day Observance” in Abington

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

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

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

WHEREAS, all the people of Abington are invited to participate in our 2015 celebration and tree planting at Grove Park, Roslyn on April 25th beginning at 10 AM; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** by the Abington Township Board of Commissioners that April 25, 2015, is designated ***“Arbor Day.”*** The Board issues this proclamation calling upon the people of Abington Township to observe the day by joining our celebration and by continuing to enhance the environment by planting trees in our community. **APPROVED THIS** ninth day of April 2015.

Abington Township Board of Commissioners

Wayne C. Luker, President



Michael LeFevre, Secretary



RESOLUTION No. 15-020

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:

Michael LeFevre, Secretary

**Thomas Bowman, Director
Stephen Kalinoski, Asst. Director
John Spiegelman
Dennis Zappone
Tom Hecker**

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
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(1) PUBLIC WORKS

PW1. Master Casting Agreement – Update with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (PADOT)

Motion to approve the proposed Master Casting Agreement No. 0601068 for the next three year cycle ending in 2017 between the Township of Abington and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to authorize the Board President to execute the Agreement and Resolution No. 15-018.

PW2. Emergency Force Main Repair – North Hills Avenue

Motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$34,241.53 from the Contingency Expense Account No. 02-10-200-5299 to Blooming Glen Contractors, Inc. for the emergency excavation and repair to the Kimball Avenue Pump Station Force Main sewer that parallels Kimball Avenue near Elliot Avenue, which was completed on February 13, 2015.

PW3. Funding for Street Repairs

Motion to spend \$100,000.00 from Fund Balance for repairs to streets deteriorated due to the severe cold winter this year. The anticipated work areas are attached.

PW4. Funding for Salt Replacement

Motion to appropriate \$89,000.00 from Fund Balance for the purchase of salt for roadways to stockpile our storage facility for potential storms in 2015 calendar year.

**Benjamin Sanchez, Director
Michael Markman, Asst. Director
Jimmy DiPlacido
Peggy Myers
Carol Gillespie**

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(2) CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

CE1. Historic Resource Survey Project

Motion to authorize the execution of a Partnership and Scope of Services Agreement with the Heritage Conservancy for the development of a Historic Resource Survey of the Township.

CE2. Land Development LD-15-01 – Patient First (PF) Abington, Inc. 938-944 Old York Road

Motion to approve the subdivision and land development application of PF Abington, Inc., applicant for the properties located at 938 and 944 Old York Road. The applicant seeks approval to demolish the existing structure on the site and construct a new 7,151 square foot building. The proposal is for a new parking lot design, site lighting, landscaping and an on-site storm water management system. In addition, the plan calls for the relocation of the lot line between the two properties. The properties are zoned in the (PB) Planned

Business District and the (R-2) Residential District in Ward No. 7 of the Township of Abington.

This motion is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant is required to provide the Township with two (2) new executed, signed, notarized and recorded deeds. This is a requirement of the subdivision process.**
- 2. The applicant is required to set concrete monuments as directed by the Abington Township Engineering Office.**
- 3. Any work proposed within the roadway will require a “Highway Permit” from PennDOT.**
- 4. The items listed within the Staff Review letter dated February 2, 2015 become a condition of the application.**
- 5. The applicant has submitted an ACT 537 Exemption application for the three (3) new EDU’s that will be required for this proposal.**

6. The applicant is required to relocate the ADA parking stall down two to three stalls to allow for better use of these stalls. (This can be completed without the loss of any on-site stalls).
7. The applicant is required to submit a sight line diagram of the southernmost driveway that will include all of the proposed landscaping and signage. (This plan is to be reviewed and approved by the Traffic Safety Officer, prior to the installation of any improvements).
8. The applicant will install a bench and trash can to be placed in front of the new building.
9. A bike rack will be added to the site.
10. The applicant should add additional planting and ground level shrubbery to the front yard buffer.
11. The applicant agrees that no permits will be issued during the Zoning Hearing Board's decision on the pending appeal. (Docket Number 2014-33063).

This motion is subject to the following waivers:

1. Waiver from Section 146-11.A – Property Identification Plan
2. Waiver from Section 146-11.B – Existing Features Plan
3. Waiver from Section 146-11.F.b – Street Plan
4. Waiver from Section 146-11.1 – Phasing Plan
5. Waiver from Section 146-11.J – Recreation Facilities Plan
6. Waiver from Section 146-11.L – Architectural Plan
7. Waiver from Section 146-30 – Lot Shape

Lori Schreiber, Director
Jimmy DiPlacido, Asst. Director
Stephen Kalinoski
Thomas Bowman
Thomas Farren, Sr.

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(3) PUBLIC SAFETY

- PS1. Ordinance No. 2091 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article III – “Parking Regulations” Section 25 – “Parking Prohibited at All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping or Standing

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2091 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article III (Parking Regulations), Section 25 – (Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hour; No Stopping or Standing) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on April 9, 2015.

- PS2. Ordinance No. 2096 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article III (Parking Regulations), Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on May 14, 2015.

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

PS3.

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

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2092 amending Chapter 155 (Traffic Control), Article I "Automated Red Light Enforcement Systems," Section 155-7- "Duties of the Township of Abington" allowing a \$35 cost of collection fee to be added to the \$100 Red Light Camera Fine when the fine is referred to a third party collection agency for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on April 9, 2015.

John Spiegelman, Director
Thomas Farren, Sr., Asst. Director
Lori Schreiber
Benjamin Sanchez
Lawrence Jones, Jr.

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(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**PA1. Resolution No. 15-019 – Authorizing the Disposition of Certain
Administrative Office Records**

**Motion to approve Resolution No. 15-019 authorizing the
disposition of Senior Citizen Transit Identification Cards dated
between January 1, 1986 – December 31, 1999 and Right to
Know Requests dated 2012 and prior.**

**Steven Kline, Director
Tom Hecker, Asst. Director
Lawrence Jones, Jr.
Wayne Luker
Michael Markman**

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(5) FINANCE COMMITTEE

Treasurer's Report: Call on Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal

FC1. Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the February expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$1,814,746.91 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,885,316.82.**
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of May 2015.**

(Motion and Roll Call)

FC2. Training and Conference Expenses

Motion to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for February 2015 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$1,946.50 respectively.

Two-month expenses totaled \$5,936.04.

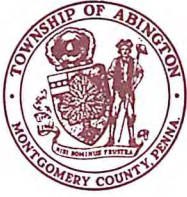
FC3. Clearing Fund/Deferred Revenue and Expense/Petty Cash

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

February Petty Cash balances previously circulated to the Board.

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

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



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Office of the Treasurer
JAY W. BLUMENTHAL

MONIES RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

DEPOSITED INTO REPUBLIC BANK

MONTH OF MARCH 2015 AND YEAR TO DATE

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Code Enforcement	86,017	186,811
Engineering Department	4,537	76,327
Finance Department	620,778	1,461,283
Fire Marshal's Office	11,246	21,105
Parks and Recreation	29,258	96,085
Plumbing Department	5,699	42,369
Police Department	16,872	81,279
Public Works Department	-	-
Refuse Department	12,563	29,910
Tax Office		
Business Privilege Tax	601,092	871,058
Mercantile Tax	417,718	601,017
Local Services Tax	91,816	298,300
Audit Revenue	<u>26,244</u>	<u>26,244</u>
Total Tax Office	<u>1,136,870</u>	<u>1,796,619</u>
TOTALS	1,923,839	3,791,788
LAST YEAR	1,378,304	3,172,733
INCREASE/(DECREASE)	<u>545,535</u>	<u>619,055</u>


Jay W. Blumenthal
Treasurer

MONTHLY REPORT

By The Abington Township Treasurer
To the Board of Commissioners


DEPOSITS OF REAL ESTATE TAXES AND FEES TRANSFERRED TO FINANCE DEPARTMENT

MONTH OF March 2015, YEAR TO DATE

	RECEIPTS			
	Adjusted Assessments	Month	Year To Date	Balance To Collect
Township	11,300,764	4,247,753	4,559,714	6,741,050
Fire	2,175,278	818,006	878,074	1,297,204
Sewer Fees	7,880,501	3,173,035	3,316,802	4,563,699
Refuse Fees	4,991,321	1,700,907	1,828,617	3,162,704
TOTALS	26,347,864	9,939,701	10,583,207	15,764,657
PERCENTAGE	100%	38%	40%	60%

COMMENTS: March 2014 13,594,648
Decrease 3,654,947

Respectfully Submitted,


Jay W. Blumenthal
Treasurer