

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**May 14, 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

Executive Session was held on Thursday, May 14th at 6:30 PM.

PRESENTATIONS TO:

**Joseph Weiber
Call on Commissioner Zappone**

**Mia Castiglione
Call on Commissioner Hecker**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Commissioners Meeting of April 9, 2015.

VOLUNTEER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion to appoint _____ as a member of the Economic Development Committee to fill the unexpired term of Catherine Johnson until December 31, 2015.

Motion to appoint _____ as a member of the Economic Development Committee to fill the unexpired term of Jack Thalheimer until December 31, 2017.

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

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(1) PUBLIC WORKS

PW1. 2014 Capital Improvement Program

Motion to approve and enter into contract with Almeida & Hudak Contractors, LLC, for the 12 projects in the 2014 Bond Issue/Phase II Storm Sewer Projects, in the amount of \$1,190,255.00; to be funded from 2014 Bond Issue and 2015 MS4 projects.

PW2. Emergency Repair Storm Sewer System – 2700 Block of Phipps Avenue

Motion to approve the Engineering Department to hire a contractor to repair the large elliptical concrete pipe in the 2700 block of Phipps Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$26,500. To be funded from surplus funds from the 2014 Bond Issue.

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

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(2) CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

CE1. Public Hearing Ordinance No. 2093 – Ordinance to Amend the Abington Township Code, Chapter 162, entitled, “Zoning” Article VIII, “Supplemental District Regulations”, Section 801.N, “Display and Storage of Goods.”

Call on Staff: Director Larry Matteo

Comments: Commissioners

Comments: Public

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2093 to amend the Abington Township Code, Chapter 162, entitled, Zoning, Article VIII, Supplemental District Regulations, Section 801.N, “Display and Storage of Goods.”

CE2. Lease Agreement – 1220 Huntingdon Road – Abington School District

Motion to amend the February 8, 2005 Lease Agreement between the Township and the Abington School District for the Township owned parcel at 1220 Huntingdon Road to allow for parking by the public on weekdays from 5:30 PM to Dusk and to extend the Lease Agreement for an additional (5) five years.

CE3. Ordinance No. 2095 – Ordinance to Amend (PB) Planned Business District Adding Paragraph 32 Student Apartment Housing Use (H-1)

Motion to advertise a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 2095 for Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Purpose of the hearing is to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow for Student Apartment Housing in the (PB) Planned Business District.

CE4. Ordinance No. 3000 – Ordinance to Amend (Chapter 98, Housing Standards, Section 98-2.A Amendments to Standards

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 3000 for Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 7:30 PM to amend Chapter 98-2.A, PM-303.8 Storage, parking, abandonment or keeping of any licensed or unlicensed motor vehicle, watercraft, trailer, or any parts there shall not be permitted on any lawn, grass, or right of way area.

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

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(3) PUBLIC SAFETY

PS1. Ordinance No. 2096 – To Amend Chapter 156 (“Vehicles and Traffic”), Article III – (“Parking Regulations”), Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones)

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2096 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article III (Parking Regulations), Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones).

PS2. Ordinance No. 2099 – 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” and Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones)

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2099 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article III (Parking Regulations), Section 25 – (Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping or Standing) and Section 28 (Special Purpose Parking Zones) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on June 11, 2015.

PS3. Acceptance of Bid for Purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)

Motion to authorize Township Officials to award a bid to Witmer Public Safety Group of Coatesville, PA for purchase of eighty (80) NFPA 1981-2013 compliant MSA Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. Witmer’s bid amount is \$451,040.00.

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

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(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PA1. PAL Building Site Approval

Motion to support Crestmont Park as the future location of the Abington PAL Activity Building for fund raising purposes. Final approval of the use will be dependent on zoning and land use approvals, the financial viability of the project, community support, and the execution of a ground lease agreement with the Township. The exact location of any building on the property will be determined after fund raising targets are attainable and additional input is received from surrounding residents and the Board of Commissioners.

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

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(5) FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

FC1. Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the March expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$1,896,256.27 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,765,220.09.**
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of June 2015.**

(Motion and Roll Call)

FC2. Training and Conference Expenses

Motion to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for March 2015 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$3,450.18 respectively.

Three-month expenses totaled \$9,386.22.

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 March as previously circulated to the Board.

March Petty Cash balances previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of March 2015 were \$643.78 and (\$0.00), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of March 2015 were \$41.18 and (\$0.00) respectively.