

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

January 14, 2016

7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL ZAPPONE, SPIEGELMAN, SANCHEZ, ROTHMAN, MYERS,
MARKMAN, SCHREIBER, BOWMAN, DiPLACIDO, FARREN,
GILLESPIE, HECKER, KALINOSKI, 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
Community Development Director STROTHER**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT

**An Executive Session was held on Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 PM
to discuss a personnel matter.**

PRESENTATION

**Presentation of Commendation to Victor Patalano
Call on Commissioner Kalinoski**

PROCLAMATION

**50TH BIRTHDAY of Abington Township Public Library
Call on Commissioner Luker**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Preliminary Budget Meeting of November 19, 2015

Preliminary Budget Meeting of November 30, 2015

Board of Commissioners Meeting of December 10, 2015

Board of Commissioners 2016 Final Budget Meeting of December 23, 2015

REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE VOLUNTEER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

ABINGTON FREE LIBRARY

WHEREAS, The Abington Township Public Library (ATPL) provides valuable services that enrich our community and enhance the well-being of our service population through the pursuit of information, knowledge, creativity, and many other forms of individual expression; and

WHEREAS, the Abington Township Commissioners engaged the first Library Director and supported the creation of ATPL in 1966 and have, along with residents, faithfully supported the ATPL, for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Library, with the support of the governing body and community it serves, has sought to expand its critical role in the life of the Township by providing innovative and essential services to meet the ever-changing and expanding needs of its clientele, including, but not limited to:

Creating the Friends of the Abington Township Public Library in 1966 to support the growth of the Library; and

Incorporating the Roslyn Branch within the Abington Township Public Library in 1967; and

Establishing an Adult Literacy program in 1984 in order to assist adults with reading difficulties, and later, expanding it to include General Educational Development and English as a Second Language tutoring; and

Creating the Ruth and Robert Abel Memorial Book and Film Discussion Group in 1988 for the purpose of providing a forum for discussion and learning; and

Becoming a founding, and integral, member of the Montgomery County Library and Information Network Consortium (MCLINC) in 1995 in order to purchase and operate an integrated online library system that facilitates information discovery and resource-sharing throughout Montgomery County; and

Initiating the Doggone Good Readers program in the Children's Department in 2006, which program celebrated its 10th Anniversary in 2015, has welcomed more than 3,600 children during these 10 years, and has given rise to a second therapy dog reading program, Bark Pals, for students attending Willow Hill and Overlook Elementary schools; and

Developing the innovative Abington/Roslyn Reads summer program that pairs young readers with teen mentors to foster reading development and retention during the summer months.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wayne C. Luker, President, Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, do proclaim and recognize the 50th Birthday of the Abington Township Public Library, and do hereby invite all citizens of Abington Township to join in celebrating this vital community asset.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and with the consent of the Abington Township Commissioners, I have hereunto set my hand on this 14th day of January, 2016.

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

Wayne C. Luker, President



VOLUNTEER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ENDING December 31, 2015

REAPPOINTMENTS

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Yearly

Richard Teitell, Esq.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

6 years

Diane Misko

PLANNING COMMISSION

4 years

Mavis Robinson

ZONING HEARING BOARD

5 years

Michael O'Connor

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

3 years

Jennifer Sherwood
Michele Kaczalek
Cakky Braun-Evans

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

5 years

John Kennedy

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3 years

Thomas Tyler, Esq.
Teresa Scroggins

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

3 years

Jack Loew
Barbara Nye
Richard Gaglianese
David Mulvey
Michael McPaul

Tom Hecker, Director
Tom Farren, Asst. Director
Steven Kline
Peggy Myers
Drew Rothman

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(1) PUBLIC WORKS

PW1. Resolution No. 16-006 – Alternative Plan for the Wissahickon Watershed Total Phosphorous TMDL

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-006 to authorize The Township of Abington to participate in the collaboration with other Montgomery and Philadelphia county municipalities and wastewater treatment plant operators for the future development of a plan for an alternative to the proposed EPA total phosphorous maximum daily load for the Wissahickon creek watershed.

PW2. Edge Hill Road/Tyson Avenue Flood Control/Street Reconstruction Project – Appraisal Review Specialists

Motion to approve Appraisal Review Specialists, LLC to perform the appraisal review function for the Edge Hill Road/Tyson Avenue Flood Control/Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$16,000.

Ben Sanchez, Director
Michael Markman, Asst. Director
Jimmy DiPlacido
Dennis Zappone
Carol Gillespie

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(2) CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

CE1. Ordinance No. 2100 - Ordinance to Amend the Storm Water Management Requirements of the Township of Abington

Call on Township Engineer Mike Powers

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2100 for the purpose of amending Abington Township Code and bring Abington Township into compliance with the requirements of ACT 167 "Storm Water Management Act" of the State of Pennsylvania.

Lori Schreiber, Director
Jimmy DiPlacido, Asst. Director
Tom Bowman
John Spiegelman
Stephen Kalinoski

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(3) PUBLIC SAFETY

- PS1. Ordinance No. 2106 – 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), Section 27 “Parking Time Limited” and Section 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones”

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2106 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), Section 27 – Parking Time Limited and Section 28 – Special Purpose Parking Zones.

- PS2. Ordinance No. 2108 – 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) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on February 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2108 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) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on February 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

PS3.

Conditional Promotion to the Rank of Sergeant

Motion to appoint Officer Joseph Blythe to the rank of Probationary Sergeant effective January 14, 2016 providing he successfully completes the remaining portions of the promotional process.

John Spiegelman, Director
Tom Bowman, Asst. Director
Lori Schreiber
Drew Rothman
Stephen Kalinoski

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(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**PA1. Economic Development Business District Landscape
Maintenance Bid**

Motion authorizing the proper township official to contract with Louis F. Biase, Landscape Contractor, for the 2016 service year in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the Business District Landscape Maintenance Contract. Funds will be drawn from Economic Development Capital accounts reserved for this purpose.

Steven Kline, Director
Tom Hecker, Asst. Director
Tom Farren
Ben Sanchez
Wayne Luker

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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 November expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$2,117,986.96 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,745,821.03.**
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of February 2016.**

(Motion and Roll Call)

FC2. Training and Conference Expenses

Motion to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for November 2015 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$498.65 respectively.

Ten-month expenses totaled \$36,526.76.

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 November as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of November 2015 were \$20,794.51 and (\$17,994.58), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of November 2015 were \$5,509.00 and (\$657.00) respectively.

FC4. Resolution No. 16-001 – Investment of Township Funds

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-001 authorizing the Finance Director and his/her designate to invest Township funds in any and all such financial institutions as permitted by First Class Township Code.

FC5. Resolution No. 16-002 – Disposition of Certain Finance Office Records

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-002, authorizing the disposition of certain Finance Office records as set forth in Exhibit “A.”

FC6. Resolution No. 16-003 – Disposition of Certain Tax Office Records

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-003, authorizing the disposition of certain Tax Office records as set forth in Exhibit “A.”

**Tom Bowman, Director
Steven Kline, Asst. Director
Tom Hecker**

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(6) PENSION COMMITTEE

PENS1. Ordinance No. 2107 – Retirement Pension Benefit

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2107 amending the Non-Uniform Pension Plan to include an Act 44 Deferred Retirement Option (DROP).