

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with President Luker presiding.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Commissioners ZAPPONE, SPIEGELMAN, SANCHEZ, ROTHMAN, MYERS, MARKMAN, SCHREIBER, BOWMAN, FARREN, GILLESPIE, HECKER, KALINOSKI, KLINE, LUKER  
Excused: DiPLACIDO

Township Manager LEFEVRE  
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER  
Township Solicitor CLARKE  
Chief of Police KELLY  
Deputy Chief LIVINGOOD  
Finance Director BARRON  
Township Engineer POWERS  
Director of Parks and Recreation WENDELL  
Director of Public Works MICCIOLO  
Director of W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY  
Fire Marshal CLARK  
Community Development Director STROTHER  
Planning & Zoning Official PENECALE

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

President Luker announced that an Executive Session was held on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM on a litigation matter.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Swearing In of two new Officers by District Justice John Kessler

Lt. Kelley Warner introduced Officer Kristian Shaw, who is a resident of Abington, and prior to coming to Abington, he worked in the private sector in the sales and business industry. He has a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Business Administration and in his spare time he is active in local officiating for basketball teams including Abington Township.

Lt. Patrick Malloy introduced Officer Adrian McMenam, who resides in Elkins Park in Abington Township, and prior to coming to Abington, Adrian was a Temple University Police Officer and also Cheyney State University Police Officer. While at Temple, he won meritorious awards for valor and good-solid police work. Adrian also received a Director's Award at the Montgomery County Police Academy. Adrian was born in Northern Ireland and he feels this is a dream come true to be able to serve and protect in his home community.

District Justice John Kessler administered the Oath of Office to Officers Kristian Shaw and Adrian McMenam before the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2016.

Swearing In of Sergeant Joseph Blythe:

Deputy Chief Livingood introduced Sergeant Joseph Blythe, who is native of Philadelphia and a graduate of Cheltenham High School. He served in United States Military Police Corp from 1992 until 2001.

During that time period, Joseph was stationed in the United States as well as overseas including South Korea, Alabama, Georgia and New Jersey. The most noteworthy of all of his assignments was when he was assigned to the U.S. Forces Command Honor Guard in Atlanta, Georgia during the 1996 summer Olympics.

Joe has a Bachelor's Degree in Administration of Justice from Penn State University and he has a Masters Degree in Public Safety Administration from St. Joseph's University. He has been employed by our Department since 2001, and during that time, some of the special assignments that Joe has taken on have been Hostage Negotiator, Accident Investigator, D.A.R.E. Officer, Recruitment Unit, Honor Guard and Community Policing Liaison.

Joe has served as Youth Mentor at Dobbins and Olney High Schools in Philadelphia and he is currently a volunteer for Ruby's Kids, a youth charity in Philadelphia.

District Justice John Kessler administered the Oath of Office to Sergeant Joseph Blythe before the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

Presentation of Commendation to Retiree – Lieutenant Thomas McNamara:

Chief Kelly introduced retiree, Lieutenant Thomas McNamara, who has been with the Abington Township Police Department since September 1, 1974. Tom is a lifelong Abington resident and graduated from Abington High School in 1971. He attended Montgomery County Community College and studied in the Police Science Program. From 1974-1983, Tom served in the Patrol Division as Firearms Instructor and a Field Training Officer and then took over the operation of the range.

In 1983 to 1987, Tom worked in the Detective Division where he handled and solved some of the most infamous cases and murders in Abington Township's history.

In 1987 to 1989, Tom was promoted as Sergeant and assigned to the Patrol Division, and in 1991, he was assigned to the Detective Division where he served as Detective Sergeant. In 1994, he was promoted to Lieutenant and became Lieutenant of the Patrol Division and he also served for one year in our Community Policing Division. He also attended the prestigious FBI National Academy. From 1987 to 2016, Tom served as Platoon Commander in the Patrol Division in charge of two sergeants and 13 officers.

During the last 25 years of service, Lieutenant McNamara was in charge of the Firearms Program and Emergency Management Program. For the past 14 years, Tom headed the Oral Interview Panel for new recruits.

Additionally, he has been an active member for the Roslyn Fire Company for the last 45 years where he served as a Lieutenant, Captain and Trustee. He is currently a Trustee, Driver and Pump Operator for the Roslyn Fire Company.

Most notable legacy that Tom McNamara has left Abington Township with is his legacy in Emergency Management.

Back in the late 80's, the Emergency Management Program was not sufficient and did not meet requirements of State law. Tom took over that program and it has become one of the best known Emergency Management Programs anywhere in the region.

Tom also was involved with starting the Eastern Montgomery Regional Emergency Management Group as well as organizing two large disaster drills in Abington Township, and he is recognized as an expert in that area all across the region.

Commissioner Schreiber presented retiree Lieutenant Thomas McNamara with Certificate of Commendation acknowledging with sincere appreciation Tom's 42 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Abington Township from 1974 to 2016 on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

**REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:**

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to reappoint Joanne Kleiner and Meredith Gill as members of the Human Relations Commission for three year terms.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to appoint Theresa Deckebach as member of the Library Board of Trustees to fill the unexpired term through December 31, 2016.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION:**

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to appoint Timothy Gilmour as member of the Shade Tree Commission to the fill unexpired term through December 31, 2016.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Bowman to appoint Elizabeth Smith and Matthew Vahey as members of the Economic Development Committee for three years and Erin Vizza as an alternate member.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE ADVISORY BOARD VACANCIES:**

President Luker opened nominations for appointments to the Abington Township Planning Commission.

Commissioner Rothman nominated Charles DiCello to fill vacancy and serve as member of the Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman.

Commissioner Myers nominated Michael Alexander to fill vacancy and serve as member of the Planning Commission, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie.

President Luker asked for any other nominations. There were none.

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to close nominations.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

By majority vote, Charles A. DiCello was appointed as a member of the Abington Township Planning Commission by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

**APPOINTMENTS TO THE VACANCY PROPERTY REVIEW BOARD:**

President Luker opened nominations for one, two and three year terms to fill vacancies on Vacancy Property Review Board.

Commissioner Spiegelman nominated Toby True to serve for a one-year term on the Vacancy Property Review Board, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez.

President Luker asked for any other nominations to fill one-year term. There were none.

By a unanimous vote, Toby True was appointed to fill one-year term to serve as member of the Vacancy Property Review Board by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

Commissioner Rothman nominated Bob Greaves to fill two-year term and serve as member of the Vacancy Property Review Board, seconded by Commissioner Schreiber.

Commissioner Farren nominated Lorena Trujillo to fill two-year term and serve as member of the Vacancy Property Review Board, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie

By a majority vote, Bob Greaves was appointed to fill two-year term and serve as member of the Vacancy Property Review Board by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

Commissioner Sanchez nominated Lorena Trujillo to fill three-year term and serve as member of the Vacancy Property Review Board, seconded by Commissioner Farren.

By a unanimous vote, Lorena Trujillo was appointed to fill three-year term and serve as a member of the Vacancy Property Review Board by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Reorganization Meeting of January 4, 2016 and Board of Commissioners Meeting of January 14, 2016.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) Transportation & Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant Program and Simone-Collins Landscape Architects – Resolution No. 16-010

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to approve and adopt Resolution No. 16-010 for the Final Township Master Bicycle Plan. The plan has been prepared by Simone-Collins Landscape Architecture (in association with Traffic, Planning & Design).

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 14-0.

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 16-010**

**A RESOLUTION OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP,  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE TOWNSHIP MASTER BICYCLE PLAN**

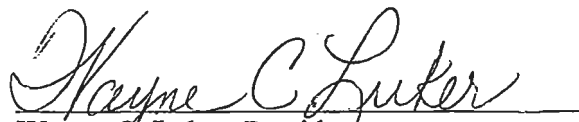
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington ("Township") has engaged Simone-Collins Landscape Architects to prepare the Township Master Bicycle Plan for the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has reviewed the Township Master Bicycle Plan prepared by Simone-Collins Landscape Architects dated February, 2016 desires to approve and adopt the Township Master Bicycle Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County does hereby approve and adopt the Township Master Bicycle Plan prepared by Simone-Collins Landscape Architects dated February, 2016.

**RESOLVED and ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP**

  
Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Michael LeFevre, Secretary

Edge Hill Road/Tyson Avenue Flood Control/Street Reconstruction Project  
Reimbursement Agreement No. 064132-B Supplement "C"

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to approve Pennoni Associates' proposal for Reimbursement Agreement No. 064132-B, Supplement "C" for Edge Hill Road/Tyson Avenue Flood Control/Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$593,082.43, which includes services for Part 2 Final Design.

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 14-0.

2016 HUD Program

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve BCM Engineer's -ATC Group Services, LLC to perform engineering services and surveying for three (3) projects listed in the 2016 HUD Program in the amount of \$41,365.00; to be funded from the HUD Program.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Kline asked how many bids were received for this project?

Mr. Powers replied four.

Commissioner Kline asked for a spreadsheet of the bids

Mr. Powers replied the bids ranged between \$35,000 and \$69,000. The lowest bidder was rejected because they did not carry the proper liability insurance and that was Eastern Chadrow Associates, Inc.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.



Sidewalks on East Side of Rockwell Road

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to authorize Township staff to take bids to construct sidewalks on the eastern side of Rockwell Road from Roy Avenue to Old Welsh Road and to encumber up to \$125,000 from the General Fund Balance.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Hecker commented that this was discussed at length in committee and he is grateful to members of the Public Works Committee for its support on this item. This is part of a comprehensive effort to improve pedestrian safety on Rockwell Road. If this is approved tonight, a community meeting will be scheduled for those who reside on Rockwell Road to advise them of the upgrades going to take place. He asked for support from the full Board this evening.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Kirsten Fullerton, 2127 Parkview Avenue, commented that she has lived in Abington Township for 23 years, and she is a daily commuter of the Crestmont Train Station. There are several issues one of which is that there are abandoned cars parked in the train station parking lot. There have been four abandoned cars parked there for months.

So, she cannot park there and tries to park on Rubicam Avenue, but she gets parking tickets. She has tried parking on other streets, but that is difficult, so she is parking on Rockwell again. She has called SEPTA many times, but to no avail.

She is also concerned about the "Two Hour Parking" signs on Rubicam because she does not understand why a 50-foot stretch of Rubicam has a "Two Hour Parking" sign, but that is how she was ticketed three times. She has parked on this road for 23 years until October when she received a parking ticket.

Commissioner Zappone asked has SEPTA Police been contacted about this matter?

Ms. Fullerton replied she has called SEPTA's Customer Service and their Police Department, but they informed her that it is a 'free parking lot.'

Chief Kelly commented that we will be glad to coordinate that.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Bid Award – Ready Mix Concrete

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to accept the lowest responsible bidder and enter in a contract with Delaware Valley Concrete in the amount of \$19,923.00 for the purchase of Ready Mix Concrete as per bid specifications.

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 14-0.

Bid Award – Super Pave Asphalt Paving Material

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to accept the lowest responsible bidder and enter into a contract with Eureka Stone Quarry for Part I of the bid in the amount of \$690,000.00; also Eureka Stone Quarry for Part II in the amount of \$43,200.00 for the purchase of Super Pave Materials as per bid specifications.

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 14-0.

Tookany Creek Stormwater Feasibility Study

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to authorize staff to formally advise the Army Corp of Engineers of the Township's desire to have the three (3) proposed stormwater retention areas in Abington Township severed from the Tookany Creek Feasibility Study and request a separate 205 Study be performed on the Abington Township Watershed.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Spiegelman commented that this is for the Baederwood basins proposed as part of the Army Corp Engineers' study into flood remediation into Cheltenham Township. He has worked with Commissioners Sanchez and Farren and also Township Engineer Powers and Manager LeFevre to try to get this resolved.

The three proposed basins will be completely removed and Cheltenham officials can move forward with the six basin plan that is entirely in Cheltenham Township and working with the Army Corp of Engineers, Abington Township is requesting a 205 study.

Commissioner Kline asked about the 205 study and how it will affect the Township.

Mr. Powers replied the entire Township will be studied and not just this one area. The study will take one to two years and 50% of the study is funded by the Army Corp of Engineers and the Township pays for the remainder.

Commissioner Kline asked for the cost of the study.

Mr. Powers replied he does not know at this time.

Commissioner Kline said following the study, is the Township under any obligation to do the suggested work?

Mr. Powers replied no.

Commissioner Farren added that it will be a year or two before the Township would be responsible to pay any costs, so we have time to plan ahead. He thanked everyone involved with this item.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

**Subdivision SD-15-05 – Priceless Homes, LLC – 130 Fisher Road**

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to approve the subdivision application of Priceless Homes, LLC, owner of the property located at 130 Fisher Road, Abington Township. The applicant proposes to subdivide the property into two lots. Lot No. 1 will contain the existing single-family dwelling on a lot of 13,108 square feet. Lot No. 2 is proposed for development and is plotted at a 12,885 square foot lot. Both lots comply with the dimensional requirements of Section 303.3 of the Zoning Ordinance. Both lots will be served by public water and sewer. The property is zoned in the (R-3) Residential District in Ward No. 4 of the Township of Abington.

This motion is subject to the following conditions:

1. Sanitary sewers are available for this project at this time. An Act 537 Exemption Application will have to be submitted prior to the building permit application. Please be aware that the Act 537 Exemption application must be signed by both Cheltenham and Abington Townships.
2. 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.
3. The items listed in the Staff Review letter dated, December 23, 2015 becomes a condition of this application.
4. The applicant agrees to plant two (2) additional street trees along the frontage of this property.

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.C – Propose Layout Plan.
4. Waiver from Section 146-11.E. – Soil Erosion Controls.
5. Waiver from Section 146-24.D – Right-of-Way Width.

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 14-0.

Public Hearing Ordinance No. 2102 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 162 – “Zoning”  
Section 600- Flood Plain Conservation Overlay District

Commissioner Luker opened Public Hearing at 8:19 p.m.

Commissioner Luker called on Zoning Hearing Officer Mark Penecale.

Mr. Penecale gave a power point presentation on the Flood Plain Management Ordinance No. 2102 to the Board in which a copy was provided to the Board of Commissioners.

As part of FEMA’s mandate, Ordinance No. 2102 was pulled from the Zoning Ordinance and is now a standalone ordinance as it is required to be adopted on or before March 2, 2016.

Abington Township has elected to revise our floodplain management standards with the use of Montgomery County Planning Commission’s model Flood Plain Ordinance.

MCPC’s model ordinance has been amended to meet the needs of Abington Township and the revisions are as follows:

- Ordinance No. 2102 still requires all setbacks to be measured from the floodplain line and not the property line.
- In the event that construction is approved within the limits of the floodplain. The impact on the base flood elevation is limited to one (1) foot.
- Structures must be a minimum of two feet above base flood elevations.
- Replacement equipment on existing structures such as air conditioning units, air handlers, etc. are required to be installed at least two (2) feet above base flood elevation.
- This ordinance does not determine which properties are listed within the limits of the floodplain. The FIRM maps are approved by FEMA.
- Ordinance No. 2102 has been reviewed by the Abington Township Planning Commission on October 27, 2015, November 18, 2015 and January 26, 2016.
- Ordinance No. 2102 has been reviewed by Drew Shaw, Chief Environmental Planner for Montgomery County Planning Commission as directed by FEMA.
- Ordinance No. 2102 has been recommended for approval by all of the parties listed above.
- The new Flood Insurance Rate maps become effective on March 2, 2016.

Commissioner Luker clarified that FEMA determines what properties are located in/out of the floodplain. Is that correct?

Mr. Penecale replied that is correct. They are Flood Insurance Rate maps that were forwarded to Abington Township by FEMA.

Commissioner Luker asked about a meeting scheduled with reps of FEMA.

Mr. Penecale replied there is an informational meeting on the new maps and how it relates to individual properties that is scheduled with reps of FEMA on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at the Little Theater at the Junior High. Notices were mailed to the residents and it will be posted on Township website.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Markman questioned whether an insurance expert will be in attendance at that meeting as well.

Mr. Penecale replied we are working on that.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Leonard Lazaroff, 627 Wanamaker Road, commented that he purchased his property three or four years ago and he would like to work with those who are mandating this new ordinance to get the proper information.

Pat Dooley, 625 Wanamaker Road, commented that if properties are listed as being in the floodplain for the first time, property owners will need to get flood insurance and, if and when their homes are sold, they will not get full value. He expressed concern that it is not required to have legal notices sent to homeowners. This area has never flooded from all of the great storms.

Commissioner Markman replied that it is FEMA who determines where the floodplain is located and they mandate that the Township restrict building in the floodplain, which is forced upon the Township.

Mr. Penecale noted that a flyer was inserted with the tax bills that were mailed out as opposed to doing a separate mailing. In addition, maps were posted on Township website for review.

Commissioner Spiegelman offered to speak with the residents following tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Luker closed Public Hearing at 8:46 p.m.

Commissioner Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to adopt Ordinance No. 2102; an ordinance amending Chapter 162 "Zoning" Section 600 – "Flood Plain Conservation Overlay District," by repealing and replacing the existing provisions.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2102**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 162 – “ZONING,” AT  
SECTION 600 – “FLOOD PLAIN CONSERVATION OVERLAY DISTRICT,” BY  
REPEALING AND REPLACING THE EXISTING PROVISIONS**

**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**, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that Chapter 162 – “Zoning,” Section 600 – “Flood Plain Conservation Overlay District” should be amended by the repeal of the existing provisions and replaced with the provisions attached hereto, incorporated herein and labeled Exhibit “A” for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington does hereby **ENACT** and **ORDAIN** as follows:

1. Chapter 162 – “Zoning,” Section 600 – “Flood Plain Conservation Overlay District” is amended to repeal the existing provisions in their entirety and replacing them with as reflected in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.


2. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

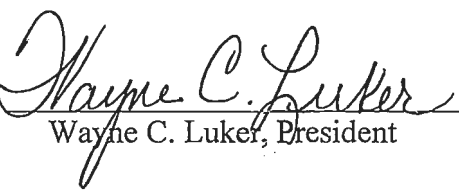
3. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

  
Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By:   
Wayne C. Luker, President



Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan Presentation

Commissioner Sanchez announced that this item has been deleted from agenda.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

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)

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2108 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).

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 14-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2108**

**AN ORDINANCE 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”**

**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 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” 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 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
Huntingdon Road	West	5 feet north and 5 feet south of the Abington School District bus garage parking lot.

2. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

3. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

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Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: Wayne C. Luker  
Wayne Luker, President

Ordinance No. 2114 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article III”  
Parking Regulations” Section 9.2 “No Left Turn,” and Section 11 “Turns at  
Intersections”

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to advertise Ordinance No. 2114 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article III (Parking Regulations) Section 9.2 – (No Left Turn) and Section 11 – Turns at Intersections for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on March 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

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 14-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Recognition of Former State Representative Ellen Bard and Earthright

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

Human Relations Commission Report:

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

Resolution No. 16-009 – Authorizing the Disposition of Certain Parks and Recreation  
Office Records

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to adopt Resolution No. 16-009, authorizing the disposition of certain Parks and Recreation Office records as set forth in Exhibit “A.”

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 14-0.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 16-009

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
ABINGTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE  
DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE RECORDS

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution No.11-009, adopted March 10, 2011, the Township of Abington declared its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008, and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968 each individual act of disposition shall be approved by resolution of the governing body of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above-cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the public records as set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto.

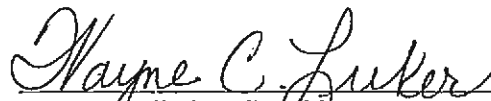
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Attest:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By:



Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Treasurer's Report:

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

Expenditures/Salaries and Wages:

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the December expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$3,173,109.47 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,770,699.94.
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of March 2016.

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 14-0. Commissioner DiPlacido was absent during roll call.

Training and Conference Expenses

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for December 2015 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$86.28, respectively.

Twelve-month expenses totaled \$36,613.04.

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 14-0.

Clearing Fund/Deferred Revenue and Expense/Petty Cash

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to approve the Clearing Fund, the Deferred Revenue/Expense activity and Petty Cash balances for the month of December as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of December 2015 were \$2,541.84 and (\$5,710.81), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of December 2015 were \$52,568.21 and (\$39,131.37), 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 14-0.

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Louise E. Twymann commented that she moved to Willow Grove in 1985 after retiring as Deputy Sheriff of Philadelphia, and she thanked the Board of Commissioners and Township staff for their dedicated and long-hours spent working on projects and activities keeping Abington Township one of the best places to live.

She also thanked Chief Kelly and the Police Department for keeping us safe. They are very professional and courteous. She appreciates living in Abington Township and she heard that Willow Grove made the top ten cities for best places to live.

Michael Curtis, Sr., 1137 Tyson Avenue, commented that he previously spoke about the e-verify program at a committee meeting. He has a copy of Pennsylvania's e-verify and he asked for it to be posted on Township's website as well as an explanation by Township Solicitor on how the State's e-verify works in Abington Township.

Solicitor Clarke replied legislation passed in 2011 codifying what already exists for the public bidding statute, so essentially, it does not change the way the Township does business. It also does not affect non-Public Works contracts.

**REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Bowman offered his condolences to the family of Brian Bigelow, who passed away recently.

Commissioner Farren thanked members of the Fire Department, Second Alarmers and Police Department for their assistance recently.

Also, Ally Turner, who is a patient at CHOP (Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania), is making incredible progress and the support from the community is very much appreciated by her family. They are trying to give back by getting information out there about CPR and AED defibrillators. Also, Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Wendell informed him that the Township has AED devices at some of our Township properties.

He thanked everyone for their time during his "Abington Runs" presentation and support for this project has been coming in from Mr. Wendell and his fellow Commissioners.

The Copper Beech 5K Run is coming up on March 12<sup>th</sup> and we also have the "Keep the Faith" 5K Run and "Keep the Parade Running" 5K Run that supports our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

His wife volunteered him to be the MC at a penny party a few years ago and he has been invited back as MC. So on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. at St. Luke's Church, he will be hosting the penny party and all proceeds supports education.

Also, the Abington Community Task Force Scholarship Program deadline has been extended to February 19<sup>th</sup>. Please get involved with your son/daughter's education because there is so much good that can be done for the future of our children.

Commissioner Gillespie commented that the "Keep the Parade Running" 5K Run is in memory of her husband Mike Gillespie that will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> and all proceeds go to events in the Glenside/Keswick area. Last year, we raised just enough to pay for the fireworks.

Commissioner Hecker wished a "Happy Birthday" to Director of Public Works, Mr. Micciolo.

Also, "Coffee with a Cop" Program will be held in Ward 10 on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at the Corner Café at the Abington Shopping Center. Also, on that date is the electronic recycling event at the Highway Yard from 9-1 p.m.

Commissioner Kalinoski wished everyone a "Happy Valentine's Day!"

Commissioner Kline thanked Code Enforcement Director, Mr. Larry Matteo for his tireless work as he is an asset to the Township.



Commissioner Spiegelman commented that it is truly amazing the “Just Fight” effort in support of Ally Turner by the Turner family has been incredible. His daughter’s gymnastic team, the Hatboro YMCA Twisters, will be hosting their league championships and the theme will be “Just Flip and Just Fight” and special pink shirts will have that name on them with a portion of the proceeds from concession stand and activities going towards the “Just Fight” Foundation.

He wished Mr. Micciolo a “Happy Birthday, and thanked Mr. Penecale for his tireless work on the floodplain ordinance

Commissioner Sanchez thanked the residents who came out to the public meeting with reps of the Army Corp of Engineers.

Commissioner Rothman wished Mr. Micciolo a “Happy Birthday.” He also wished his wife and everyone a “Happy Valentine’s Day!”

Commissioner Myers wished sincere congratulations to Lt. Tom McNamara, who has done a stellar job and he always had the voice of calmness when things were excitable.

She also congratulated Sergeant Blythe and the two new officers.

Commissioner Markman commented that although, he never met Lt. McNamara, but hearing his accolades and everything he has contributed to the Township, was very impressive and he thanked Tom for it.

Commissioner Schreiber concurred with Commissioner Markman on his comments about Lt. McNamara and she congratulated the new police officers.

Roslyn Valley Business Association is flourishing with holiday decorative lights thanks to Mr. Micciolo. Recently, the RVBA just completed their new website and she invited everyone to check it out at [www.rvbaonline.org](http://www.rvbaonline.org).

She reminded everyone that the deadline to accept short films for the Roslyn Film Festival is March 1, 2016.

Commissioner Luker commented that last month, we celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King Program and he thanked the school officials and the children who participated as well as the Commissioners who attended, Township Manager LeFevre and Mr. Larry Matteo. A special thanks to Commissioner Spiegelman who created the program for that event this year.

He congratulated Sergeant Joe Blythe as well as Officers Kristian Shaw and Adrian McMenamin.

Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 11, 2016

Last month, he complimented Commissioner Markman for doing a fine job with the Abington Town Shopping Center and it is booming with business.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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