

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Vice President Kline presiding.

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

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

Township Manager LEFEVRE  
Township Tax Collector BLUMENTHAL  
Township Solicitor CLARKE  
Chief of Police KELLY  
Deputy Chief LIVINGOOD  
Township Treasurer BLUMENTHAL  
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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Vice President Kline announced that an Executive Session was held on Monday, April 4, 2016 at 6:30 PM on a personnel matter.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Presentation of Commendation to Eagle Scout Jacob Wysocki:

Commissioner Gillespie presented Certificate of Commendation to Eagle Scout Jacob Wysocki in recognition of a proud community saluting Jacob in obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boys Scouts of America. He earned assorted merit badges, which attest to his leadership qualities and contribution to the community. Jacob's chosen project was an important undertaking for Abington Township, and his recently completed project resulted in community beautification of planting Basswood trees in Crestmont Park and Elm trees at the Ardsley Community Center.

The hours Jacob spent in organizing and leading a team who dedicated hours of landscape improvements will benefit the community for many years.

We, the Board of Commissioners, join Boy Scout Troop 48, Jacob's family, community leaders, friends and fellow troop members in congratulating him on this milestone. Best wishes for continued success and further fulfillment in the years to come on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

Presentation of Commendation to Eagle Scout James Currie:

Commissioner Gillespie presented Certificate of Commendation to Eagle Scout James Currie in recognition of a proud community saluting James in obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boys Scouts of America. He earned assorted merit badges, which attest to his leadership qualities and contribution to the community. James' chosen project was an important undertaking for Abington Township. His recently completed project of mapping out and surveying the Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary, and the hours he spent updating data to Google maps making it accessible online and all mobile devices, will benefit the community and the Friends of Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary Group for many years to come.

We, the Board of Commissioners, join Boy Scout Troop 48, and James' family, community leaders, friends and fellow troop members in congratulating him on this milestone. Best wishes for continued success and further fulfillment in the years to come on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

Presentation of Commendation to Detective Bob Allmond of his Retirement effective April 15<sup>th</sup> after 30 years with the Abington Police Department

Chief Kelly said tonight, we will honor one of our retirees, Detective Bob Allmond, who will be retiring after 30 years of service with our police department. His most recent assignment was with Abington High School where they honored him as well, and Principal Angelo G. Berrios would like to say a few words.

Principal Berrios said on behalf of Dr. Amy Sichel, students, staff and administration of Abington Senior High School, he is honored to make a few remarks to commemorate and celebrate the career and retirement of Detective Robert Allmond.

The true essence of Bob is impossible to convey in just a few minutes; however, he will try his best. One of the great privileges of being the principal of a large suburban high school is that he gets to interact with a lot of great people and Bob is truly special for he possesses immeasurable charisma and is a remarkable human being in many ways.

This is a bittersweet moment for all us in joining in the celebration of Bob's long and distinguished career. Bob has been a mentor, confidante and friend, but most importantly, an advocate for students.

This is evident by his years spent working in very challenging situations in our community conversely working with challenging situations in Abington Senior High School.

One of things he admires most about Bob is how committed he is to our students, his coworkers and his family. Bob's dedication also transcends into his vocation each summer where he and his family volunteered at a camp in upstate New York for the past 12 years. Bob and his family spent an inordinate amount of time running a camp often relinquishing opportunities for vacations elsewhere.

At work, and in all facets, Bob always went above and beyond the call of duty. The health, welfare and safety of the students of Abington Senior High School was paramount to Bob, and for this, he will be fondly remembered and truly missed by the students he reached as well as the faculty staff who had the privilege of working along side of him. "Good Luck, Bob."

Chief Kelly recognized the founding President of CAPT (Citizens and Police Together), Butch Beal and the current President of CAPT, Adam Reif, who were present this evening. CAPT was an organization that Bob Allmond helped fund the many proactive and innovative youth programs back in the early 90's. Over 22 years that this organization existed, it generated approximately \$800,000 that has gone into youth programming in our Township.

Bob Allmond had an incredible career living in the Glenside section of our Township with his wife, Debbie, and he began his career in 1986 when we stole him from another police department.

Bob served as a foot Patrol Officer in Crestmont and Roslyn where he did some amazing things during a difficult time period. He was assigned to the Detective Division in 1998. He was a member of the Crisis Negotiation Unit of the police department and the Commendation Review Board. He served as a D.A.R.E. Officer at Glenside/Weldon School and at the Roslyn and the Meadowbrook Elementary Schools over the years as well as being the School Resource Officer at both the Junior and Senior High Schools.

He was a founding member of CAPT and when we sent him to a training program in Florida, he returned with an idea for a 24-Hour Relay Challenge, which is a primary fundraiser for CAPT. In addition, Bob helped to initiate the Rock-A-Thon at the School District, the D.A.R.E. graduation and Citizens, Youth and Adults Together organization, and many other innovative programs that are strictly for the purpose of deterring youth from crime, drugs and violence.

Bob has traveled throughout the State of Pennsylvania and many locations across the United States including Canada training other departments in community policing.

Bob has won three awards; one was a Class II Commendation for bravery for saving a drowning child in a raging Sandy Run Creek during a torrential rainstorm. In addition, Bob won an award as one of the "10 Best Police Officers in America" for the work that he had done implementing innovative youth programs.

Vice President Kline and Commissioner Schreiber presented Certificate of Commendation to retiring Detective Bob Allmond acknowledging with sincere appreciation Bob's 30 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Abington Township from August 25, 1986 until April 15, 2016. Congratulations on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

Vice President Kline wished retiring Detective Bob Allmond, with all the good work he has done, a happy retirement and it is well-deserved, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington.

**PROCLAMATION – "ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE" – April 23, 2016**

Vice President Kline read the "Arbor Day Observance" Proclamation into the record.

**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 2016 celebration and tree planting at Ardsley Community Center, Ardsley, PA on April 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 8:30 AM; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it **RESOLVED** by the Abington Township Board of Commissioners that April 23, 2016, 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** fourteenth day of April 2016.

**Abington Township Board of Commissioners**

  
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**Wayne C. Luker, President**

  
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**Michael LeFevre, Secretary**



**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting of March 10, 2016.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

Bid Award for 2016/2017 Consortium Sign Bid

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to accept the lowest responsible bids and enter into contracts with the following companies for the purchase of materials as shown:

<b>Garden State Hwy. Prods.</b>	<b>Sign Posts Material</b> Portion – Items #5, #6, #7, #15, #18, #19, #22 thru #24 and #27
<b>Protective Services, Inc.</b>	Items #1 and #16
<b>Chemung</b>	Items #2, #3, #4, #8 thru #14 and #17
<b>Lightle Enterprises</b>	Items #20, #21, #25, #26 and #28
<b>Garden State Hwy. Prods.</b>	<b>Aluminum Blanks Material</b> Portion – Complete.
<b>Garden State Hwy. Prods.</b>	<b>Reflective Roll Goods – Type III Material</b> – Items #1 thru #7, #9, #10, #12 thru #20.
<b>Protective Services, Inc.</b>	Items #8 and #11.
<b>Garden State Hwy. Prods.</b>	<b>Reflective Sheeting and Sign Faces – Finished Signs – Type III Material</b> – Complete
<b>Garden State Hwy. Prods.</b>	<b>Reflective Sheeting and Sign Faces – Type III Material</b> – Complete
<b>Flint Trading Inc.</b>	<b>Hot Tape Pavement Markings-</b> Complete
<b>Garden State Hwy. Prods.</b>	<b>Miscellaneous Items</b> Portion – Items #1, #2, #3, #5, #9, #10, #16, #17 and #20
<b>Protective Services, Inc.</b>	Items #4, #11 thru #15 and #19
<b>Lightle Enterprises</b>	Items #6, #7, #8 and #18

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Resolution No. 16-015 – Montco 2040 Grant Application

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to adopt Resolution No. 16-015, authorizing the proper officials to apply for a grant for improvement at the intersection of York Road and the Fairway.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked is there a plan for that corner.

Vice President Kline replied this grant will improve that intersection in conjunction with the walkability study that was performed by members of the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

Manager LeFevre added that the plan is online at the MCPC's website.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION  
FOR THE 2016 ROUND OF THE MONTCO 2040 IMPLEMENTATION GRANT  
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Montgomery County has established the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program as a competitive funding program to assist municipalities in implementing the goals of the county comprehensive plan, *Montco 2040: A Shared Vision*; and

WHEREAS, the County is accepting applications for projects that advance specific goals under either of the county comprehensive plan's three themes: Connecting Communities, Sustainable Places, and a Vibrant Economy; and

WHEREAS, applications and projects must meet all stated requirements within the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program Guidebook; and

WHEREAS, Abington Township wishes to obtain \$110,000 from the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program to provide funding for walkability and Safety improvement to York Road and The Fairway intersection; and

WHEREAS, Abington Township is aware that this grant program will require a 20% local match funds; and

WHEREAS, Abington Township is aware of the hazardous conditions that exist at this intersection concerning the Pedestrian Safely Crossing York Road; and

WHEREAS, Abington Township has been working with concerned citizens as well as PennDot to improve the Pedestrian Safety.

THEREFORE, Abington Township, to better improve walkability in the Township and specifically for the intersection of York Road and The Fairway by installing a bump out to shorten the Pedestrians crossing, is applying for the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant.

April 14, 2016  
(date)

Wayne C. Luker  
WAYNE LUKER, PRESIDENT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Michael Lefevre  
MICHAEL LEFEVRE, SECRETARY



Ordinance No. 2116-Old Welsh Road Sanitary Sewer District and Sewer Assessment

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2116 establishing the Old Welsh Road Sewer District, assessing the branch of sanitary sewers on Old Welsh Road

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2116**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 132 – “SEWERS AND SEWAGE,” OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, TO ADD NEW ARTICLE XXXIII, TITLED “OLD WELSH ROAD SEWER DISTRICT,” ESTABLISHING A NEW SEWER DISTRICT IN THE VICINITY OF OLD WELSH ROAD; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND RECOVERY OF COSTS AND EXPENSES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEWER COLLECTION LINES BY THE FOOT-FRONT AND/OR BENEFIT RULE; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF A SEWER RENTAL RATE FROM PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE SEWER DISTRICT; AND PROVIDING FOR THE LIENING OF PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS**

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 Article XXIV, “Sewer and Drains,” of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §57401-57445, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to establish and construct a system of sanitary sewers and drainage, and to establish sewer districts, estimate the proportion of the cost of the sewer system and establish an apportionment of said costs to properties within the district; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that Chapter 132 – “Sewers and Sewage,” should be amended to establish a new sewer district, known as the Old Welsh Road Sewer District, by the addition of new Article XXXIII, for the purposes of extending the public sewer system and assessing the associated costs and expenses against the properties to be benefited by such expansion..

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

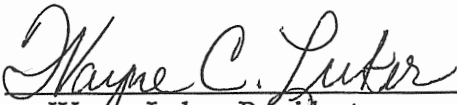
1. Chapter 132 – “Sewers and Sewage,” is amended to add new Article XXXIII, titled “Old Welsh Road Sewer District,” as set forth in Exhibit “A” attached hereto and incorporated herein in its entirety as though fully set forth herein.
2. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
3. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

  
Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By:   
Wayne Luker, President

2015 HUD Program – Tennis Avenue/North Hills Avenue/Fairview Avenue Storm Sewer Projects

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to add Fairview Avenue and remove East Avenue from N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. contract for the 2015 HUD Program. The contract amount will remain the same.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked if this is related to the penalty from HUD.

Vice President Kline replied no.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Rockwell Road Sidewalk Project

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve and enter into contract with Biase Landscaping, LLC for the Rockwell Road Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$97,500.00 to be funded from Fund Balance.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Old Welsh Road Sanitary Sewer Project

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to approve Coyle & Lynch, LLC to perform the appraisal review for the Old Welsh Road Sanitary Sewer Project in the amount of \$56,000, (\$2,000 per property X 28 properties); to be funded from Sanitary Sewer Retained Earnings.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Solicitor Clarke explained that during committee we were waiting for clarification from the two companies who provided bids. Coyle Lynch provided a reduction on price and the other appraisal company was requested to shorten their time for appraisals.

Coyle Lynch reduced their price at \$56,000.00, although, they are still \$2,800 higher than Indian Valley Appraisals, but Indian Valley originally quoted 120 days to complete appraisals and they could only reduce that down to 90 days. Coyle Lynch can deliver in 45 days, and based on time-sensitivity of the project and the fact that we are familiar with their work, the recommendation is to hire Coyle Lynch for this project.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that she feels \$2,000 per appraisal is high because an “average appraisal is in the range of \$300-\$600,” and what is the need to get this done so soon?

Solicitor Clarke replied he knows of no appraisal for a benefit assessment that is needed in this situation that would cost in the range of \$300-\$600. \$2,000 is reasonable for a benefit assessment and the need for appraisal is because this is a benefit assessment and the law requires it and having this done in 90 days fits in with the timetable of the project.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

Zoning Text Amendment – Flood Plain Ordinance – Ordinance No. 2117

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to adopt Ordinance No. 2117, amending Chapter 162 “Zoning” at Section 600 “Flood Plain Conservation Overlay District,” Subsection 5 “Definitions.”

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Subdivision SD-16-01 – Daniel J. Opdyke – 821 Central Avenue

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve the subdivision application of Daniel J. Opdyke for the property located at 821 Central Avenue and the vacant parcel known as #300011464008 fronting on Cricket Avenue. The applicant proposes to relocate the shared property and add 300 feet to the vacant parcel fronting on Cricket Avenue. The vacant lot will be increased to 7,500 square feet and 821 Central Avenue will be reduced to 13,500 square feet. Both lots comply with the dimensional requirement of Section 303.3 of the Zoning Ordinance. Both parcels will be served by public water and sewer. The property is zoned in the R-4 Residential District in Ward No. 9 of the Township of Abington.

This motion is subject to the follow conditions:

1. Sanitary sewers are available for this project at this time. An ACT 537 Exemption Application has been submitted and reviewed as part of this application.
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, February 18, 2016 becomes a condition of this application.

This motion is subject to the following waivers:

1. Section 146-11.A. – Property Identification Plan.
2. Section 146-11.B – Existing Features Plan.
3. Section 146.11.C – Proposed Layout Plan.
4. Section 146.11.L – Architectural Plan.
5. Section 146-24. D – Right-of-Way Width

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Subdivision SD-16-02 – Nicholas and Shelley Schorsch – 1560 Warner Road

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve the subdivision application of Nicholas and Shelley Schorsch for the property located at 1560 Warner Road and the vacant parcel known as #300043660023 fronting on Mill Road. The applicants propose to relocate the shared property line and add 11,031 square feet to 1560 Warner Road. The vacant lot will be decreased in lot area from 8.11 to 7.86 acres in size. No construction is proposed and no new building lots will be created by this application. The properties are zoned in the (R-1) Residential District in Ward No. 1 of the Township of Abington.

This motion is subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicants are 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 items listed in the Staff Review letter dated, March 7, 2016 becomes a condition of this application.

This motion is subject to the following waivers:

1. Section 146.11 A – Property Identification Plan.
2. Section 146-11.B – Existing Features Plan.
3. Section 146.11.C – Proposed Layout Plan.
4. Section 146.11.L – Architectural Plan.
5. Section 146-24.D – Right-of-Way Width
6. Section 146-27 – Curbs, Gutter and Sidewalk
7. Section 146-38 – Street Lighting

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

Ordinance No. 2115 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article II “Traffic Regulations” Section 14 “Stop Intersections;” and Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article III “Parking Regulations” Section 26 “Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours”

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt Ordinance No. 2115 amending Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article II “Traffic Regulations” Section 14 “Stop Intersections;” and Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article III “Parking Regulations” Section 26 “Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours.”

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.



**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2115**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 – “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,”  
ARTICLE II – “TRAFFIC REGULATIONS”  
SECTION 14 – “STOP INTERSECTIONS”  
ARTICLE III – “PARKING REGULATIONS”  
SECTION 26 – “PARKING PROHIBITED DURING CERTAIN HOURS”**

**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”, Section 26 - “Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours” 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:

Stop Sign On	Direction of Travel	At Intersection Of
Boxwood Road	East	Crosswicks Road

- Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III, “Parking Regulations,” Section 26 – “Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours,” shall be amended to add the following restrictions:

Name of Highway	Side	Hours	Location
Grovania Avenue	West	6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday – Friday	1100 block of Grovania Avenue

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

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

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

Michael LeFevre  
Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: Wayne C. Luker  
Wayne C. Luker, President

Ordinance No. 2118 – 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 advertise Ordinance No. 2118 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 May 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Conditional Appointment – Probationary Police Officer

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Myers to appoint candidate Alex Levy from the Certified Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided he successfully completes the Background, Physical and Psychological tests and all entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training. Appointment will be effective May 2, 2016.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Resolution No. 16-016 – Fair Housing

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Resolution No. 16-016. Annual Fair Housing Resolution to further Fair Housing practices within the Township of Abington.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**FAIR HOUSING – RESOLUTION NO. 16-016**

**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:** April 14, 2016.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Michael LeFevre, Secretary

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP**

  
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Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to advertise the Public Hearing on the Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2016 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Board Room of the Abington Township Administration Building, located at 1176 Old York Road, Abington.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Resolution No. 16-017 – Supporting the Grant Application to DCNR for the Development of the Natural Resources in the Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to approve Resolution No. 16-017, which supports the application to the DCNR for a grant to improve the natural habitat in the Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

DCNR-2015-C2P2-16	Application Information (*Indicates required information)	
Applicant/Grantee Legal Name:* Abington Township		Web Application ID:* 1101063
Project Title:* Development of Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary, Abington Township, Montgomery County		

WHEREAS, Abington Township

("Applicant") desires to undertake the following project

Development of Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary, Abington Township, Montgomery County; and  
(Project Title)

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("Department") a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant" and a document entitled "Grant Agreement Signature Page"; and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant," including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department if the applicant is awarded a grant; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

1. The "Grant Agreement Signature Page" may be signed on behalf of the applicant by the Official who, at the time of signing, has TITLE of President, Board of Commissioners.
2. If this Official signed the "Grant Agreement Signature Page" prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the "Grant Agreement Signature Page", signed by the above Official, will become the applicant/grantee's executed signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the Official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the TITLE specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the

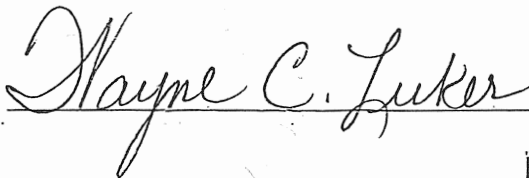
Board of Commissioners of Abington Township

*(Identify the governing body of the applicant, e.g. city council, borough council, board of supervisors, board of directors)*

of the applicant this 6th day of April, 2016, Resolution No. 16-017

  
Michael LeFevre

Secretary (Signature of the Secretary of the governing body)  
President, Wayne C. Luker



**DCNR USE ONLY**

Project Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRANT AGREEMENT SIGNATURE PAGE**


<b>IR-2016-C2P2-17</b>	<b>Application Information (*Indicates required information)</b>
<b>Applicant/Grantee Legal Name:*</b> Abington Township	<b>Web Application ID:*</b> 1101063
<b>Project Title:*</b> Development of Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary, Abington Township, Montgomery County	

Legal Name of Applicant/Grantee

Abington Township

Federal Employer Identification No. 23-6000025

**WITNESS:**

 Michael LeFevre  
Original Signature

**GRANTEE:**

  
Original Signature

**DATE:** April 6th, 2016

Wayne C. Luker, President  
(typed or printed)

**TITLE:** President, Board of Commissioners

**DATE:** April 6th, 2016

**DCNR USE ONLY**

Project Number: \_\_\_\_\_



House Bill 340 (PN 2947)

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to request State Representative Dean's support in opposing House Bill 340 in its present format.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Resolution No. 16-018 – Supporting Grant Application to DCNR for Design and Engineering for Bike Lane Implementation

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to approve Resolution No. 16-018 to support an application for grant funding through DCNR to cover design and engineering expenses necessary to implement a high priority section of the Master Bike Plan.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Manager LeFevre explained that the Board previously approved an application for a TAP grant to implement a section of the bike lane and that grant has a reasonable chance of being funded in the amount of approximately \$450,000.00 with no match, but that grant only covers construction costs. This application is for a separate grant to cover design and engineering costs in the amount of approximately \$900,000-\$100,000, and there is a 25% match for this grant.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.



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Table with 2 columns: DCNR-2015-C2P2-16, Application Information (\*Indicates required information). Rows include Applicant/Grantee Legal Name: Abington Township, Project Title: Abington Township TAP Trail, and Web Application ID: 1101296.

WHEREAS, Abington Township

("Applicant") desires to undertake the following project

Abington Township TAP Trail; and (Project Title)

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("Department") a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant" and a document entitled "Grant Agreement Signature Page"; and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant," including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department if the applicant is awarded a grant; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

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I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township (identify the governing body of the applicant, e.g. city council, borough council, board of supervisors, board of directors)

of the applicant this 14th day of April, 2016, Resolution No. 16-018 Michael LeFevre Secretary (Signature of the Secretary of the governing body) President, Wayne C. Luker

Wayne C Luker

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GRANT AGREEMENT SIGNATURE PAGE

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DCNR-2016-C2P2-17	Application Information (*Indicates required information)	
Applicant/Grantee Legal Name:* Abington Township		Web Application ID:* 1101063
Project Title:* Abington Township TAP Trail		

Legal Name of Applicant/Grantee

Abington Township

Federal Employer Identification No. 23-6000025

WITNESS:

*Michael LeFevre* Michael LeFevre  
Original Signature

GRANTEE:

*Wayne C. Luker*  
Original Signature

DATE: April 14, 2016

Wayne C. Luker, President  
(typed or printed)

TITLE: President, Board of Commissioners

DATE: April 14, 2016

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal reported for the month of March 2016, \$13,034,571 was deposited into Republic Bank from various departments as compared to last year in the amount of \$14,148,829 representing a decrease in the amount of (\$1,114,258); YTD \$19,080,120 as compared to last year in the amount of \$18,831,872 representing an increase of \$248,248.

For the month of March 2016, the Tax Office collected \$8,966,544 representing 34%; YTD \$10,114,818 representing 38% with a balance to collect in the amount of \$16,648,364 representing a balance of 62%.

Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the February expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$1,415,396.46 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,766,612.79.
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of May, 2016.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked do any employees receive bonuses upon departure?

Vice President Kline replied not that he is aware of.

Roll call resulted in motion being passed 14-0. President Luker was absent during roll call.

Training and Conference Expenses

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for February 2016 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$2,221.33, respectively.

Two-month expenses totaled \$7,386.10.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Clearing Fund/Deferred Revenue and Expense/Petty Cash

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman 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.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of February 2016 were \$622.14 and (\$0.00), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of February 2016 were \$368.26 and (\$1,028.99), respectively.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Resolution No. 16-008 – Travel Policy

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Resolution No. 16-008 amending Resolution No. 01-010 regarding Travel Policy.

Vice President Kline asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Vice President Kline asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-008  
AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 92-009  
AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 95-010  
AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 98-006  
AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 01-010  
TRAVEL POLICY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016, the Abington Township Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following guidelines on expenditures relating to attendance at seminars and/or conferences by Township officials and permanent full time Township employees effective April 14, 2016.

Seminars and/or conferences are defined as approved events of one or more consecutive days that provide information on subjects having a direct bearing on the operations of the Township or the development of Township employees.

Attendance at all overnight conferences/seminars must be pre-approved by the Township Manager. Employees within 24 months of retirement or separation from employment should refrain from registering for overnight events to provide opportunity for other employee participation. In the event an employee within 24 months of separation from employment believes special mitigating circumstances necessitates their participation in a training event, a written request should be submitted to the Township Manager. Should that request be denied by the Manager, an appeal may be submitted to the Township Finance Committee for a final determination.

**ACCOMMODATIONS**

An employee and/or an official of the Township is charged with the responsibility of obtaining the lowest available rate at hotels/motels within walking distance of the seminar and/or conference attended. The Township will, with proper authorization and receipts, pay the full room rate plus applicable taxes at all hotels/motels listed on registration forms. If none are listed, then payment will be made for facilities that are in close proximity to the seminar/conference site.

**TRANSPORTATION**

Air – Full reimbursement of coach or any economy fares as provided by air carriers.

Train – Full reimbursement.

Uber, cab, bus – Full reimbursement for reasonable expenses, as follows:

1. to and from airport when approved in advance by the individual's supervisor.
2. between airport and hotel.
3. between hotel and seminar or conference site.

Personal Auto - An employee shall make every effort to secure the use of a Township vehicle for attendance at a local seminar and/or conference. If one is not available, the Township will reimburse the individual for use of his/her personal vehicle at a rate of the applicable IRS allowance. Mileage allowance to be adjusted periodically, predicated upon any and all changes in IRS regulations. Mileage rate used will be set at 100% of the most current IRS allowance.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-008**

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**MEALS**

After submittal of receipts, meals will be reimbursed at a maximum of \$50 per day. If the travel does not encompass the whole day, the per meal breakdown is:

Breakfast	\$12.00
Lunch	\$12.00
Dinner	\$26.00

It should be noted that meals is “food and regular beverages only.” The Township **WILL NOT**, under any circumstances, reimburse an employee for alcoholic beverages.

It is expected that the allowance will be prorated for the days that the employee leaves/returns to the Abington area. If meals are included in the registration fees, the daily allowance will be reduced accordingly.

The cost per day allowance can be combined for the duration of the seminar and/or conference. For example, an employee could spend \$47 on day one; \$48 on day two; and \$55 on day three and still not exceed the daily allowance of \$50 per day.

**TOLLS; TIPS & GRATUITIES**

Bridge, road, etc., tolls will be reimbursed in full when submitted with actual receipts.

A reasonable amount will be allowed for tips for baggage handling, taxis, etc. There are no firm accounts set for these expenses. The employee should use his or her discretion as to reasonable amounts.

An employee will be reimbursed up to 18% for tips give to waiters/waitresses. This allowance is in addition to the meal allowance and should be listed separately on the expense report.

**PARKING**

Reimbursement will be made for parking as follows:

Airport – day or long-term lot at airport or any independent parking facility;

Hotel – to be charged to hotel bill and shown separately on expense report;

Other – parking at meters or lots near seminar/conferences facilities

**REGISTRATION FEES**

All registration fees will be paid through the Township’s Finance Office. Every effort should be made to take advantage of early registration discounts. Properly authorized requests are to be submitted to the Finance Office for payment at a minimum two weeks prior to registration date deadline.

**LOCAL TRAVEL POLICY**

All requirements and allowances will be the same as previously delineated with the exception of meals.



RESOLUTION NO. 16-008

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MEAL POLICY

An employee who travels locally will be entitled to receive reimbursement for meals NOT provided by the seminar and/or conference. Under normal circumstances, this will apply only to lunch. For example, if a seminar is scheduled from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, a reimbursement for lunch will be allowed. If, however, the seminar is from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon, the employee should not submit for reimbursement. The meal allowance is the same as previously outlined.

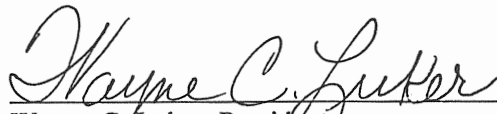
In order to be reimbursed for any and all expenditures, an expense report must be submitted to the Finance Office within 30 days of return from the seminar and/or conference.

An employee will be responsible for reimbursement to the Township of any and all costs associated with his/her attendance at a Township paid seminar and/or conference if he/she tenders his/her resignation of employment with the Township and said resignation is within twelve months of attendance at a seminar and/or conference, if the seminar and/or conference was not approved by the board.

Original receipts and proof of seminar and/or conference attendance (Conference Report) must be attached to the expense report for all expenses claimed, and the report must be approved by the individual's supervisor. A copy of the Conference Report must be directed to the attention of the Township Manager.

Resolved and adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMISSIONERS

  
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Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Michael LeFevre, Secretary

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:**

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that she feels that residents need to know how the law works for them. She asked about a fire at the Colonade. Also, she said she was “denied digital files in a recent “Right To Know” request.” She also said, “There was an officer in uniform in a campaign video, and questioned whether or not that was ethical and proper.” She also asked about “any compensation or penalties that went back to HUD.”

Vice President Kline replied there is not a Commissioner on this Board who does not listen to their constituents and tries to address their concerns. Ordinances are frequently passed so as to make improvements and we also work with our State and Federal representatives.

In regards to Right To Know requests, there is an appeal process.

Fire Marshal Clark clarified that a week ago there was a fire call at the Colonade about a fire on the lowest level that is still under investigation.

Manager LeFevre clarified there was no representation of the Abington Police Department in that commercial.

Vice President Kline continued that in regards to any HUD penalty, he instructed the resident to contact Community Director Strother for further information.

Edith Schmid, owner of Elite Florals, 1160 Bradfield Avenue, commented that she is speaking on behalf of the other brick and mortar floral business owners in the Township. August of last year, an ordinance was passed to protect the brick and mortar floral business owners and other businesses from pop-up stands. She read into the record case law pertaining to this issue. She expressed concern about certain gas stations in the Township having rental agreements with reps of pop-up stands and questioned whether each pop-up stand has a permit and she does not understand the “grandfather” provision.

Robert Pennypacker, 560 Baeder Road, part-owner of Penny’s Flowers, expressed concern about pop-up stands selling their wares on holidays and then they are gone. Previously there was a time limit for the permit, although, there is no record of it. What is in it for the Township when there is no permit and the “grandfather” provision is for the property, a legal entity?

Solicitor Clarke replied in regards to a legal entity; a preexisting nonconforming use does not apply in a legal business. For a preexisting nonconforming use, a property owner, or in this case, the person using the property has acquired a property right. If there is an attempt to restrict that property right or to take away that property right by legislative action that can be considered a de facto taking and the court will say they are allowed to continue this preexisting nonconforming use.

Commissioner Zappone questioned whether permits were issued, and if so, he would like copies in his packet tomorrow. Also, he would like to know if taxes were paid by reps of the pop-up stand businesses.

Mr. Blumenthal replied those taxes will be filed by April 15, 2017 as that business occurred during calendar year of 2016.

Vice President Kline questioned whether these pop-up stand businesses have business licenses and also whether the property owners where the pop-up stands are doing business are paying taxes on rental income.

Mr. Blumenthal replied pop-stand businesses are required to have a business license and he would need to look at each individual property owner to see whether they reported rental income.

Commissioner Zappone questioned how the Township can track income from these pop-up stand businesses.

Mr. Blumenthal replied there are over 3,000 accounts; some are rental income; others are retail and some are service, and there is no way he can audit every one making sure they show all of their cash.

**REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Zappone reminded his residents about the Second Annual Ardsley Family Day Designer Bag Bingo event that will be held on April 22, 2016 at the North Penn VFW. Doors opening at 6 p.m. and please contact him for tickets.

Also, the Fourth Annual Ardsley Family Oldies Night event will be held on May 20, 2016 from 7-11 p.m., please contact him for tickets.

Commissioner Spiegelman thanked Commissioner Hecker for his very astute observations and comments during tonight's public comment section.

Also, he could not think of a better person to have represented the “Abington Way” as a School Resource Officer at the Junior and Senior High Schools than Detective Bob Allmond. Bob not only fostered an atmosphere of safety and security, but also one of trust; one of community; one of connective ness and responsibility, and he thanked Bob for it and he is the definition of “Good People.”

Commissioner Rothman also sent his regards to Detective Bob Allmond as Bob did an extensive amount of work with a family whose home was lost in a fire in his ward.

He invited everyone to an Earth Day Cleanup event to be held on April 21, 2016 sponsored by himself, along with Commissioner Sanchez and County Controller, Karen Sanchez. The cleanup will be held in the area at the corner of Evergreen and Jenkintown Road as well as around the Abington Art Center.

Also, at the Abington Art Center, there is a new Makerspace in collaboration with Penn State Abington, and on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 and May 11, 2016 from 7-9 p.m. will be training sessions for the public to see the new technology. Also, May 22, 2016 is the Abington Art Center’s Community Day.

Commissioner Myers acknowledged Township Engineer, Mr. Mike Powers, who has done a terrific job of engineering Twin Brooks Pond. The work is ongoing and the channel is being widened and the pond is being extended. The people who will benefit from it are the neighbors on Fitzwatertown Road, and we are very appreciative of that work done by Mr. Powers as well as Mr. Tim Clark. And, she cannot express how important it is to have an in-house engineering department and to have an engineer who knows this Township like the back of his hand.

Commissioner Schreiber announced that the Roslyn Valley Business Association will be having an evening meeting on Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club followed by a meeting about Roslyn Valley Community Day.

Commissioner DiPlacido thanked Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Doug Wendell as well as his staff for getting all of the fields ready for Little League.

He also thanked Director of Public Works, Mr. Ed Micciolo for changing all of the lights on his street as well as for his work cutting up and removing a tree that was in the middle of Township Line Road.

Also, “When driving through Abington, please drive like your kids live here.”

Commissioner Farren commented that he was impressed by the Eagle Scouts as the amount of work they do is incredible and it is inspiring to see those who are that focused and that dedicated and they should always be commended.

He was proud to have Detective Bob Allmond serve Ward 12.

He congratulated Commissioner Gillespie for her work on a successful “Keep the Parade Running” 5K, which supports the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Abington.

We are always encouraging our residents to buy local as we recognize the value of the brick and mortar shops.

He announced that the “Run with Pride” 5K will be held on June 11, 2016 that supports the Kevin Flach Scholarship, which is an academic scholarship for families who need financial support for education.

He thanked all Township staff on behalf of the Turner Family for the work they have done for this family as well as celebrating Ally Turner’s homecoming from the hospital.

Commissioner Gillespie congratulated Detective Bob Allmond and she has known him a long time and it’s amazing to see that 30 years have gone by. She wished him the best.

Also, the Eagle Scouts are wonderful, fantastic people and she is so proud of them.

She thanked everyone who participated in the “Keep the Parade Running” 5K event.

Commissioner Hecker commented that tonight was another step in helping to make real promise of improved pedestrian safety on Rockwell Road. He thanked all Township staff, along with his fellow Commissioners as we have been working on this for almost 17 months now and he is deeply grateful to everyone involved. Thank you.

Also, he thanked Director of Public Works, Mr. Ed Micciolo and Angelo Pontelandolfo as he heard positive messages this week from residents of Bockius Avenue related to the repaving work that began last week and not just for the work being done, but also the professionalism displayed by the crew taking time to talk to residents about the process.

Commissioner Kalinoski congratulated Chief Kelly for doing a great job in getting the shooter at the 7-Eleven at Limekiln Pike in Ward 6 and residents are feeling safer. He, as well as a few residents is working on a “Welcome Home” celebration fundraiser on May 15, 2016 for the victim from 2-6 p.m. at the North Penn VFW.

He has been honored to meet and work with Detective Bob Allmond on many events and Bob is a great guy and will always be a great person in his life.

Commissioner Kline announced that he has been dealing with family health issues and he knows how difficult it is, and he passed along “Good Wishes” to extended family of a few staff members who are going through recent health issues as well.

Board of Commissioners Meeting

April 14, 2016

**ADJOURNMENT:** 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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*Approved*  
*5-12-2016*