

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

(3) PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**June 1, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL: SCHREIBER – DiPLACIDO – BOWMAN – SPIEGELMAN,
KALINOSKI**

**Township Manager LEFEVRE
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Fire Marshal CLARK
Chief of Police KELLY
Traffic Safety Officer FREED**

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2016 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Second Alarmers Rescue Squad receives American Heart Association's Mission:Lifeline EMS Gold Recognition Award – Call on Commissioner Schreiber

Police Department – Call on Chief Kelly

PS1. First Conditional Appointment Probationary Police Officer

Motion to appoint candidate Joseph Marrero from the certified Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided he successfully completes the Background, Physical and Psychological test and all entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training effective July 11, 2016.

PS2. Second Conditional Appointment Probationary Police Officer

Motion to appoint candidate Robert Steck from the certified Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided he successfully completes the Background, Physical and Psychological test and all entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training effective July 11, 2016.

PS3. Third Conditional Appointment Probationary Police Officer

Motion to appoint candidate Daniel Brown from the certified Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided he successfully completes the Background, Physical and Psychological test and all entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training effective July 11, 2016.

PS4. 2016 Sergeant's Test

Motion to authorize up to \$25,000 from Contingency Funds to cover the cost of the 2016 Sergeant's Test.

PS5. Ordinance No. 2119 - To Amend Chapter 156 "Vehicles and Traffic" Article II "Traffic Regulations" Section 14 "Stop Intersections" and Article III "Parking Regulations" Section 25 "Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours: No Stopping Or Standing"

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2119 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 - (Stop Intersections) and 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 June 9, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

PS6. Ordinance No. 2120 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article II “Traffic Regulations” Section 9 “One Way Highways Established” Section 9.1 “Do-Not-Enter Signs” and Article III “Parking Regulations” Section 25 “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing” Section 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones”

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2120 (attached) amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 9 – (One Way Highways Established), Section 9.1 (Do-Not-Enter Signs) and Article III (Parking Regulations) Section 25 (Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing), Section 28 (Special Purpose Parking Zones) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on July 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

PS7. Emergency Generator Connection to Abington Junior High School Gymnasium into a Township Warming Center in the event of widespread power outages

Motion to authorize up to \$13,000 from Contingency Funds to cover the cost of the electrical upgrades needed to convert the Abington Junior High School Gymnasium into a Township Warming Center in the event of widespread power outages.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

BOARD ACTION REQUEST

June 1, 2016

Date

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Department

Police

Agenda Item

First Conditional Appointment
Probationary Police Officer

Township Manager



Previous Action

None

Recommended Board Action

Motion to appoint candidate Joseph Marrero from the certified Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided he successfully completes the Background, Physical and Psychological test and all entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training effective July 11, 2016.

Comments

This appointment will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Det. Sgt. Anthony DiSandro in August, 2015.

The first three candidates on the Civil Service Eligibility List are:

- #1 – Joseph Marrero
- #2 – Robert Steck
- #4 – Nico Belardo

(Candidate #3 withdrew from the process)

Candidate Marrero is Act 120 certified and currently a member of the Philadelphia Police Department. Therefore, the Administration recommends that the Board appoint Candidate Marrero.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Department

Police

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Second Conditional Appointment
Probationary Police Officer

Township Manager

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Previous Action

None

Recommended Board Action

Motion to appoint candidate Robert Steck from the certified Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided he successfully completes the Background, Physical and Psychological test and all entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training effective July 11, 2016.

Comments

This appointment will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Lt. Thomas McNamara in February, 2016.

The next three candidates on the Civil Service Eligibility List are:

- #2 – Robert Steck
- #4 – Nico Belardo
- #5– Daniel Brown

(Candidate #3 withdrew from the process)

Candidate Steck is Act 120 certified and currently a member of the Philadelphia Housing Authority. Therefore, the Administration recommends that the Board appoint Candidate Steck.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

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June 1, 2016

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Department

Police

Agenda Item

Third Conditional Appointment
Probationary Police Officer

Township Manager

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Previous Action

None

Recommended Board Action

Motion to appoint candidate Daniel Brown from the certified Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided he successfully completes the Background, Physical and Psychological test and all entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training effective July 11, 2016.

Comments

This appointment will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Detective Robert Allmond in April, 2016.

The next three candidates on the Civil Service Eligibility List are:

- #4 – Nico Belardo
- #5 – Daniel Brown
- #6 – Jordan Jones

Candidate Brown is Act 120 certified and currently a member of the Bethlehem Police Department. Therefore, the Administration recommends that the Board appoint Candidate Brown.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

BOARD ACTION REQUEST

June 1, 2016
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AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

DEPARTMENT

AGENDA ITEM

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Police

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2016 Sergeants Test

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PREVIOUS ACTION

None

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Motion to authorize up to \$25,000 from Contingency Funds to cover the cost of the 2016 Sergeant's Test.

COMMENTS

Chief Kelly and Lt. Hochwind are in the DROP and will retire effective April 1, 2017. In addition, Deputy Chief Livingood is in the DROP and will retire effective February 1, 2018.

With approval of the Board of Commissioners and the Civil Service Commission, an examination process for the position of Sergeant will take place during the month of October 2016. However, the funding for this examination process must be allocated from the Contingency Fund which was decided during the 2016 budgetary process.

Costs for the written and oral examinations will be held to \$25,000.00 or less. Final costs will be determined by the actual number of officers who take the written and oral portions of the test.

The Civil Service Eligibility List will be certified for one year with the option to extend the list for an additional one year period.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
BOARD ACTION REQUEST**

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Department

Agenda Item

Township Manager

Police

John for WJK

Ordinance No. 2119
To Amend Chapter 156
"Vehicles and Traffic"
Article II "Traffic Regulations
Section 14 "Stop Intersections" and
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"

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Previous Action

On May 12, 2016 at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved a motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2119 for adoption on June 9, 2016.

Recommend Board Action

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2119 (attached) amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 – (Stop Intersections) and 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) at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on June 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Comments

Ordinance No. 2119 (attached) will **establish** the following:

Stop Signs on northbound and southbound Rockwell Road at Rubicam Avenue.

- Approved by Commissioner Hecker (Ward 10) and the Administration

No Parking Signs on the south side of Hamilton Avenue from 2210 to the railroad bridge.

- Approved by Commissioner Luker (Ward 5) and the Administration

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2119

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 – “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,”
ARTICLE II – “TRAFFIC REGULATIONS”
SECTION 14 – “STOP INTERSECTIONS”
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 II – “Traffic Regulations,” Section 14 “Stop Intersections” and Article III – “Parking Regulations,” and 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:

1. 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
Rockwell Road	Both	Rubicam Avenue

2. 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
Hamilton Avenue	South	from 2210 Hamilton Avenue to the railroad bridge

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

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

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: _____
Wayne Luker, President

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
BOARD ACTION REQUEST**

June 1, 2016

Date

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Agenda Item Number

Department

Agenda Item

Township Manager

Police

John C. For/WJK

Ordinance No. 2120
To Amend Chapter 156
"Vehicles and Traffic"
Article II "Traffic Regulations"
Section 9 "One Way Highways
Established"
Section 9.1 "Do-Not-Enter Signs" and
Article III "Parking Regulations"
Section 25 "Parking Prohibited At All
Times; No Parking Between Signs;
No Parking Here To Corner; Parking
Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No
Stopping Or Standing"
Section 28 "Special Purpose Parking
Zones"

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Previous Action

None

Recommend Board Action

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2120 (attached) amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 9 – (One Way Highways Established), Section 9.1 (Do-Not-Enter Signs) and Article III (Parking Regulations) Section 25 – (Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing), Section 28 (Special Purpose Parking Zones) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on July 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Comments

Ordinance No. 2120 (attached) will **establish** the following:

One Way Highway on Hilltop Road eastbound from the west side of the driveway for the Jenkintown Day Nursery to the Intersection with Baeder Road.

Do Not Enter on the north and south side of Hilltop Road two feet west of the driveway to Jenkintown Day Nursery

- Approved by Commissioner Sanchez (Ward 7) and the Administration

Stop Sign on northbound Bishop Avenue at Grisdale Avenue
Stop Sign on southbound Clarke Road at Grisdale Avenue
Stop Sign on southbound Zachery Avenue at Grisdale Avenue

- Approved by Commissioner Bowman (Ward 15) and the Administration

No Parking From here to Corner on the north side of Montgomery Avenue 30 feet west of the intersection of Cedar Road.

- Approved by Commissioner Rothman (Ward 3) and the Administration

No Parking on the north side of Old Welsh Road between the entrance (east) and exit (west) of the parking lot of Overlook School.

- Approved by Commissioner Hecker (Ward 10) and the Administration

Handicapped Parking sign with Fine placard in front of 2422 Avondale Avenue.

- Approved by Commissioner Schrieber (Ward 14) and the Administration

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2120

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 – “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,”
ARTICLE II – “TRAFFIC REGULATIONS”
SECTION 9 – “ONE-WAY HIGHWAYS ESTABLISHED”
SECTION 9.1 – “DO-NOT-ENTER SIGNS”
SECTION 14 – “STOP INTERSECTIONS,” AND
ARTICLE III – “PARKING REGULATIONS”
SECTION 25 – “PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES; NO PARKING BETWEEN
SIGNS; NO PARKING HERE TO CORNER; PARKING PROHIBITED EXCEPT
CERTAIN HOURS; NO STOPPING OR STANDING”
SECTION 28 – “SPECIAL PURPOSE PARKING ZONES”**

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,” Sections 9 “One-

Way Highways Established,” Section 9.1 “Do-Not-Enter Signs,” and 14 “Stop Intersections,” and Article III – “Parking Regulations,” Sections 25 “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing” and 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones,” 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 9 – “One-Way Highways Established,” shall be amended to **add** the following restriction:

Name of Highway	Direction Of Travel	Limits
Hilltop Road	East	From the west side of the driveway for the Jenkintown Day Nursery driveway to the intersection with Baeder Road.

- Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic Regulations,” Section 9.1 – “Do-Not-Enter Signs,” shall be amended to **add** the following restriction:

Name of Highway	Location; Hours
Hilltop Road	On the north and south side of Hilltop Road, two feet west of the driveway to Jenkintown Day Nursery.

3. 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
Bishop Avenue	North	Grisdale Avenue
Clarke Road	South	Grisdale Avenue
Zachery Avenue	South	Grisdale Avenue

4. 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
Montgomery Avenue	North	30 feet west of the intersection of Cedar Road
Old Welsh Road	North	Between the entrance (east) and exit (west) of the parking lot of Overlook School

5. Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III, “Parking Regulations,” Section 28 – “Special Purpose Parking Zones,” shall be amended to **add** the following restriction:

Name of Highway	Authorized Purpose of Vehicle	Location
Avondale Avenue	Handicapped Parking	In front of 2422 Avondale Avenue

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

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

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: _____
Wayne Luker, President

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

BOARD ACTION REQUEST

June 1, 2016
DATE

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AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

DEPARTMENT

AGENDA ITEM

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Emergency Management



Emergency Generator Connection
to Abington Junior High School Gymnasium
to create a Township Warming Center



PREVIOUS ACTION

A Township Warming Center Capability was discussed as a priority subsequent to the ice storm of February 5, 2014.

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Motion to authorize up to \$13,000 from Contingency Funds to cover the cost of the electrical upgrades needed to convert the Abington Junior High School Gymnasium into a Township Warming Center in the event of widespread power outages.

COMMENTS

Subsequent to the ice storm that affected the Township in February, 2014 which caused power outages to more than 21,000 residences, the need for a centralized Township Warming Center was identified as a priority of both the Board of Commissioners and the Abington Emergency Management Council.

In May, 2016, as part of the School District's plans to replace the existing emergency generator system at the Abington Junior High School, a feasibility study to determine the costs to include transfer switches and electrical upgrades to give the Township the ability to convert the Junior High School Gymnasium into a warming center was completed by Reynolds Consulting Engineers.

When these upgrades are completed, the Township will have the ability to connect the large portable generator from the Waste Water Treatment Plant into the Junior High School's electrical system and give us the capability of creating a large, centrally located warming center capable of giving temporary shelter for hundreds of residents.

In order to complete this project along with the School District's generator project, we must work within an extremely compressed timeline, as the School Board's must approve the project as well, and their only meeting between now and when the work would be scheduled to be started and completed is June 14, 2016.