

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**June 9, 2016  
7:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Township Manager LEFEVRE  
Assistant Manager WEHMEYER  
Township Tax Collector BLUMENTHAL  
Township Solicitor CLARKE  
Chief of Police KELLY  
Finance Director BARRON  
Township Engineer POWERS  
Director of Code Enforcement MATTEO  
Director of Parks & Recreation WENDELL  
Director of Public Works MICCIOLO  
Director of W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY  
Fire Marshal CLARK  
Community Development Director STROTHER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Executive Session was held on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 PM on a  
personnel and litigation matter.**

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Presentation of Commendation to Eagle Scout Nicholas Wacker  
Call on Commissioner Gillespie**

**Presentation to Bruce Hoffman's Retired Number to Daughter Heather  
Call on Doug Wendell**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Board of Commissioners meeting of May 12, 2016**

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

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP  
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**(1) PUBLIC WORKS**

**PW1. Commonwealth of PA - 2015 Growing Greener Watershed Protection Grant**

**Motion to authorize Township officials to accept a grant award from the Commonwealth of PA; a 2015 Growing Greener Watershed Protection Grant, in the amount of \$186,000, with the Township matching portion of \$27,900; to be funded from MS4 funds under the 2015 Capital Budget.**

**PW2. Highland Avenue Storm Sewer Project**

**Motion to approve and enter into contract with N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. for the Highland Avenue Storm Sewer Project in the amount of \$320,240.00; to be funded as follows:**

- 1) 2014 Bond - \$ 95,000.00**
- 2) Fund Balance - \$225,240.00**

**PW3. 2014 Capital Improvement Program**

**Motion to approve final payment for the 2014 Bond Issue Phase I Storm Sewer Project to Almeida & Hudak Contractors, LLC, in the amount of \$69,805.64; to be funded from 2014 Bond Issue.**

**PW4. Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) Transportation & Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant Program**

**Motion to approve final payment to Simone Collins Architecture (in association with Traffic, Planning & Design) for the Township Master Bicycle Plan in the amount of \$898.23; to be funded from Account No. 06-07-301-5305.**

**PW5. Award Bid for Grit Collection System Replacement**

**Motion to accept the lowest responsive and responsible bid and to enter into a contract with Derstein Company, LLC for the Grit Collection System for WWTP in the amount of \$265,500.00 to be funded from Capital Account No. 02-00-000-7459.**

**PW6. Future Treatment Plant Effluent Limits Agreement with the EPA & PaDEP**

**DELETED**

**PW7. Intergovernmental Agreement – Alternative TMDL–Wissahickon Creek Watershed**

**DELETED**

**PW8. U.S. Army Corp of Engineers – Section 566 Funding – Sandy Run Environmental Improvements**

**Motion to accept the Federal Fund appropriation of \$200,000 through the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Section 566 Program for design and project development assistance to facilitate environmental infrastructure improvements to the Sandy Run Watershed and to approve a Township match of \$50,000 payable from MS4 Funds contained in the Engineering Capital Budget.**

**PW9. CMAQ Grant Application**

**Motion to apply for a CMAQ Grant in the amount of \$975,245.75 for improvements to the Easton Road corridor, including new signal equipment and interconnection with the Easton Road corridor and Susquehanna Road corridor.**

**PW10. Green Light Go Grant Award**

**Motion to accept a Green Light Go Grant award in the amount of \$25,308. The grant award will be for LED light improvements to our traffic signals. The \$5,608.00 match will be taken from Contingency Fund No. 01-01-002-5299.**

**PW11. ARLE Grant Award**

**Motion to accept an ARLE Grant in the amount of \$314,400.00 for safety improvements to the intersection of Mt. Carmel Avenue and North Hills Avenue.**

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

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**(2) CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**CE1. Subdivision SD-16-04 – Kurt & Donna Werner and Joseph and Betsy Schofield – 1943 and 1935 Acorn Lane, Abington, PA**

**Motion to approve the subdivision application of Kurt & Donna Werner and Joseph and Betsy Schofield owners of the properties located at 1943 and 1935 Acorn Lane, Abington, PA. The applicants propose to relocate the shared property line adding 11,130 square feet to 1943 Acorn Lane. 1935 Acorn Lane will be decreased in lot area from 38,063 square feet to 26,933 square feet in size and the 1943 Acorn Lane property will increase in size from 31,819 square feet to 42,949 square feet. No construction is proposed and no new building lots will be created by this application. The property are zoned in the (R-3) Residential District in Ward No. 10 of the Township of Abington.**

**This motion is subject to the following conditions:**

- 1. Upon approval of this plan, the applicants shall provide the Township with two (2) new executed (signed, notarized and recorded) deeds: one for each property. This is a requirement of the subdivision process.**
- 2. The applicants will place concrete monuments as noted on the plan. This is a requirement of the subdivision process.**
- 3. The items listed in the Staff Review letter dated, May 12, 2016 become a condition of this application.**

**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 – Proposed Layout Plan**
- 4. Waiver from Section 146-11.L – Architectural Plan**
- 5. Waiver from Section 146-24.D – Right-of-Way Width**

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

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**(3) PUBLIC SAFETY**

**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).**

**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 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.**

**PS8. Fourth Conditional Appointment Probationary Police Officer**

**Motion to appoint candidate Jordan Jones 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 July 11, 2016.**

**PS9. Fifth Conditional Appointment Probationary Police Officer**

**Motion to appoint candidate Michael Jones, Jr. 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 July 11, 2016.**

**PS10. Sixth Conditional Appointment Probationary Police Officer**

**Motion to appoint candidate Seung Yun 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 July 11, 2016.**

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

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**(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**PA1.           2016 Capital Appropriation – Library’s Outdoor LED Sign**

**DELETED**

**PA2.           Penn State Permit Fee Agreement**

**Motion to approve the Penn State Abington Permit Fee Agreement memorializing the College’s financial obligations related to the student housing project.**

**PA3.           Penn State Impact Fee Agreement**

**Motion to approve the Penn State Abington Impact Fee Agreement memorializing the College’s annual contribution of \$100,000 to the Township reflective of its impact on the community.**

**PA4.           Professional Service Agreement – Verizon Franchise Renewal**

**Motion to approve participation in the Montgomery County Consortium Inter-Governmental cooperative effort in retaining the services of the Cohen’s Law Group to assist with Franchise Renewal negotiations with Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc. with our initial payment from 2016 Contingency Funds.**

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

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**(5) FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**FC1. Expenditures/Salaries and Wages**

**Motion to:**

- (A) Approve the April expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$2,733,058.22 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$2,618,957.11.**
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of July 2016.**

**(Motion and Roll Call)**

**FC2. Training and Conference Expenses**

**Motion to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for April 2016 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$4,692.15 respectively.**

**Four-month expenses totaled \$16,325.52.**

**FC3. Clearing Fund/Deferred Revenue and Expense/Petty Cash**

**Motion to approve the Clearing Fund, the Deferred Revenue/Expense activity and Petty Cash balances for the month of April as previously circulated to the Board.**

**Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of March 2016 were \$906.49 and (\$2,015.35), respectively.**

**Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of April 2016 were \$1,542.50 and (\$1,542.50) respectively.**