

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with President Luker presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

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

Township Manager LEFEVRE
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Chief of Police KELLY
Deputy Chief LIVINGOOD
Township Engineer POWERS
Director of Code Enforcement MATTEO
Director of Parks and Recreation WENDELL
Director of W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY
Fire Marshal CLARK
Community Development Director STROTHER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT:

President Luker announced that an Executive Session was held on Wednesday, June 1st at 9:00 PM on personnel and two litigation matters.

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation of Commendation to Eagle Scout Nicholas Wacker:

Commissioner Gillespie presented Certificate of Commendation to Eagle Scout Nicholas Wacker of Troop 48 recognizing Nicholas' chosen project of building two bulletin boards in Grove Park that included a map and a place to hold brochures about the park. His chosen project was very important to Abington Township showing his team spirit and we, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, appreciate it. We join, Nicholas' family, community leaders, friends and fellow troop members of Troop 48 in extending our congratulations on this 9th day of June, 2016.

Presentation to Bruce Hoffman's Retired Number to Daughter Heather:

Director of Parks and Recreation, Mr. Doug Wendell said in 2002, Bruce Hoffman was hired as an Abington Park Ranger and his vast knowledge of the Township made him the first to arrive on scene any time a Park Ranger was in need. Bruce's supervisory skills were noticed by Ranger Sergeant Greg DeStephano and Bruce was promoted to Corporal and took on the responsibility of Field Training Officer. Bruce was also responsible for updating the Ranger Manual.

In recognition of the respect that Bruce brought to the Park Rangers and to honor his untimely passing, the Bureau of Parks and Recreation will retire his badge number. Park Ranger Corporal Badge Number 7 will be permanently displayed in the Bureau's Main Office.

Presented was the display case containing Bruce Hoffman's badge, nameplate and embroidered shoulder patch to Bruce Hoffman's daughter, Heather.

Mr. Wendell thanked Bruce for his service and thanked his family for sharing him with us for all those years on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Bureau and Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting of May 12, 2016.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Commonwealth of PA – 2015 Growing Greener Watershed Protection Grant

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Highland Avenue Storm Sewer Project

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman 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

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked for the reason why the Township is still using Abbonizio when they backed out of the Old Welsh Road project.

Solicitor Clarke replied Abbonizio did not back out of the project. The Township rejected the bids because they came in much higher than anticipated.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

2014 Capital Improvement Program

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

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

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Award Bid for Grit Collection System Replacement

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Discussion of Future Treatment Plant Effluent Limits Agreement with the EPA & PADEP

Commissioner Hecker said there was discussion of recent negotiations with the EPA and PADEP regarding the forthcoming agreement establishing lower Treatment Plant effluent limits for Total Phosphorous.

Mr. Wrigley noted there has been no new update at this time.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, suggested asking State Representative Madeleine Dean about what is the cause for the phosphorous in the creeks.

Intergovernmental Agreement-Alternative TMDL-Wissahickon Creek Watershed

Commissioner Hecker announced that this item has been deleted from the agenda.

Commissioner Kline questioned why this item was deleted.

Manager LeFevre replied following discussion in committee, the Board was prepared to move forward with the agreement; however, after further review by Township Solicitor as well as the County Solicitor, it was determined it would be more appropriate to adopt it by ordinance. Staff will bring it back to committee in July for approval to advertise and then to the full Board in August for consideration of approval.

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

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

CMAQ Grant Application

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked where the grant is coming from.

Manager LeFevre replied it is from State and Federal funds to improve traffic signals on Easton Road and Township's match will be covered by in-house personnel assisting with the project.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Green Light Go Grant Award

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

ARLE Grant Award

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Kalinoski questioned whether the Board will be able to take a closer look at the traffic planning and design of this intersection as they have developed right-hand-turns for Pennsylvania and Mt. Carmel Avenues and some of his residents are more concerned about the left-hand turn on Mt. Carmel onto Station and North Hills Avenue and the left-hand turn from Pennsylvania Avenue onto North Hill Avenue.

Manager LeFevre replied Mr. Micciolo utilized the services of McCormick & Taylor Traffic Engineers in the redesign of the intersection, and he will discuss it with Mr. Micciolo and report back on it.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

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

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Markman 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 is 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 becomes 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

First Conditional Appointment Probationary Police Officer

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski 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 Officer's Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training effective July 11, 2016.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Second Conditional Appointment Probationary Police Officer

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone 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 Officer's Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training effective July 11, 2016.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Third Conditional Appointment Probationary Police Officer

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman 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 Officer's Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training effective July 11, 2016.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

2016 Sergeant's Test

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to authorize up to \$25,000 from Contingency Funds to cover the cost of the 2016 Sergeant's test.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

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”

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski 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.”

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Hecker commented that he is grateful to Township staff and to his fellow Commissioners for working with him on making Rockwell Road safer.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**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.

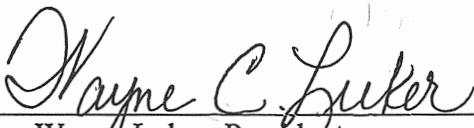
4. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 9th day of June, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:


Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: 
Wayne Luker, President

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”

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski 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 PM.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

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

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Fourth Conditional Appointment Probationary Police Officer

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Fifth Conditional Appointment Probationary Police Officer

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Sixth Conditional Appointment Probationary Police Officer

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

2016 Capital Appropriation – Library's Outdoor LED Sign

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

Penn State Permit Fee Agreement

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve the Penn State Abington Permit Fee Agreement memorializing the College's financial obligations related to the student housing project.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked is the \$100,000 impact fee separate from in-lieu-of taxes.

Manager LeFevre replied Penn State does not pay in-lieu-of fees or taxes to the Township. The \$100,000 contribution is their only direct financial payment to the Township.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Penn State Impact Fee Agreement

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Professional Service Agreement – Verizon Franchise Renewal

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to approve participation in the Montgomery County Consortium Inter-Governmental cooperative effort in retaining the services of the Cohen Law Group to assist with Franchise Renewal negotiations with Verizon Pennsylvania, Inc. with our initial payment from 2016 Contingency Funds.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Township Treasurer's Report:

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

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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

Roll Call resulted in motion being passed 15-0.

Training and Conference Expenses

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Clearing Fund/Deferred Revenue and Expense/Petty Cash

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker 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 April 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that she feels that “our grant system is broken.”

Nathan Vasserman, 130 Church Road, questioned whether the franchise agreement with Verizon includes installing FIOS in other areas.

Commissioner Kline replied that was discussed in committee and he directed the speaker to contact the Manager for further information.

Raymond Bell, 2076 Parkview Avenue, commented that he feels what people see on television may discourage those from coming here and there should be more civility.

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Spiegelman reminded everyone that on Saturday, June 18, 2016, there will be an event held by the County, which is Household Hazardous Waste Collection at the Junior High from 9-3 p.m.

Also, in regards to grants; it would be irresponsible to boycott the grant system because of standing on some principle, which would be a massive disservice to the people that we serve, the taxpayers and it would undermine the very infrastructure that was just discussed.

He wished everyone a “Happy Father’s Day!”

Commissioner Rothman invited the community to a carnival in Ward 3 on June 22, 2016 to June 25, 2016 at St. Basil’s Academy.

Commissioner Myers invited everyone to an Abington PAL Dinner on Monday, June 20, 2016 at Bonnet Lane Family Restaurant that will benefit PAL from 4-8 p.m. with no reservations required.

Commissioner Schreiber reminded everyone about the 11th Annual Roslyn Pet Fair that will be held at the Church of the Living Word, 1250 Easton Road in Roslyn and all proceeds goes to animal rescue.

Commissioner Bowman thanked members of the Roslyn Day Committee especially Mr. Micciolo and his family along with Commissioners Myers and Schreiber, who made it a great day, and it will be held again next year.

Commissioner DiPlacido announced that he just received bad news in that the East Abington Softball Team lost the league championship.

He thanked the Abington residents for coming out to the Ardsley Community Center and helping the “Angels in Motion” who packed lesson bags for the homeless in the Greater Philadelphia area.

Also, “while driving through Abington, please drive like your kids lives here.”

Commissioner Farren congratulated St. Luke’s 6th grade CYO, who won the baseball championship last night. St. Joseph The Protector had a “Green Family Fun Night” for children and it was well-attended. He congratulated Abington Senior High School’s Special Olympics who won the Gold Medal.

He also commended McKinley Elementary School for instituting a STEAM (Science, Technology Engineering, Arts and Math) Program.

On Saturday, June 11th is the Roslyn Pet Fair; Run with Pride 5K; GYAC will be having their closing ceremonies day at 1 p.m. at Glenside/Weldon; and the Glenside Gardens Community Yard Sale will also be held on that day.

We had another tragedy in Glenside a few months ago, when Mike Hensley passed away, and there is an organization called, “Brave Hearts, Strong Minds” that supports the children whose parents passed away. There will be a walk at LaSalle High School on Saturday, June 18, 2016 held by “Brave Hearts, Strong Minds” that will benefit Mike Hensley’s children.

Also, he thanked Township staff for their assistance and it is very much appreciated.

Commissioner Gillespie reminded everyone what a great job the Second Alarmers do and gave kudos to them.

Commissioner Hecker announced that the Township' Public Works Department will be sponsoring "Anything with a Plug" Electronics Waste Collection event on Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 9-1 p.m. at the Township Yard on Florey Lane.

Also, the pools open on June 25, 2016 at Penbryn and Crestmont at 11 a.m.

He congratulated all the graduates in the Township and wished everyone a "Happy Father's Day!"

Commissioner Kalinoski thanked the residents and his fellow Commissioners, who attended our Town Hall meeting last Monday night as well as to Deputy John Livingood and several of the police officers who attended as well.

President Luker also thanked Commissioner Kalinoski for having a fine meeting as well as to the Police Department for an enlightening discussion on a neighborhood problem.

He thanked Jim Salanik and Jim Littlefield who works for the Code Enforcement Department for all the work they do in regards to code-related issues specifically property maintenance.

Also, about a month ago, one of his constituents posted on Facebook a very nice congratulatory message regarding her special-needs daughter who received assistance from a worker onsite and she described the worker as being very helpful and courteous and thought it was an Aqua employee.

Apparently Aqua reps pays attention to Facebook postings and it was passed onto the President of Aqua, and after researching who that employee was so as to recognize them, it was determined that it was not an Aqua employee, but it was one of Abington Township's employee, Tim Clark from Township Engineering Department.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Approved July 14, 2016". The signature is written over a faint, circular official seal or stamp.