

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**September 8, 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

PRESENTATION

**Presentation of Commendation to Retiree
Lieutenant Steven Hochwind
Call on Chief Kelly**

SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICERS by District Justice John Kessler

**Officer Joseph Marrero
Officer Robert Steck
Officer Charles Nicholas
Call on Chief Kelly**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Commissioners meeting of August 11, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

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

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

(1) PUBLIC WORKS

PW1. Perfluorochemicals (PFCs) and Drinking Water Update

DELETED

PW2. 2014 Capital Improvement Program – Demolition of 1004 Irvin Road

Motion to approve and enter into contract with Tamco Construction, Inc. for the demolition of 1004 Irvin Road in the amount of \$33,600.00; to be funded by 2014 Bond Issue.

PW3. 2015 HUD Program – Tennis Avenue/North Hills Avenue/Fairview Avenue Storm Sewer Projects

Motion to approve final payment for the Tennis Avenue/North Hills Avenue/Fairview Avenue Storm Sewer Project, to N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$11,802.65; to be funded from the 2015 HUD Program.

PW4. Rockwell Road Sidewalk Project

Motion to approve final payment for the Rockwell Road Sidewalk Project to Biase Landscaping, LLC in the amount of \$2,300.00; to be funded from Fund Balance.

PW5. Ordinance No. 2124 – Old Welsh Road – Sanitary Sewer Project

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2124 adding 1908 Paper Mill Road to the Old Welsh Road Sanitary Sewer District.

PW6. Resolution No. 16-029 – To Apply for a PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-029 to authorize the Township of Abington to submit an application formally requesting a grant of funds from the PA Small Water and Sewer Program for 2016.

PW7. Edge Hill Road/Tyson Avenue Right-of Way Acquisition Update

DELETED

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

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

(2) CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

CE1. Subdivision SD-16-05 – Patrick Deacon – 2661 Mt. Carmel Avenue

- **Motion to approve the subdivision application of Patrick Deacon, applicant of the property located at 2661 Mount Carmel Avenue, Abington Township. The applicant seeks approval to subdivide the property into two parcels. Lot No. 1 will contain the existing dwelling and is listed at 13,313 square feet. Proposed Lot No. 2 is plotted at 7,500 square feet and the existing barn is marked “To Be Removed.” The properties are zoned in the (R-4) Residential District in Ward No. 6 of the Township of Abington.**
- **This motion is subject to the following conditions:**
 1. **Sanitary sewer service is available for this development. However, flows from this property is through Cheltenham Township and requires their approval. An ACT 537 Exemption Application has been submitted and has been recommended for approval.**
 2. **The items listed within the Staff Review letter dated July 13, 2016 are to be taken under consideration by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington.**
 3. **This recommendation is for final plan approval. The final plan cannot be recorded and/or any permits issued until such time the applicant receives DEP approval for the required EDU.**
- **This motion is subject to the following waivers:**
 1. **Waiver from Section 146-11.A – Property Identification Plan – The plan is required to supply the tax parcel information, owner’s name and lot area for all properties within 400 feet of the site involved in this application.**

2. **Waiver from Section 146-11.B – Existing Features Plan – The plan is required to plot the location of all utilities on the sites and within 400 feet of the properties involved in this application.**
3. **Waiver from Section 146-11.C – Proposed Layout Plan – The plan is required to plot the location of all existing utilities, to include the size, type and depth of all existing improvements proposed to remain and be removed.**
4. **Waiver from Section 146-11.L – Architectural Plan – The applicant has submitted a rendering of the exterior finishes of the proposed alterations. Architectural plans have not been submitted at this time.**
5. **Waiver from Section 146-39 – Street Trees – The applicant is required to plant one street tree five feet inside the front property line every 50 feet. The applicant is only requesting that the waiver be granted to allow the tree to be planted within 15 feet of the front property line instead of the required five feet.**

CE2. Subdivision and Land Development – LD-15-06 – Patrick Deacon - 2718 Moreland Road

- **Motion to approve the Subdivision and Land Development application of Patrick Deacon, applicant for the property located at 2718 Moreland Road. The applicant proposes to subdivide the .64 acre site into two lots. Lot No. 1 will consist of 14,658 square feet and contain the existing single-family dwelling and detached garage. Lot No. 2 is proposed at 13,525 square feet and is proposed for development of a single-family dwelling. Both lots comply with the dimensional requirements of Section 304.3 of the Zoning Ordinance. The property is zoned in the (R-4) Residential District in Ward No. 5 of the Township of Abington.**
- **This motion is subject to the following conditions:**
 1. **Sanitary sewer service is available for this development. An Act 537 Exemption Application is required to be submitted and approved prior to the recording of the final plan.**
 2. **The items listed within the Staff Review letter dated July 28, 2016 are to be taken under consideration by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington.**
 3. **This plan was first submitted as a three-lot plan that required the application to be reviewed as a Land Development. The plan has since been revised to a two-lot plan and has now been reviewed as a subdivision plan only.**

- 4. The Planning Commission recommends that the Township Engineer review the un-improved section of Henry Avenue and determine if an easement is required for the existing utilities.**
 - 5. This recommendation is for approval as a preliminary as a final plan with the condition that the final plan cannot be recorded and/or any permits issued until such time the applicant receives DEP approval for the required EDU.**
- **This motion is subject to the following waivers:**
 - 1. Waiver from Section 146-11.A – Property Identification Plan – The plan is required to supply the tax parcel information, owner’s name and lot area for all properties within 400 feet of the site involved in this application.**
 - 2. Waiver from Section 146-11.B – Existing Features Plan – The plan is required to plot the location of all utilities on the sites and within 400 feet of the properties involved in this application.**
 - 3. Waiver from Section 146-11.C – Proposed Layout Plan – The plan is required to plot the location of all existing utilities, to include the size, type and depth of all existing improvements proposed to remain and be removed.**
 - 4. Waiver from Section 146-11.L – Architectural Plan – The applicant has submitted a rendering of the exterior finishes of the proposed alterations. Architectural plans have not been submitted at this time.**
 - 5. Waiver from Section 146-24.D – Right-of-Way Width – The applicant has requested a waiver to allow the cart-way and right-of-way widths to remain as it exists.**
 - 6. Waiver from Section 146-27 – Curbing & Sidewalks – The applicant has requested a waiver for the installation of sidewalks. Curbing is already in place.**
 - 7. Waiver from Section 146-39 – Street Trees – The applicant is required to plant one street tree five feet inside the front property line every 50 feet. The applicant is only requesting that the waiver be granted to allow the tree to be planted within 15 feet of the front property, instead of the required five feet.**

CE3. Subdivision SD-16-03 – Shelley & Nicholas Schorsch – 1580 Warner Road

- **Motion to approve the subdivision application of Shelley and Nicholas Schorsch, owners of the property located at 1580 Warner Road. The applicant proposes to subdivide an existing parcel of 7.86 acres in size into two parcels. Lot No. 1 has the required lot frontage on Mill Road and is proposed to be reduced to 4.22 acres in total lot area. Lot No. 2 is plotted at 3.64 acres in total lot area and has the required lot frontage on the private portion of Warner Road. The property is 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. **Sanitary sewer service is available for this development. However, no construction is proposed at this time. An Act 537 Exemption Application is required to be submitted and approved prior to the release of a construction permit.**
 2. **The items listed within the Staff Review letter dated May 11, 2016 and August 9, 2016 are to be taken under consideration by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington.**
 3. **This recommendation is approved as final plan. No additional EDU's are required.**
 4. **In the event that one or more of these properties are developed, either together or separately, the developer or property owner is required to submit a Land Development Plan to the Township of Abington for review and approval.**
- **This motion is subject to the following waivers:**
 1. **Waiver from Section 146-11.A – Property Identification Plan – The plan is required to supply the tax parcel information, owner's name and lot area for all properties within 400 feet of the site involved in this application.**
 2. **Waiver from Section 146-11.B – Existing Features Plan – The plan is required to plot the location of all utilities on the sites and within 400 feet of the properties involved in this application.**
 3. **Waiver from Section 146-11.C – Proposed Layout Plan – The plan is required to plot the location of all existing utilities, to include the size, type and depth of all existing improvements proposed to remain and be removed.**
 4. **Waiver from Section 146-11.L – Architectural Plan – Architectural plans have not been submitted. No construction is proposed at this time.**
 5. **Waiver from Section 146-24.D – Right-of-Way Width – The applicant has requested a waiver to allow the cart-way and right-of-way widths to remain as it exists.**
 6. **Waiver from Section 146-27 – Curbing & Sidewalks – The applicant has requested a waiver for the installation of curb, gutter and sidewalks.**

CE4. Subdivision SD-16-06 – Brown Street Associates, LLC – 302 Holme Avenue and Vacant Parcel No. 300007900008

- **Motion to approve the subdivision application of Brown Associates, LLC, for the property known as 302 Holme Avenue and the vacant property known as Parcel No. 300007900008 fronting on Chancellor Avenue. The applicant proposes to relocate the existing shared property line and transfer 200 square feet of ground from 302 Holme Avenue to the vacant parcel. The lot area of 302 Holme Avenue will be reduced to 15,755.2 square feet and the vacant parcel will be increased to 7,634.2 square feet. Both lots will conform to the dimensional requirements of Section 304.3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Township of Abington. The vacant parcel of the property is for the development of a single-family dwelling. The properties are zoned in the (R-4) Residential District in Ward No. 4 of the Township of Abington.**

- **This motion is subject to the following conditions:**
 1. **Sanitary sewer service is available for this development. However, flows from this property is through Cheltenham Township. The Planning Module or Act 537 Exemption Application is required to be submitted and approved by both the Township of Abington and Cheltenham Township prior to being forwarded to DEP for final action.**
 2. **The items listed within the Staff Review letter dated August 10, 2016 are to be taken under consideration by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington.**
 3. **This recommendation is for preliminary approval, until such time that DEP has approved the sanitary sewer connection. The Board of Commissioners may also consider final approval with the condition that the final plan not be recorded until DEP has approved the EDU connection.**
 4. **The Storm water management system must be revised as to the satisfaction of the Engineering Department of the Township of Abington.**
 5. **The Abington Planning Commission recommends that the Township Engineer and/or the Township Solicitor review the improvement within the unimproved portion of Chancellor Avenue and determine how these private improvements within the Township right-of-way will be maintained.**

- **This motion is subject to the following waivers:**
 - 1. Waiver from Section 146-11.A – Property Identification Plan – The plan is required to supply the tax parcel information, owner’s name and lot area for all properties within 400 feet of the site involved in this application.**
 - 2. Waiver from Section 146-11.B – Existing Features Plan – The plan is required to plot the location of all utilities on the sites and within 400 feet of the properties involved in this application.**
 - 3. Waiver from Section 146-11.C – Proposed Layout Plan – The plan is required to plot the location of all existing utilities, to include the size, type and depth of all existing improvements proposed to remain and be removed.**
 - 4. Waiver from Section 146-11.L – Architectural Plan – The applicant has submitted a rendering of the exterior finishes of the proposed alterations. Architectural plans have not been submitted at this time.**
 - 5. Waiver from Section 146-27 – Curbing & Sidewalks – The applicant has requested a waiver for the installation of curb, gutter and sidewalks.**
 - 6. Waiver from Section 146-11-38 Street Lighting – The applicant has requested a waiver from the installation of additional street lighting.**
 - 7. Waiver from Section 146-39 – Street Trees – The applicant is required to plant one street tree five feet inside the front property line every 50 feet.**

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

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(3) PUBLIC SAFETY

PS1. Ordinance No. 2125 – 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” and Section 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones”

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2125 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) and Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones).

PS2. Ordinance No. 2126 – 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” Section 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones”

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2126 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) and Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on October 13, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

PS3.

Sobriety Checkpoint Grant

Motion to authorize Township officials to accept a grant award from the Bureau of Highway Safety and Traffic Engineering in the amount of \$55,000.00 with the Township's matching portion approximately \$480.00.

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

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(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS

THE COMMITTEE HAS NO BUSINESS AT THIS TIME

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

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(5) FINANCE COMMITTEE

Treasurer's Report: Call on Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal

FC1. Investments

Motion to approve investments for the month of July as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$1,030,000.00. Interest rate yields ranged from 0.800% to 0.950%.

FC2. Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the July expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$4,388,870.08 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,837,934.50.**
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of October 2016.**

(Motion and Roll Call)

FC3. Training and Conference Expenses

Motion to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for July 2016 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$5,155.10 respectively.

Seven-month expenses totaled \$28,863.19.

FC4. 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 July as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of July 2016 were \$934.98 and (\$3,250.14), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of July 2016 were \$12,669.50 and (\$9,318.00) respectively.

FC5. 2278 Mount Carmel Avenue To Be Included 100% In The Township of Abington Tax Roll

Motion to include Parcel #30-00-08593-00-7 known as 2278 Mount Carmel Avenue to be 100% within the Township of Abington for real estate tax purposes under 53 Pa.C.S. § 8818.

**Tom Bowman, Director
Steven Kline, Asst. Director
Tom Hecker**

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(6) PENSION COMMITTEE

PENS1. Resolution No. 16-028 - Minimum Municipal Obligation - Pension Plans

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-028 recognizing that the Township's minimum municipal funding obligation for the calendar year 2017 with respect to the Municipal Non-Uniformed Employee, Police and Non-Uniformed Employee Defined Contribution Pension Plans, is \$672,666.00, \$1,136,244.00 and \$10,580.00, respectively.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)