

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**October 13, 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

**An Executive Session was held on Wednesday, October 5th at 6:15 PM
on a personnel matter.**

PRESENTATIONS

**Presentation of Award to Rosemarie Timoney – Fiftieth Anniversary of
Timoney Irish Dancers**

Call on Commissioner Gillespie

Presentation of Class II Commendations to:

- a. Sergeant Ozzie Toledo**
- b. Officer Gary Martinez – Call on Deputy Chief Livingood**

**Call on Congressman Brendan Boyle, 13th Congressional District and
State Representative Madeleine Dean, 153rd Legislative District**

PS1. Appointment of Deputy Chief John A. Livingood as Chief of Police

**Motion to appoint Deputy Chief John A. Livingood as Chief of Police
effective April 1, 2017.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Commissioners meeting of September 8, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENT (AGENDA ITEMS)

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

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(1) PUBLIC WORKS

PW1. Request for Proposals – Engineering Services

Motion to authorize Township Administration to solicit Request for Proposals for Engineering Services to be received by the close of business on November 4th.

PW2. 2016 – 2017 PennDOT – Snow and Ice Agreement

Motion to authorize the proper Township officials to enter into an agreement with PennDOT for snow and ice removal on PennDOT highways for the winter season 2016 – 2017.

PW3. U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Design/Construction Agreement – Sandy Run Environmental Project

Motion to approve the Design/Construction Agreement with the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers, including the project management plan, for the Abington Environmental Improvement Project to provide for an improved riparian buffer and stream corridor improvements along Sandy Run Creek.

PW4. Grant of Sanitary Sewer Easement from AQUA PA, Inc.

Motion to accept a Grant of Sanitary Sewer Easement from AQUA Pennsylvania, Inc. in and along the rear property line of Montgomery County Tax Parcel No. 300016440009 including Block/Unit No. 30195-010 and No. 30195-011.

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-16-07 – Robert Morris – 1511 Susquehanna Road and 1112 Rydal Road

- **Motion to approve the subdivision and land development application of Robert Morris, applicant and owner for the properties located at 1511 Susquehanna Road and 1112 Rydal Road, Abington Township. The applicant proposes to relocate the existing property lines to create a third lot that will contain the existing carriage house. The carriage house is proposed to be demolished and a new single-family dwelling constructed. The plan submitted has the proposed new lot fronting on Susquehanna Road and having the minimum one acre in lot area. The properties are zones 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, if approved, the applicant is required to obtain DEP approval for the additional EDU's prior to the recording of the final plan. To date, that application has not been submitted.**
 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.
The applicant must obtain storm water management permits from the Engineering Department of the Township of Abington.**
 3. **The applicant must obtain storm water management permits from the Engineering Department of the Township of Abington.**

- **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.F – Street Improvement Plan – The applicant is required to submit a profile plan of the streets involved in this application.**
 - 5. Waiver from Section 146-11.1 – Phasing Plan – No phasing plan has been submitted. This a single lot development, no phasing is proposed.**
 - 6. Waiver from Section 146-11.L – Architectural Plan – An architectural plan is required to be submitted with this subdivision plan. A rendering of the proposed single-family dwelling has been submitted. The applicant stated that the proposed single-family dwelling has been submitted. The applicant stated that the proposed new single-family dwelling will be very similar to the home currently under construction.**
 - 7. Waiver from Section 146-27 – Curbing & Sidewalks – The applicant is required to install full street improvements along the frontages of Susquehanna Road and Rydal Road for the lots involved in this application. This request was approved on the prior application.**
 - 8. Waiver from Section 146-30 – Lot Shape – The Ordinance states that irregular shape lots are to be avoided. Lot No. 1 and Lot No. 3 are considered to have an irregular shape. Irregular shape lots can be problematic when installing fences, accessory structures and with property maintenance related issues.**
 - 9. Waiver from Section 146-11-38 – Street Lighting – The applicant has requested a waiver from the installation of additional street lighting.**
 - 10. Waiver from Section 146-39.1 – Shade Trees – The applicant will be planting the required shade trees. However, they seek approval to plant the trees within the front yard setback area and not within 5 feet of the front property line. The Planning Commission recommends the trees not be planted within 25 feet of the front property line.**

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

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(3) PUBLIC SAFETY

PS1. Was presented at the beginning of the Agenda.

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 adopt 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).

PS3. Ordinance No. 2127 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article II “Traffic Regulations” Section 14 “Stop Intersections”

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2127 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 – (Stop Intersections) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on November 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

PS4. Aggressive Driving/Buckle Up PA Grant

Motion to authorize Township officials to accept a grant award from The North Central Highway Safety Network, Inc. in the amount of \$15,000.00 with the Township’s matching portion of \$1,000.00. The Township’s match will cover the Social Security cost of the officers working the grant as this expense is not covered by the grant. At the conclusion of the grant, the social security expense will be transferred to 01-04-044-5110.

PS5.

2017 Lieutenants' Promotional Examination

Motion to authorize Staff to proceed with implementation of the Lieutenants' Promotional Examination, with the cost up to \$35,000.00 to be included in the 2017 Budget.

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

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(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS

**PA1. 2016 HUD Program – Architectural and Engineering Contract
Crestmont Park Community Facility**

Motion to approve and enter into a contract with Daley & Jalboot Architects, Inc. for the preparation of construction documents for a new community facility at Crestmont Park in the amount of \$66,800.00.

**PA2. Grant Award Acceptance for TCDI Grant – ‘Walk Park Train
Abington’**

Motion to accept the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) grant from Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) in the amount of \$75,000.00. The grant will support the ‘Walk, Park, Train Abington’ concept of the Master Bike Plan.

**PA3. Consultant Acceptance for TCDI Grant ‘Walk Park Train
Abington’**

Motion to accept the proposal from the team of Simone Collins Landscape Architecture and Traffic Planning and Design Inc. to prepare the ‘Walk, Park, Train Abington’ Plan through the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) grant from Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC).

PA4. Act 511 Tax Hearing Officer

Motion to approve for the remainder of 2016, Stephen P. Imms, Jr. Esq. as the Abington Township Hearing Officer for Act 511 Tax Appeals.

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

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(5) FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

FC1. Investments

Motion to approve investments for the month of August as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$554,000.00. Interest rate yields ranged from 0.950% to 1.207%.

FC2. Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the August expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$2,352,442.99 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,855,053.02.**
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of November 2016.**

(Motion and Roll Call)

FC3. Training and Conference Expenses

Motion to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for August 2016 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$568.48 respectively.

Eight-month expenses totaled \$29,431.67.

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 August as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of August 2016 were \$20,130.81 and (\$18,461.05), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of August 2016 were \$0.00 and (\$0.00) respectively.

FC5. Distribution of In-Lieu Fire Taxes for 2016

Motion to authorize an expenditure from Miscellaneous Expense in the Permanent Improvement Fund (Account No. 07-00-000-5999) in the amount of \$77,341.00 to be distributed equally among the five volunteer fire companies serving Abington Township (\$15,468.20 each company).

FC6. Appointment of Township Independent Auditors for Years Ending 2016, 2017 and 2018 Audits

Motion to authorize Township Officials to enter into an agreement with Bee, Bergvall & Company to act as Township's independent auditors for calendar year ending December 31, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

FC7. Agreement with Tax Collector for the Collection of Business, Mercantile and Local Service Taxes for 2017.

Motion to authorize proper Township Officials to enter into agreement with Jay W. Blumenthal, Abington Township Treasurer/Tax Collector, for collection of Act 511 Taxes for the calendar year 2017.

PUBLIC COMMENT (NON-AGENDA ITEMS)