

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

November 10, 2016

7:00 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

PRELIMINARY BUDGET

BUDGET OVERVIEW: President Luker to call on Township Manager LeFevre.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Operating</u>	<u>Highway</u>
Revenues	38,026,723	8,844,000	1,534,178
Expenditures	38,026,723	8,844,000	1,534,178

	<u>Retiree Healthcare Fund</u>	<u>Tuition Reimbursement</u>	<u>Workers' Comp</u>	<u>Refuse</u>
Revenues	1,597,290	5,000	727,000	5,782,381
Expenditures	1,397,290	15,000	1,007,280	5,782,381
	200,000	(10,000)	(280,280)	

GENERAL FUND: Motion to adopt a balanced Preliminary General Fund Revenue and Expense Budget for calendar year 2017 of \$38,026,723.

SEWER OPERATING FUND: Motion to adopt a balanced Preliminary Sewer Operating Fund Revenue and Expense Budget for calendar year 2017 of \$8,844,000.

The proposed budget for the Sewer Operating Fund does include a rate increase in sewer rent charges over the 2016 calendar year, estimated at \$12.00 per household.

HIGHWAY AID FUND: Motion to adopt a Preliminary Budget for Highway Aid Fund for the calendar year 2017 in the amount of \$1,534,178.

These funds are provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and require no additional funding from Township sources.

RETIREE HEALTHCARE

FUND: Motion to adopt a balanced Preliminary Retiree Healthcare Fund Budget for calendar year 2017 in the amount of \$1,397,290.

Monies supporting this fund are contingent upon the passage of the General Fund, Sewer Fund and Refuse Fund budgets. Budget includes \$200,000 in additional revenues to partially fund OPEB obligations.

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

FUND: Motion to adopt a Preliminary Tuition Reimbursement Budget for calendar year 2017 in the amount of \$15,000 for Expense Budget and \$5,000 in Revenue. Difference of \$10,000 is funded by principal cash.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

FUND: Motion to adopt a balanced Preliminary Workers' Compensation Budget for calendar year 2017 of \$1,007,280.

The difference between revenues and expenses (\$280,280) will be funded from Reserves. Monies supporting the Workers' Compensation Fund are contingent upon passage of the General Fund, Sewer Fund and Refuse Fund budgets.

REFUSE FUND: Motion to adopt a balanced Preliminary Refuse Fund Revenue and Expense Budget for calendar year 2017 of \$5,782,381.

The proposed budget includes no rate increase on residential refuse fees as defined in Chapter 92 of the Code of the Township of Abington.

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A public meeting will be held on December 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Abington Township Administrative Building for the purpose of discussion and adoption of Ordinance No. 2129 setting the Tax Levy and Appropriations for the calendar year 2017.

PRESENTATION

**Presentation of Commendation to Eagle Scout Michael Hopkins
Call on Commissioner Sanchez**

**Presentation of Commendation to Eagle Scout Desmond-James White
Call on Commissioner Bowman**

**Presentation of Commendation to Eagle Scout Otis McCullough
Call on Commissioner Farren**

**SWEARING IN OF NEW FIRE CHIEF by District Justice Juanita Price
Chief Shawn Philipsen of the McKinley Fire Company
Call on Fire Marshal Clark**

PRESENTATION

**Presentation to Ten Abington Township Fire Department Fire Fighters
2016 BBFA FF-I Class
Call on Fire Marshal Clark**

PRESENTATION

Presentation of Class III Commendations
a. **Detective Sergeant Steve Fink**
b. **Officer Daniel Bullock**
Call on Chief Kelly

PRESENTATION

**Presentation of Commendation to the
Montgomery County Assistant District Attorney Lauren McNulty and
Lower Moreland Police Department Detective Carl Molt
Call on Chief Kelly**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Commissioners meeting of October 13, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
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(1) PUBLIC WORKS

PW1. Resolution No. 16-031 – Commonwealth of PA – 2015 Growing Greener Watershed Protection Grant

Motion to approve Resolution No. 16-031 authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners and the Township Secretary to execute an environmental stewardship and watershed protection grant agreement with the Commonwealth of PA Department of Environmental Protection.

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

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(2) CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

**CE1. Resolution No. 16-032 – Plan Revision Sewage Facilities Planning
Module PaDEP Form 3800-FM-BPNPSM0356**

CANCELED

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

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(3) PUBLIC SAFETY

PS1. Ordinance No. 2127 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article II “Traffic Regulations” Section 14 “Stop Intersections”

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2127 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 – (Stop Intersections).

PS2. Ordinance No. 2128 – 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 advertise Ordinance No. 2128 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 December 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PA1. Multimodal Transportation Fund Program – DCED Grant Award Acceptance Request

Motion to accept the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) in the amount of \$812,486.00 to support the Old York Road/Susquehanna Road project.

PA2. Multimodal Transportation Fund Program – PennDOT Grant Award Acceptance Request

Motion to accept the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program grant from PennDOT in the amount of \$588,153.00 for improvements to the intersection of Old York and Susquehanna Roads.

PA3. Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority Agreement Request

Motion to authorize a Cooperation Agreement and Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement to partner with the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority for the Old York Road/Susquehanna Road project.

PA4. Resolution No. 16-030 for PECO Green Region Grant for Jackson Park

Motion to approve Resolution No. 16-030 which authorizes the Bureau of Parks and Recreation to make application to the Natural Lands Trust for the 2016 PECO Green Region Grant in the amount of \$8,000.00. The funding will be used for the removal of invasive vegetation in Jackson Park.

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

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(5) FINANCE COMMITTEE

FC1. Investments

Motion to approve investments for the month of September as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$1,948,000.00. Interest rate yields ranged from 0.800% to 1.000%.

FC2. Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the September expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$3,815,666.57 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$2,747,178.91.**
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of December 2016.**

(Motion and Roll Call)

FC3. Training and Conference Expenses

Motion to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for September 2016 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$6,457.16 respectively.

Nine-month expenses totaled \$35,888.83.

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 September as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of September 2016 were \$918.61 and (\$16.00), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of September 2016 were \$451,433.30 and (\$436,875.96) respectively.

PUBLIC COMMENT