

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, November 10, 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 (7:25 p.m.), GILLESPIE, HECKER, KALINOSKI, KLINE, LUKER

Township Manager LEFEVRE  
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER  
Finance Director BARRON  
Township Solicitor CLARKE  
Deputy Chief of Police LIVINGOOD  
Township Engineer POWERS  
Superintendent of Recreation OLES  
Director of W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY  
Assistant Fire Marshal ROHRER  
Community Development Director STROTHER

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET:**

**BUDGET OVERVIEW:**

A power point presentation and copy of preliminary budget for 2017 was provided to the Board.

Manager LeFevre said proposed budget being presented this evening is \$38,026,723 million that includes an increase in spending of \$554,100 +1.48%. General Fund budget does not propose any real estate tax increase. Refuse budget is \$5,782,381 representing a decrease in the amount of \$25,035 -.43% with no increase in rates.

Sewer Fund budget is \$8,844,000 representing a decrease in the amount of \$286,956 - 3.10%; however, there is a request for a modest increase of \$12.00 per average household in the sewer bill.

Proposed budget without a tax increase was due to several factors in terms of revenue. There were a number of line items in the budget of a projected increase in revenue as well as decreases on the expense side as listed in the report.

There are several new programs as part of the 2017 budget and Implementation of Policy for the Fund Balance program that was adopted in 2014.

Proposed 2017 Capital Budget is \$1,512,700 in expenditures, which is higher than the last two years and there is also the consideration of a bond issue.

In terms of the sewer budget, spending has been level, but because revenues have decreased, we are recommending a slight increase of 3.89% equating to \$12.00 per average household this being the first increase proposed since 2011.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Operations</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:**

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt a balanced Preliminary General Fund Revenue and Expense Budget for calendar year 2017 of \$38,026,723.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**SEWER OPERATING FUND:**

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman 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 2017 calendar year, estimated at \$12.00 per household.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 13-1. Commissioner Zappone opposed.

**HIGHWAY AID FUND:**

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman 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.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**RETIREE HEALTHCARE FUND:**

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker 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.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FUND:**

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman 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.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND:**

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman 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.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**REFUSE FUND:**

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker 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.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

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

President Luker closed Preliminary Budget meeting at 7:12 p.m.

President Luker opened Board of Commissioners Meeting at 7:13 p.m.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Presentation of Commendation to Eagle Scout Michael Hopkins:

Commissioner Sanchez presented Certificate of Commendation to Eagle Scout Michael Hopkins from a proud community saluting him on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America.

In achieving this honor, Michael has earned assorted merit badges, which attest to his leadership qualities and contribution to our community. His chosen project was an important undertaking for our surrounding community, and his recent completed project resulted in repainting the access ramp grounds, two staircases and all of the gates around the Immaculate Conception Church in Jenkintown. The hours spent organizing and leading a team dedicating many hours beatifying the church will benefit the community for many years.

We, the Board of Commissioners, join Boy Scout Troop 304, along with his family and friends and fellow troop members in congratulating Eagle Scout Michael Hopkins on this milestone on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

Presentation of Commendation to Eagle Scout Desmond-James White:

Commissioner Bowman presented Certificate of Commendation to Eagle Scout Desmond-James White from a proud community saluting him on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America.

In achieving this honor, Desmond-James earned assorted merit badges, which attest to his leadership qualities and contribution to our community. His chosen project was an important undertaking for Abington Township. The hours he spent organizing and leading a team of many dedicated hours enhancing Veterans Grove at Roslyn Park by installing a bench, a boulder, dedication plaque and a Veterans Grove sign at the entrance to the park improved the conditions for neighbors and residents to enjoy is a testament to his community spirit.

We, the Board of Commissioners, join Boy Scout Troop 1, along with his family and friends and fellow troop members in congratulating Eagle Scout Desmond-James White on this milestone on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

SWEARING IN OF NEW FIRE CHIEF by District Justice Juanita Price:

District Justice Juanita Price administered the Oath of Office to new Fire Chief Shawn Philipsen of the McKinley Fire Company on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2016.

Presentation to Ten Abington Township Fire Department Fire Fighters 2016 BBFA FF-1 Class

Dave Schramm, Fire Service Administrator, provided a short video on behalf of the Abington Township Fire Department on what the volunteer fire department does for the community, and tonight, we will be honoring new recruits of the Firefighter I Class.

Commissioner Schreiber presented Certificate of Commendations to the following honorees of the Firefighter I Class in recognition of their considerable efforts in completing 196 hours of basic fire training as prescribed by the National Fire Protection Association in support of the mission of the Abington Township Fire Department to provide excellent fire and rescue services to the community:

Paul Laughlin, Abington Fire Company  
George Stevenson, Abington Fire Company  
Bud Heath, Abington Fire Company  
Zachary Liss, McKinley Fire Company  
Joseph Campbell, Weldon Fire Company  
Thomas Poppert, Weldon Fire Company  
Alexander Wilson, Weldon Fire Company  
Stephanie Belly, Roslyn Fire Company  
Kevin Bryson, Roslyn Fire Company  
Leyla Odabas, Roslyn Fire Company

Commissioner Gillespie commented that we are so thankful that we have volunteers who step forward to protect us when there is a fire, and congratulations!

Presentation of Commendation to Eagle Scout Otis McCullough:

Commissioner Farren presented Certificate of Commendation to Eagle Scout Otis McCullough from a proud community saluting him on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boy Scouts of America.

In achieving this honor, Otis earned assorted merit badges, which attest to his leadership qualities and contribution to our community. His chosen project was a good example of the one of our Abington Township residents performing for the larger community. Otis coordinated with St. Luke the Evangelist Church to improve the conditions of the attached playground used by many school and neighborhood children.

Over several visits, he performed needed landscaping such as ripping out and moving two large Evergreen bushes, cutting down a tree and planting groundcover. He also assisted with structural upkeep fixing a leaky gutter and sealing a surrounding fence. His work provided the neighborhood children a cleaner and safer playground.

Otis' three years of active participation in scouting has prepared him to contribute to society in a selfless, meaningful and productive way that is indicative to his character and service to community.

We, the Board of Commissioners, join Boy Scout Troop 304, along with his family and friends and fellow troop members in congratulating Eagle Scout Otis McCullough on this milestone on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

Presentation of Class III Commendations:

Deputy Chief Livingood said that in February 2015, Abington and Lower Moreland Townships began to experience a rash of residential burglaries all having similar methods and traits. All burglaries occurred within the first few hours of darkness and suspects were targeting high-end homes pushing entry into the home. If an alarm was activated, they would go to the bedroom to steal jewelry and flee the area before police arrived. If an alarm was not activated, there was heavy ransacking throughout the home.

This MO matched that of a career burglar who ravaged this community with residential burglaries from the 1990's and into early 2000's. This burglar was arrested by Abington Police in 2004 and was released from prison in 2014.

As a result of these burglaries, a Task Force was set up by the Commander, Detective Sergeant Steve Fink. Sgt. Fink was very familiar with this burglar and Sgt. Fink's crew was able to rely on his experience and training to predict areas and times that this burglar might strike next.

Abington Police worked closely with Lower Moreland Police Officer Detective Carl Molt, and on Saturday, March 21, 2015, Officer Daniel Bullock of Abington Police Department was assigned surveillance to this Task Force.

At 8:30 p.m. on that date, Officer Bullock observed a suspicious vehicle, followed it and it became obvious that the occupants were casing homes for a burglary. The vehicle was pulled over by the officers and the career burglar was laying down in the backseat so it appeared only one person was in the vehicle and both occupants in the vehicle were arrested

Detective Carl Molt and Detective Sergeant Steve Fink worked under the guidance of the Montgomery County Assistant District Attorney Lauren Mc Nulty preparing a case for trial.

In May 2016, a four-day jury trial took place in Montgomery County Court led by ADA Lauren McNulty and the jury found the burglar guilty and he was sentenced to nine to 20 years in State Penitentiary.

Commissioner Schreiber presented Class III Commendation to Officer Daniel Bullock in recognition of his hard work and dedication to the Abington/Lower Moreland Burglary Task Force, which led to the arrest and conviction of a career criminal and the clearance of eight high-end residential burglaries on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

Commissioner Schreiber presented Class III Commendation to Detective Sergeant Steve Fink in recognition of his participation as lead investigator of the Abington/Lower Moreland Burglary Task Force, which resulted in the clearance of eight high-end residential burglaries along with the arrest of a career and violent criminal on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

Presentation of Commendations to the Montgomery County Assistant District Attorney Lauren McNulty and Lower Moreland Police Department Detective Carl Molt:

Commissioner Schreiber presented Certificate of Commendation to Detective Carl Molt in recognition of his hard work and dedication to the Abington/Lower Moreland Burglary Task Force, which led to the arrest and conviction of a career criminal and the clearance of eight high-end residential burglaries on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

Commissioner Schreiber presented Certificate of Commendation to Montgomery County Assistant District Attorney Lauren McNulty in recognition of her performance, dedication and hard work in the investigation and successful prosecution of a career burglar, which made Abington Township and Montgomery County a safer place to live on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.



**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting of October 13, 2016.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:**

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that she is glad the intersection of Old York and Susquehanna Roads was fixed, but she feels the economic development combined with that work should come from “developers and not from taxpayers’ dollars.”

Also, she asked for a directional sign to be posted indicating where to park and where the entrance is to Jackson Park.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

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

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to approve Resolution No. 16-031 authorizing the President of 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.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP  
RESOLUTION NO. 16-031

A RESOLUTION OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP,  
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,  
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  
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

WHEREAS, Township of Abington ("Township") was notified on April 25, 2016 by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that it was selected to receive an Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection (Growing Greener) Grant in the amount of \$186,000; and


WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, by unanimous vote at a public meeting held on June 9, 2016, authorized Township officials to accept a grant award from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; a 2015 Growing Greener 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; and

WHEREAS, the Township is now required to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, that the President of the Board of Commissioners and the Township Secretary are hereby authorized to execute an Environmental Stewardship and Watershed Protection Grant Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, subject to review and approval of the said agreement by the Township Solicitor.

RESOLVED and ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Nov., 2016.

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

  
Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Michael LeFevre, Secretary

**CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

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

Commissioner Sanchez announced that this item has been canceled from the agenda and there was no other business at this time.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

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

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2127 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 (Stop Intersections).

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2127**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 – “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,”  
ARTICLE II – “TRAFFIC REGULATIONS”  
SECTION 14 – “STOP INTERSECTIONS”**

**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” 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
Columbia Avenue	Eastbound	Lukens Avenue


2. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

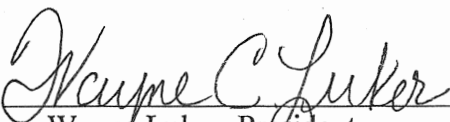
3. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

  
Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By:   
Wayne Luker, President

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

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman 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; 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.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Commissioner Spiegelman said in terms of the next few agenda items; he clarified that properties being acquired are not for the Township to develop. The property is to be demolished in order to straighten the road.

Multimodal Transportation Fund Program – DCED Grant Award Acceptance Request

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to accept the Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant from the Department of the Community and Economic Development (DCED) in the amount of \$812,486.00 to support the Old York Road/Susquehanna Road project.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Multimodal Transportation Fund Program – PennDOT Grant Award Acceptance Request

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez 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.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority Agreement Request

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to authorize an agreement to partner with the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority for the Old York Road/Susquehanna project.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

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

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren 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.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-030  
2016 PECO GREEN REGION OPEN SPACE PROGRAM  
FOR THE JACKSON PARK INVASIVE REMOVAL PROJECT**

**WHEREAS, the Township of Abington desires to undertake the Jackson Park Invasive Removal project; and**

**WHEREAS, the Township desires to apply to the PECO Green Region Open Space Program Guidelines; and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Abington hereby approves this project and authorizes application to the PECO Green Region Open Space Program in the amount of \$8,000.00; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the application is granted, the Township of Abington commits to the expenditure of matching funds in the amount of \$8,000.00 necessary for the project's success.**

**ADOPTED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.**

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP**



**Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners**

**ATTEST:**



**Michael LeFevre, Township Secretary**



**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

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

Investments

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

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 property officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of December 2016.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. 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 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. 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 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.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

Raymond Bell, 2076 Parkview Avenue, commented that tomorrow is Veterans Day and 20 Veterans commit suicide a day and 39,000 in a given month are homeless. He thanked the restaurants in the Township that have offered a free meal for Veterans, and Lowes and Home Depot offer Veterans a 20% discount. He recognized the Montgomery County Recorder of Deeds, who provides a listing of establishments in the County that offer discounts to Veterans. He also thanked the Police and Fire Departments and the Second Alarmers for their work.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that Phase III is development and redevelopment of the economic area.

Commissioner Spiegelman replied that is the reason why the Township is partnering with the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority as this is their area of expertise.

Ms. Lehmann expressed concern that she feels she does not have enough time to speak and requested that public comment be taken before the vote of each agenda item at the Board of Commissioners meetings. Also, how many miles of roadway will be repaved?

Manager LeFevre replied Mr. Micciolo projected 19 miles of roadway are scheduled as part of the 2017 overlay program.

**REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Bowman announced there will be a commemorative flag lowering ceremony at Veterans Grove in Roslyn Park at 4:15 p.m. tomorrow.

Commissioner DiPlacido congratulated our new Fire Chief Shawn Philipsen and he thanked outgoing Fire Chief Bors for his years of dedicated service to our community.

Also, “when driving through Abington, please drive like your kids live here.”

Commissioner Farren congratulated Eagle Scout Otis McCullough on his achievement.

He also congratulated Abington Township Fire Department on the amazing work they do.

He sent his prayers and good wishes to Mr. Angelo Pontelandolfo, Superintendent of Highways.

He also gave a huge thank you to all Veterans including his father, father-in-law and grandfather and he appreciates everything they have done.

Commissioner Gillespie wished a “Happy Birthday” to the 241<sup>st</sup> birthday of the Marine Corp as her husband was a Marine. She also wished Commissioner Kalinoski a “Happy Birthday.” She congratulated new Fire Chief Shawn Philipsen as well as the Police Officers who were awarded tonight, and she thanked them for all they do.

Commissioner Hecker extended congratulations to the Veterans of our community on tomorrow’s occasion of Veterans Day.

Also, our community lost an important person in the passing of Reverend Brewster Hastings two weeks ago. Reverend Hastings was the Pastor at St. Anne’s Episcopal Church on Old York Road and the community is in mourning and we send his family our thoughts and prayers.

There will be the electronics recycling event on Saturday, November 19, 2016 from 9-1 p.m. on Florey Lane at the Highway Yard.

Also, he, along with Commissioner Spiegelman had a meeting with Manager LeFevre recently and staff from engineering department about the upcoming Edge Hill Road reconstruction project and it is slated to begin after Thanksgiving. Detours will be set up with the bulk of the work beginning in January.

He wished everyone a “Happy Thanksgiving.”

Commissioner Kalinoski announced that tomorrow is Veterans Day, and he wished the WWII Veterans, the Korean War Veterans and the Vietnam War Veterans and welcomed them home, the God of War Veterans, the Iraq War Veterans and the Afghanistan Veterans, a “Happy Veterans Day.” He thanked active and non-active Veterans for their service and wished them a “Happy Veterans Day.”

Commissioner Zappone welcomed all Abington Township residents to the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ardsley Christmas Tree Lighting event at the Ardsley Community Center at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

Commissioner Spiegelman announced that on Saturday, November 12, 2016, there will be an electronics and scrap metal collection outside of the Keswick Theater from 9-1 p.m.

He thanked his fellow Board members for their support of the Old York/Susquehanna Roads project.

He welcomed the new firefighters and congratulated new Fire Chief Shawn Philipsen.

He wished all Veterans a “Happy Veterans Day,” and thanked them for serving our country in uniform and thanked their families for their sacrifice. To those Veterans who are suffering, our thoughts are with you and we send you strength.

Commissioner Sanchez congratulated Eagle Scout Michael Hopkins on his achievement.

Also, in early October, the training fire facility on Florey Lane was utilized for the “Wills for Heroes” program. It is a program started by volunteer lawyers in conjunction with his former law firm that has grown into a foundation to do estate planning documents for First Responders and Veterans. He thanked the law firm of Rudolph Clarke who sent volunteer lawyers to help. There will be another event on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Willow Grove Fire House. Foundation website is [www.willsforheroes.org](http://www.willsforheroes.org).

Also, a resident asked him to remind everyone that hunting is not permitted in Township parks.

He will be collecting turkeys, canned good, perishable or nonperishable items for Thanksgiving this year to be donated to the Innovative Food Cupboard on November 20<sup>th</sup>, from 2-5 p.m. at Rydal Park, which is located at 1515 The Fairway.

Commissioner Rothman thanked everyone who came out to vote and participating in the voting process.

Also, he congratulated new Fire Chief Shawn Philipsen.

Commissioner Myers said last month, she predicted that the Food Festival would be fabulous and she was right.

She extended her personal congratulations to Lower Moreland Police Department’s Detective Carl Molt, who she has known over 40 years as we were in each other’s first weddings.

Commissioner Markman thanked the Police Force and to those who were recognized tonight for shutting down the burglary ring in Ward 2 as they did a great job.

Commissioner Schreiber congratulated everyone tonight who was awarded with Certificates of Commendations and our new firefighters.

Also, there is a group called, "Abington Gives Back Thanksgiving," who collects canned goods with donation boxes located in Riviera Pizza and Beer World in the Roslyn area, and they also have a Facebook page.

A holiday block party with many activities will be held in Roslyn on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 2-6 p.m. and the block will be closed off on Bradfield Road from Lafayette to Easton. An idea that came from Commissioner Myers called, "Deck the Dogs," where you dress up your dog for the holiday block party and bring them along where prizes will be given out.

President Luker commended Finance Director, Kevin Barron, Jeannette Herman along with Manager LeFevre and all Department Heads for doing a fine job with the 2017 budget.

He asked everyone to take a moment tomorrow to consider the sacrifices made by the Veterans.

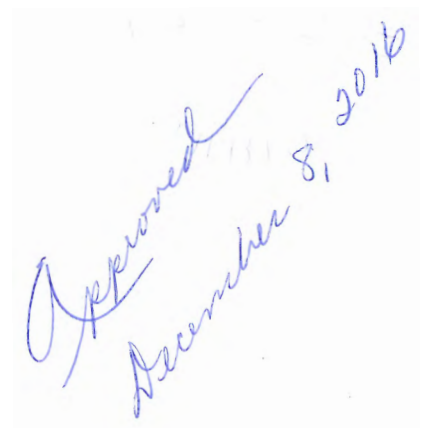
Also, he extended his "Best Wishes for a Healthy and Speedy Recovery" to Mr. Angelo Pontelandolfo of Township's Refuse Department.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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Approved  
December 8, 2016