

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

January 12, 2017

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 Thursday, December 15, 2016 following the Final Budget meeting at 7:15 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-006 – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service

PRESENTATION of Commendation to Retiree

**Lieutenant Michael Gallagher
Call on Chief Kelly**

SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICERS by District Justice John Kessler

**Officer Jordan Jones
Officer Michael Jones
Call on Chief Kelly**

RESOLUTION 17-006

WHEREAS, Martin Luther King, Jr. was a man committed to peaceful coexistence, where all men would be free from racism, bigotry and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, many people look to the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. as a source of inspiration for promoting harmony, cooperation and understanding; and

WHEREAS, the third Monday in January has been declared a national holiday and on that day, January 16, 2017, Abington Township will conduct a Memorial Service at 12:00 PM which will be attended by civic, religious, school, and government leaders; and

WHEREAS, a citizen of Abington Township will be honored as the thirty-second annual recipient of the **Martin Luther King Memorial Award**;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim January 16, 2017 as Martin Luther King Day and encourages all interested citizens to participate in the Township Memorial Service.

RESOLVED, this 12th day of January, 2017

Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Michael LeFevre, Secretary

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT

Board President to Call on Chief Kelly

Motion on the appointment of John Livingood as Chief of Police effective February 1, 2017.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Commissioners Meeting of December 8, 2016

Board of Commissioners 2017 Final Budget Meeting of December 15, 2016

APPOINTMENT – TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

APPOINTMENTS TO THE VOLUNTEER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

VOLUNTEER CITIZEN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016
REAPPOINTMENTS

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SOLICITOR – Yearly

Richard Teitell, Esq.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION – 5 Years

None

VACANCY CHAIR – Yearly

(By Resolution No. 17-008)

D. Gregory Holt

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Staggered Terms

David Rondinelli – 3 Years

(Possibly Two More Members)

HEARING OFFICER – ACT 511 TAX APPEALS

Yearly

Pending

RED LIGHT CAMERA HEARING OFFICER

Yearly

John Walko

PLANNING COMMISSION – 4 Years

Ronald Rosen

Glenn Cooper

Lucy Strackhouse

ZONING HEARING BOARD – 5 Years

(By Resolution No. 17-009) - Yearly

John DiPrimio

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL – 3 Years

Susan Myerov

Jim Webb

Karin McGarry-Rosen

SHADE TREE COMMISSION – 5 Years

None

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES – 3 Years

Garrett Page

Theresa Deckebach

Brian Mays

Elaine Shay

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – 3 Years

Doug Callantine

Chris Lionetti

Wendy Klinghoffer

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – 5 Years

Bruce Toll

RESOLUTION NO. 17-008

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE VACANCY BOARD
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code prescribes that a registered elector of the Township shall act as Chairman of the Vacancy Board, which Board shall consist of the members of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code prescribes that said Chairman shall be appointed by the Board of Township Commissioners at the Board's first meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township does hereby appoint D. Gregory Holt to the position of Chairman of the Vacancy Board of the Township of Abington for the period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

ADOPTED this 12th day of January, 2017.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:

Michael LeFevre, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 17-009

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA REAPPOINTING A
MEMBER TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD**

WHEREAS, the Zoning Hearing Board term of John DiPrimio expired on December 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DiPrimio has expressed a desire to continue to serve; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township wishes to reappoint John DiPrimio for an additional full-term until December 31, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township does hereby RESOLVE as follows:

John DiPrimio SHALL Be and Hereby IS Appointed to serve as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board until December 31, 2022.

ADOPTED this 12th day of January, 2017.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:

Michael LeFevre, Secretary

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

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
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(1) PUBLIC WORKS

PW1. CMAQ Grant Application

Motion to accept 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. Funds for the grant match will be drawn from Permanent Improvement Fund.

PW2. Engineering and Design Services for Easton Road CMAQ Grant Project

Motion to enter into an agreement with McMahon Associates for Engineering and Design Services for the CMAQ Grant for Easton Road in the amount of \$70,250.00.

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

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
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(2) CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

CE1. Resolution No. 2017-007 – Liquor License Transfer – Giant Food Store, LLC/737 Huntingdon Pike

Motion to authorize the advertisement for a formal hearing and final action on the application of the Giant Food Store located at 737 Huntingdon Pike, for the inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license to that location. The hearing will be held on February 9, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the 2nd Floor Board Room of the Abington Township Administration Building, located at 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001.

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

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(3) PUBLIC SAFETY

PS1. Ordinance No. 2132 – To Amend Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article III – (Parking Regulations), (Section 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones”

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2132 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article III (Parking Regulations), and Section 28 – Special Purpose Parking Zones.

PS2. Ordinance No. 2134 – To Amend Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article III – (Parking Regulations), and Section 26 (Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours)

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2134 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article III – (Parking Regulations) and Section 26 (Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on February 9, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

PS3. Firemen’s Association of the State of Pennsylvania (FASP) Recruitment and Retention Local Grant Award

Motion to authorize Township Officials to accept a Grant Award from the Firemen’s Association of the State of Pennsylvania (FASP) Recruitment and Retention Local Grant Award in the amount of \$5,000.00.

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

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
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(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PA1. Ordinance No. 2133 – Amendment to the Human Relations Commission Ordinance

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2133 amending the Township Human Relations Ordinance by expanding the membership of the Commission from five (5) to seven (7) members.

PA2. Ordinance No. 2135 – To Amend Chapter 137, Section 137-4 (Snow and Ice Removal)

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2135 amending Chapter 137-4 of the Township Code (snow and ice, violations and penalties) increasing the fine per violation up to a maximum of \$1,000 per offense.

PA3. Agreement of Sale – Old York Road/Susquehanna Road Project

Motion to approve the form of Agreement of Sale, subject to final review by Solicitor, and to authorize Township officials to make offers to the property owners at 1100, 1102, 1104, 1106 Old York Road, and 1907 Susquehanna Road, for purchase of those properties, as part of the Old York Road/Susquehanna Road project.

PA4. Economic Development Business District Landscape Maintenance Bid

Motion authorizing the proper Township officials to contract with Louis F. Biase, Landscape Contractor, for the 2017 service year in an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the Business District Landscape Maintenance Contract. Funds will be drawn from Economic Development Capital accounts reserved for this purpose.

PA5. Resolution No. 17-010 – Economic Development – Easton Road Streetscape – PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund Program

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-010 approving Abington Township to submit an application to PennDOT for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program. The grant submission will support Easton Road Streetscape Enhancements.

PA6. Repair of Main Electrical Trunk Line into Penbryn Pool

Motion to approve an expenditure of no more than \$18,000 to be taken from the Contingency Fund for the repair of the main electrical trunk line that supplies power to the Penbryn Pool complex.

PA7. Reject All Mowing Bids and Re-advertise Mowing Contract

Motion to reject all bids received for the Mowing of Township facilities for the years 2017, 2018, and 2019 and to approve the re-advertising of the mowing contract.

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 November as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$2,115,000.00. Interest rate yields ranged from 0.900% to 1.55%.

FC2. Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the November expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$4,114,378.76 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,750,815.46.**
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of February 2017.**

(Motion and Roll Call)

FC3. Training and Conference Expenses

Motion to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for November 2016 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$648.74 respectively.

Eleven-month expenses totaled \$40,849.61.

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 November as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of November 2016 were \$19,799.02 and (\$19,231.37), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of November 2016 were \$6,027.00 and (\$982.55) respectively.

FC5. Resolution No. 17-001 – Investment of Township Funds

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-001 authorizing the Finance Director and his/her designate to invest Township funds in any and all such financial institutions as permitted by First Class Township Code.

FC6. Resolution No. 17-002 – Disposition of Certain Finance Office Records

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-002 authorizing the disposition of certain Finance Office records as set forth in Exhibit “A”.

FC7. Resolution No. 17-003 – Disposition of Certain Tax Office Records

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-003, authorizing the disposition of certain Tax Office records as set forth in Exhibit “A.”

FC8. Resolution No. 17-005 – Setting the Compensation of the Abington Township Tax Collector

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-005 setting the compensation for the office of Abington Township Tax Collector for the period 2018-2021 as follows:

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| \$10,000 | Salary for Tax Collector duties |
| 6,000 | Billing and collection of current sewer rentals |
| 6,000 | Billing and collection of current refuse fees |
| \$22,000 | Total Township Compensation |