

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, December 8, 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, GILLESPIE, HECKER, KALINOSKI, KLINE, LUKER

Township Manager LEFEVRE  
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER  
Township Tax Collector BLUMENTHAL  
Township Solicitor CLARKE  
Chief of Police KELLY  
Assistant Director of Finance HERMAN  
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  
Assistant Fire Marshal ROHRER  
Community Development Director STROTHER

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of November 10, 2016.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

2014 Capital Improvement Program – Demolition of 1004 Irvin Road

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to approve final payment for the 2014 Capital Improvement Program-Demolition of 1004 Irvin Road to Tamco Construction Company in the amount of \$26,000.00; to be funded from 2014 Bond Issue.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

2014 Bond Issue/Phase III Storm Sewer Projects

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to approve final payment for the 2014 Bond Issue/Phase III Storm Sewer Projects to Associated Paving Contractors (APCON) in the amount of \$3,914.00; to be funded from 2014 Bond Issue.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Highland Avenue – Storm Sewer Project

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve final payment for the Highland Avenue Storm Sewer Project to N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$54,301.60; to be funded from 2014 Bond Issue and Fund Balance.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

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

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to adopt Resolution No. 16-032 to authorize the Township of Abington to approve a revision to the “Official Sewage Facilities Plan” in connection with the property located at 101 Washington Lane, currently served by the Borough of Jenkintown for sanitary collection, Cheltenham Township for Conveyance.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Kline said he will recuse himself from voting on this item.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

DEP Code No.  
1-46001-195-3J

## RESOLUTION FOR PLAN REVISION FOR NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION OF THE (SUPERVISORS) (COMMISSIONERS) (COUNCILMEN) of Abington  
(TOWNSHIP) (BOROUGH) (CITY), Montgomery COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA (hereinafter "the municipality").

**WHEREAS** Section 5 of the Act of January 24, 1966, P.L. 1535, No. 537, known as the "Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act", as Amended, and the rules and Regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (Department) adopted thereunder, Chapter 71. of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, require the municipality to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan providing for sewage services adequate to prevent contamination of waters of the Commonwealth and/or environmental health hazards from sewage wastes, and to revise said plan whenever it is necessary to determine whether a proposed method of sewage disposal for a new land development conforms to a comprehensive program of pollution control and water quality management, and

**WHEREAS** Metropolitan Properties of America, Inc has proposed the development of a parcel of land identified as  
land developer

Colonade Apartments - Manor Building, and described in the attached Sewage Facilities Planning Module, and  
name of subdivision

proposes that such subdivision be served by: (check all that apply),  sewer tap-ins,  sewer extension,  new treatment facility,  individual onlot systems,  community onlot systems,  spray irrigation,  retaining tanks,  other, (please specify). existing connection to Cheltenham Township public sanitary sewer system.

**WHEREAS**, Township of Abington finds that the subdivision described in the attached  
municipality

Sewage Facilities Planning Module conforms to applicable sewage related zoning and other sewage related municipal ordinances and plans, and to a comprehensive program of pollution control and water quality management.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the (Supervisors) (Commissioners) (Councilmen) of the (Township) (Borough) (City) of Township of Abington hereby adopt and submit to the Department of Environmental Protection for its approval as a revision to the "Official Sewage Facilities Plan" of the municipality the above referenced Sewage Facilities Planning Module which is attached hereto.

I, , Secretary, Michael LeFevre  
(Signature)

Township Board of Supervisors (~~Borough Council~~) (~~City Councilmen~~), hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Township (~~Borough~~) (City) Resolution # 16-032, adopted, December 8, 2016.

Municipal Address:

Township of Abington Building  
1176 Old York Road  
Abington, PA 19001-3713  
Telephone 267-536-1000

Seal of  
Governing Body

Approve Bid for the Hauling and Agricultural Utilization of Wastewater Bio-solids

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to approve the bid and enter into a contract with Synagro Central, LLC in the amount of \$39.00 per ton for the hauling and agricultural utilization of wastewater bio-solids.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Mr. Wrigley said three bids were received with Synagro being the lowest bidder at \$39.00 per ton.

Commissioner Luker asked what company had the previous contract?

Mr. Wrigley replied Amerigreen, Inc.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:**

Resolution No. 16-034 – Montgomery County Planning Assistance Contract No. 199 – 2017-2019

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to adopt Resolution No. 16-034 to renew the three-year Agreement with Montgomery County Planning Commission for a Planning Assistance Contract to be funded from Contingency Account No. 01-06-087-5305, (Contracted Services) in the amount of \$13,104.00 for 2017; \$13,240.50 for 2018; and \$13,377.00 for 2019, totaling \$39,721.50.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-034  
**PLANNING ASSISTANCE CONTRACT  
BETWEEN COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
AND ABINGTON TOWNSHIP**

***THIS CONTRACT*** made the first day of January 2017, between Commissioners of Montgomery County (herein called County) and Abington Township of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania (herein called Municipality).

***WITNESSETH THAT:***

***WHEREAS***, County has created the Montgomery County Planning Commission (herein called MCPC), and

***WHEREAS***, Resolution 70-3, dated March 11, 1970, established policies for local planning assistance, a cost sharing formula and a schedule of fees and charges by which the services of MCPC's staff was offered to assist the 62 municipalities in the county, and

***WHEREAS***, the Municipality has requested the MCPC to provide planning assistance under the terms specified herein, and

***WHEREAS***, the County of Montgomery, acting through the MCPC proposes to render assistance to the Municipality in the form of technical services, pursuant to Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, Act 247, as amended.

***NOW THEREFORE***, in consideration of the mutual promises hereafter made, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound under the Uniform Written Obligations Act of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby agree that:

A. MCPC Assistance

1. The MCPC will assign one or more professional planners, and supporting staff, to meet the categories outlined in Exhibit B.

B. Services of Municipality

1. Officials, employees, staff and members of the planning commission of the Municipality will cooperate with MCPC in the discharge of its responsibilities hereunder.
2. All pertinent Municipality records and data shall be made available for the use of the MCPC.

C. Schedule of Time and Compensation

1. The established and agreed total cost is \$79,443

2. The compensation is subject to Resolution 15-1.1, Exhibit A.
3. This contract shall become effective on January 1, 2017 and shall terminate on December 31, 2019.
4. Municipality's payment to MCPC shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total cost as set forth in C.1 above. This includes any federal or state optional funding arrangements equal to the municipal share set forth in Exhibit C.
5. The total cost of the printing and publication of Major Products (Reports and Maps) shall be negotiated on a case-by-case basis.
6. Municipality shall pay MCPC on the following basis:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
April 2017	\$6,522.00
October 2017	\$6,522.00
April 2018	\$6,620.25
October 2018	\$6,620.25
April 2019	\$6,688.50
October 2019	\$6,688.50

D. Miscellaneous

1. Either party may terminate this contract by giving the other at least sixty (60) days written notice thereof, and a pro rata adjustment shall be made based on the compilation of costs incurred and services performed by the MCPC. In the event of cessation of services by the MCPC prior to the termination date in the contract, the MCPC shall be paid for costs and services to the date of such cessation and the MCPC and the County of Montgomery shall, in no event, be liable to Municipality for breach of this contract due to cessation of its services.
2. The scope of work to be done under this contract shall be subject to modifications or supplements upon the written agreement of the duly authorized representatives of the contracting parties. It is the understanding of all parties to this contract that no modification of the program shall be made that would change the total cost unless such changes, including any increase or decrease in the amount of the MCPC's compensation, are mutually agreed upon by and between the parties hereto. Such changes will be accomplished as follows: a) any decrease in the amount of MCPC's compensation shall be incorporated in written amendments to this contract; b) any increase in the amount of MCPC's compensation in excess of \$1500 (i.e. \$3000 total change) shall be incorporated in written amendments to this contract; c) any increase in the amount of MCPC's compensation less than \$1500 (i.e. \$3000 total change) shall be by a letter of intent of a purchase of service (said letter of intent shall be signed by the authorized representative of the municipality and by the Director of the MCPC); and d) any substitution or modification of the work items in B. of Exhibit B, not involving a change in compensation, shall be by a letter of intent as set forth in c), herein.

3. The costs of any increases in the scope of work agreed to by the contracting parties in accordance with D.2 shall be calculated on the basis of the per diem rates prevailing at the time said increase is negotiated. Any increase involving the commitment of additional monthly planner-days shall be subject to the availability of said staff time.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNING BODY

COMMISSIONERS OF  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Township Board of Commissioners  
Wayne C. Luker, President

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Township Manager  
Michael LeFevre

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
County

Authorized by resolution or ordinance of Municipality. Adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Authorized by Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_ of County. Adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.



Ordinance No. 2131 – Medical Marijuana Use Regulations

Commissioner Sanchez announced that this item has been deleted from the agenda.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

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 Kalinoski to adopt 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) at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on December 8, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

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. 2128**

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

**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” 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,” 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:

<b>Stop Sign On</b>	<b>Direction of Travel</b>	<b>At Intersection Of</b>
Glenbrook Road	Southbound	Dale Road
Menlo Avenue	Eastbound	Stanley Avenue

2. Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” 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,” shall be amended to add the following restrictions:

<b>Name of Highway</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Location</b>
Summit Avenue	East	30 feet north of Hamilton Avenue

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

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

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

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Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: Wayne C. Luker  
Wayne Luker, President

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

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to advertise Ordinance No. 2132 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article III (Parking Regulations) Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on January 12, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Flashing Warning Lights – 200/300 Block of Shelmire Street

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to approve the installation of two (2) flashing warning lights in the 200/300 block of Shelmire Street in both the eastbound and westbound direction for a total amount of \$5,000.00 to be paid out of Account No. 03-13-146-5304.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner DiPlacido thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support of this measure as well as Township staff.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to schedule all four (Public Works, Code Enforcement, Public Safety, Public Affairs) Committee meetings to be held on one night, specifically the Wednesday of the week preceding the monthly Board of Commissioners meeting beginning with the Committee meetings of February 2017.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

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

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Schreiber to advertise Ordinance No. 2133, which will amend the Township Human Relations Ordinance by expanding the membership of the Commission from five (5) to seven (7) members.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Zappone asked how many cases have been documented since the Commission has been formed?

Manager LeFevre replied there have been no formal complaints filed before the HRC, but instead they have taken a proactive approach to public education and community outreach regarding discrimination.

Commissioner Zappone questioned the reason for the increase in members.

Manager LeFevre replied to provide additional diversity to the Commission as well as to have more members available for community outreach as most of the existing members work fulltime.

Commissioner Spiegelman commented that the HRC is a zero-cost program for the Township.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal noted that his report is attached to the agenda for review.

Investments:

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to approve investments for the month of October as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$1,277,000.00. 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 October expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$2,430,577.41 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,772,376.72.
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of January 2017.

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 Kalinoski to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for October 2016 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$4,312.04, respectively.

Ten-month expenses totaled \$40,200.87.

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 October as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of October 2016 were \$898.12 and (\$3,515.35), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of October 2016 were \$3,920.82 and (\$14,097.77), respectively.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Budget Transfer Authorization

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to authorize the Budget Transfers for the year 2016.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Expenditure from Unallocated Permanent Improvement Fund Balance

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to authorize expenditure from Unallocated Permanent Improvement Fund Balance (Account No. 07-00-000-5999) in the amount of \$45,855.00 (2016 allotment) to be distributed equally (\$9,171.00 each) among the five volunteer fire companies serving Abington Township.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.



Retain Pharmacy Outcomes Specialists for Pharmacy Benefit Management Issues

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to retain Pharmacy Outcomes Specialists as an expert in connection with an audit or review of claims and other documents concerning O'Neill Consulting and related pharmacy benefit management issues, effective December 9, 2016.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

2017 General Obligation Bond Issue

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to advertise a public hearing on January 12, 2017 on Ordinance No. 2130 for the purpose of issuing 2017 General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$6.5 million to provide for (1) acquire Capital for stormwater improvements in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 and (2) Township matches of grants and (3) purchase of refuse vehicles and (4) the payment of all costs and expenses incurred by the Township in connection with the issuance of the 2017 G.O. Bond and also to simultaneously explore the feasibility of an alternate direct bank loan borrowing. A Draft of the Ordinance will be circulated to the Township and Working Group for review prior to its consideration for enactment.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Manager LeFevre commented that he distributed a memo to the Board regarding borrowing and the only change was adding language to the motion to provide for the simultaneous approach exploring the feasibility of an alternate bank loan.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**PENSION COMMITTEE:**

**Resolution No. 16-033 – Amending Police Pension Document Pertaining to Member Contributions**

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to adopt Resolution No. 16-033 setting the Police Pension contribution rate for 2017 at five percent (5%) of compensation.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-033

AMENDING POLICE PENSION PLAN DOCUMENT  
PERTAINING TO MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

WHEREAS, the Township of Abington (the "Employer") previously established, by Resolution dated January 1, 2001, the Police Pension Plan for the Township of Abington (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, the applicable statute provides that the establishment of such pension plan may be made by Ordinance or Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the "Employer" does, in fact, from time to time, modify and/or amend the "Plan"; and

WHEREAS, any and all amendments and modifications to the "Plan" are required to adhere to all regulations as per applicable pension law (Act 600); and

WHEREAS, the "Employer", through negotiation with the Abington Township Police Association, have made it necessary and desirable to amend Article III entitled "Contribution", Section 3.01 entitled "Member Contributions", and

WHEREAS, this amendment will be effective January 1, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016, that Article III, Section 3.01 shall be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

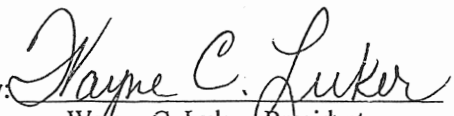
**ARTICLE III**

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

3.01 Member Contributions. MEMBERS shall pay into the FUND a percentage amount to be determined annually based upon the most recent actuarial report and minimum municipal obligation calculation. The percentage rate will be set annually by resolution no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> for the following calendar year. The percentage rate shall be set between zero (0%) and five percent (5%) of COMPENSATION. The contribution rate for 2017 is five percent (5%) of COMPENSATION. It is further understood that the TOWNSHIP will not contribute into the FUND until the MEMBERS are contributing their maximum of five percent (5%) of their COMPENSATION. Individual records of contribution by MEMBERS shall be maintained, including all interest credited to the MEMBER'S individual account which shall be known as the MEMBER CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT. Interest to be credited shall be five percent (5%) compounded annually.

Interest shall be credited from the end of the PLAN YEAR in which paid to the end of the month after which a refund becomes payable.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

By:   
Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Michael LeFevre, Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Zappone commented that recently there was a bad accident on Huntingdon Pike where a vehicle overturned and the driver was killed and that happened to be the brother-in-law of his brother. He commended Detective Greg Urban on behalf of himself, his brother and his brother's family as Detective Urban stayed with his Commissioner Zappone's brother and his family until the wife of the deceased came home from work and that was going over and above for his family. That is what our police department is all about, helping people, and he cannot praise Detective Urban enough.

Also, the Ardsley Christmas Tree Lighting event was a huge success with approximately 480 residents in attendance.

On December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m., the Ardsley Family Committee will partner again with the North Penn VFW to host our Annual Breakfast with Santa.

Commissioner Spiegelman commented that it is the one-year anniversary of Allie Turner's accident and he showed his support for the Turner family.

Also, he read a statement into the record as follows:

"During the last month, communities all over our country have experienced a deeply disturbing up-tick in acts of hateful vandalism, harassment, and even violence, acts committed against one another with targets and victims selected by race, ethnicity, religion, and sexual or gender identity. Meanwhile, just yesterday, we as a nation commemorated the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Counterintuitive as it might seem, these are connected in my perception. On the morning of December 7, 1941, America was a nation still healing from the all-too-fresh wounds of the Great Depression and very deeply divided on what should be the nation's role in the world in the face of increasing hostility and conquest on the part of the Axis powers. By the night of December 7, that issue was settled, and those divisions were cauterized shut by the hellacious fires of the attack that ended the lives of 2,403 Americans and maimed 1,178 others.

I am tremendously proud of and inspired by the vast numbers of Americans who rose up together in so many kinds of service and sacrifice and, in honor of the fallen and in defense of this nation, faced and defeated the aggression of an unprecedented evil, truly earning the name "the Greatest Generation." I am proud of my father, who despite turning only 17 two days before Pearl Harbor stepped up to join so many of his fellow Americans in fighting for his country. (On a side note, happy 92nd birthday to Dr. Morton Spiegelman)

And now that we're in our own time of uncertainty and division, I am proud of Abington Township, as diverse a community as any in America, where we might not always agree on everything, but where we respect and look out for each other. I am proud that we are a "No Place for Hate" community; that our residents are defended by our Nondiscrimination Ordinance and the great work of our Human Relations Commission; and that our rights and personal safety are protected by our exceptional Abington Police Department. I am as proud as ever to live in a community where EVERYONE is welcome and respected, valued and protected. I know from the deepest place in my heart that with insight, perspective, humility, and lots of American hard work, our country will emerge from this troubled and uncertain time stronger, wiser, and even more united than ever before. And I know that throughout, communities like Abington Township will set the best example and lead the way home for our fellow Americans."

Commissioner Sanchez commented that due to the success of the recent turkey food drive; he, along with friends and colleagues, will be hosting another holiday gift and food drive that will take place on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 10-2 p.m. at Rydal Park, 1515 The Fairway in Jenkintown. Also, he wished everyone a "Happy Holiday:"

Commissioner Rothman invited everyone to join him and Commissioner DiPlacido to attend the McKinley Holiday Party that will be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the McKinley Fire House from 4-6 p.m. that will include a visit from Santa. He wished everyone a "Happy Holiday, and thanked the community for this opportunity to serve and he looks forward to working with his fellow Board members moving forward.

Commissioner Myers commented that the Roslyn Holiday Block Party was a huge success and her part in it was "Deck the Dogs." We had seven dogs entered, and she gave a big "Thank You" to our MC, Commissioner John Spiegleman, who did a fabulous job. It was a terrific time and our judges made very good decisions.

Commissioner Schreiber commented in regards to the Township's Human Relations Commission; other communities have reached out to the Township asking about our nondiscrimination ordinance and how to form a Human Relations Commission. So once again, Abington is a model and at the forefront and it was a very important thing that was done.

Also, the Roslyn Holiday Party was fabulous and "Deck the Dogs" was the highlight and she thanked everyone involved with that event.

There is a program held at the Montgomery County Community College, which is a two-credit class for those who are in mental health or substance abuse recovery and 27 people graduated tonight.

The holidays can be a very hard time for people, and if you know anyone who is struggling with mental health or substance abuse issues, to please be supportive and let them know about this program. She wished everyone a "Happy Holiday."

Commissioner Bowman congratulated Abington's own, Josh Shapiro on winning the election as Attorney General and wished him the best of luck. Also, he wished everyone "Merry Christmas."

Commissioner DiPlacido commented that also at the McKinley Holiday Party will be the fire truck rides and we are also collecting unwrapped toys and clothes for children ages 5-12. Also, it is the holiday season, and he always drives like his kids live here.

Commissioner Farren commented that today is one year since Allie Turner's accident and he is wearing the "Just Fight" tie, and he thanked those who helped the Turner family and their foundation. He is happy that the Turner family is together especially this time of year. Also, he wished everyone a "Happy Holiday."

President Luker interrupted the "Remarks of Commissioners" portion of the meeting for presentation of check from Multimodal Fund Grant Program.

State Representative Madeleine Dean and Senator Arthur Haywood presented a check from the Multimodal Fund Grant Program for improvements to the intersection of Old York and Susquehanna Roads to President Luker and Commissioner Spiegelman on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

Also, State Representative Madeleine Dean announced that Abington Township also earned a \$900,000 Phase II Grant for this very same intersection.

Commissioner Gillespie commented that Keswick Village event this past Friday night was a success with many people in attendance, and she appreciates the efforts of those who were involved. Also, she wished everyone "Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday."

Commissioner Hecker announced there is a free electronic recycling event that will take place at the Montgomery County Community College on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 9-2 p.m. Also, he wished everyone a "Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season."

Commissioner Kalinoski commented there is a blood drive on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the North Penn VFW. Also, he wished everyone a "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

President Luker wished everyone a "Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday."

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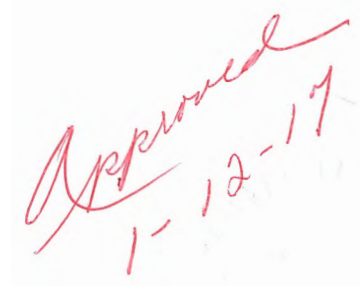
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**ADJOURNMENT:** 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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