

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 in 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
Township Tax Collector BLUMENTHAL
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Chief of Police KELLY
Deputy Chief LIVINGOOD
Finance Director BARRON
Township Engineer POWERS
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

ANNOUNCEMENT

President Luker announced that 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.

President Luker read Resolution No. 17-006 – Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service into the record.

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

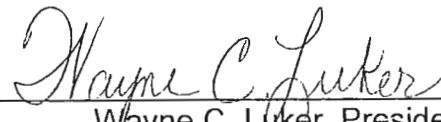
WHEREAS, many people look to the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. as a source of inspiration for promoting harmony, cooperation and understanding; and

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

PRESENTATION of Commendation to Retiree Lieutenant Michael Gallagher:

Chief Kelly said Lt. Mike Gallagher began his career in Abington on April 29, 1991 and will be retiring from our police department after 26 years of dedicated service to the Abington Township community. Mike was assigned to the Patrol Division where he served as a Field Training Officer; a Baton and Rifle Instructor; an Evidence Technician and was a member of our award-winning Tactical Team and Bicycle Patrol.

Mike then served as a Detective from 1999 to 2002 and then promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He served as a Patrol Sergeant first and then as Detective Sergeant and spent five and a half years running our Special Investigations Unit performing undercover investigations and then spent the last six months as a Line Detective Sergeant.

He was promoted to Lieutenant in 2011 where he served as Patrol Lieutenant and Commander of the Commendation Review Board and Field Training Officers and Mike was also our Accreditation Manager including the International Accreditation thru CALEA.

During Mike's career, he has received 25 letters of Commendation and he is leaving the department as he was just sworn in as the Chief of Police of Buckingham Township Police Department.

Commissioner Schreiber presented Certificate of Commendation to retiree Lieutenant Michael Gallagher to acknowledge with sincere appreciation his 26 years of dedicated service to the citizens of Abington Township from April, 1991 thru January, 2017 on this 12th day of January, 2017.

SWEARING-IN OF NEW OFFICERS by District Justice John Kessler:

Chief Kelly introduced our newest recruits Officer Jordan Jones and Officer Michael Jones to the Board.

District Justice John Kessler administered the Oath of Office to Officer Jordan Jones on this 12th day of January, 2017.

District Justice John Kessler administered the Oath of Office to Officer Michael Jones on this 12th day of January, 2017.

SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT:

President Luker called on Chief Kelly.

Chief Kelly said 31 years ago, almost to the day, he sat at this desk and attended his first Abington Township Board of Commissioners' meeting. We have plans for an orderly transition in our police department, which is our succession planning that we have been working on for five years. His retirement has been planned out and he was going to be here until the end of March at which time Deputy Chief John Livingood has already been appointed by the Board of Commissioners to takeover as Chief.

On Tuesday, he received a call from Josh Shapiro, who will become Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania next Monday, and asked him to take on the job as Chief of Criminal Investigations. That position oversees 300 agents across the State that performs criminal investigations and it was difficult to say "no," because in addition to loving Abington, he loves his profession and law enforcement.

He agreed to take on that position and that will be next Tuesday, so this will be his last official Board of Commissioners meeting as Chief of Police. He will be sworn in next Tuesday as Chief of Criminal Investigation for the State.

He said to all of the members of Police Department and to all members of the Board of Commissioners and the great people of our community, "Thank you very much for this great opportunity."

President Luker recessed the meeting at 7:51 p.m. until 7:52 p.m.

APPOINTMENT:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to appoint John Livingood as Chief of Police effective February 1, 2017.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of December 8, 2016.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners 2017 Final Budget Meeting of December 15, 2016.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

APPOINTMENT – TOWNSHIP ENGINEER:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to appoint Mr. Michael Powers as Township Engineer for calendar year 2017.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE VOLUNTEER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

Commissioner Markman questioned whether there are two nominees for the Industrial Development Authority, and whether the IDA currently has a quorum.

Manager LeFevre replied there are two current vacancies and one reappointment on the IDA. Tonight, we are reappointing one member and the two vacancies will be filled at the Board meeting in February, and the IDA does have a quorum.

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to make the following reappointments to Township's Volunteer Citizen Boards and Commissions ending December 31, 2016:

Richard Teitell, Esquire as Civil Service Commission Solicitor for one-year term.

By Resolution No. 17-008 – D. Gregory Holt as Vacancy Chairman for one-year term.

Hearing Officer – Act 511 Tax Appeals – One Year Term – Pending.

Ronald Rosen, Glenn Cooper and Lucy Strackhouse as members of the Planning Commission each for a four-year term.

Susan Myerov, Jim Webb and Karin McGarry-Rosen as members of the Environmental Advisory Council each for a three-year term.

Garrett Page, Theresa Deckebach, Brian Mays and Elaine Shay as members of the Library Board of Trustees each for a three-year term.

Bruce Toll as member of the Industrial Development Authority for five-year term.

Civil Service Commission – 5 Years – None.

David Rondinelli as member of the Human Relations Commission for a three-year term.

John Walko – Red Light Camera Hearing Officer for a one-year term.

By Resolution No. 17-009 – John DiPrimio as member of the Zoning Hearing Board for five-year term.

Shade Tree Commission – 5 Years – None.

Doug Callantine, Chris Lionetti, Wendy Klinghoffer, and James Marshall as members of the Economic Development Committee each for a three-year term

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-008

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

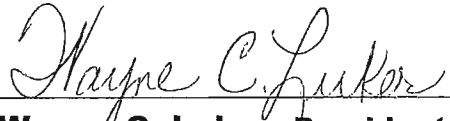
WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code prescribes that a registered elector of the Township shall act as Chairman of the Vacancy Board, which Board shall consist of the members of the Board of Commissioners; and

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, 2021.

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, 2021.

ADOPTED this 12th day of January, 2017.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

President Luker called on Commissioner Kalinoski.

Commissioner Kalinoski introduced Nicole Schuler, a new business owner in Ward 6.

Ms. Nicole Schuler announced that her new flower shop is called, "Flowers By Nicole" located at 2879 Limekiln Pike, Glenside, and it opened on January 1, 2017.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

CMAQ Grant Application

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Schreiber clarified that this will coordinate the corridors to improve traffic backups. Is that correct?

Mr. Micciolo replied that is correct. It will be coordinated from Cheltenham Township border up to the Mall area and the grant includes everything needed to get the signal equipment up to current standards.

Manager LeFevre commented that since no committee meetings were held this month, we will take public comment on each agenda item.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Engineering and Design Services for Easton Road CMAQ Grant Project

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Farren asked for the quotes from other engineering firms.

Mr. Micciolo replied RFP's were sent out to three engineering firms and McMahon Associates was the lowest bidder. The second lowest bidder was Traffic Planning & Design, Inc. McMahon is very familiar with Easton Road corridor as they have done work for the State previously, and they came in the lowest because they have already done preliminary work.

Commissioner Kline questioned whether the amount listed will be part of Township's match and what account will the funds come from?

Mr. Micciolo replied the match will be for engineering inspection and some construction work and the match will be taken from Permanent Improvement Fund.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

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

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski 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 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Boardroom of the Abington Township Administration Building, located at 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA., 19001.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Markman clarified that the license is just to sell beer and wine. Is that correct?

Commissioner Spiegelman replied yes, not liquor.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

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

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2132

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 – “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,”
ARTICLE III – “PARKING REGULATIONS”
SECTION 28 – “SPECIAL PURPOSE PARKING ZONES”**

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 III – “Parking Regulations,” Section 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones” 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 III, “Parking Regulations,” Section 28 – Special Purpose Parking Zones” shall be amended to repeal the following restriction:


Name of Highway	Authorized Purpose of Vehicle	Location
Penn Avenue [Added 10-10-2013 by Ord. No. 2058]	Handicapped Parking	in front of 943 Penn 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 12th day of January, 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:


Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: 
Wayne Luker, President

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

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski 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.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

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

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman 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.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked if this grant could also be used to make sure that all fire personnel are licensed.

Manager LeFevre replied the grant is for recruitment and retention only. Staff will research that going forward.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

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

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski 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.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Township of Abington
Montgomery County, Pennsylvania

Ordinance No. 2133

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2029, KNOWN AS THE ABINGTON TOWNSHIP HUMAN RELATIONS ORDINANCE. AND SPECIFICALLY THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION BY EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS FROM FIVE (5) TO SEVEN (7).

The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington does hereby **Enact** and **Ordain** as follows:

Section 1. Establishment of Human Relations Commission. Chapter 99 titled Human Relations of the Code of the Township of Abington shall be amended by revising the language of subsection 99-6(B) to be and read as follows:


99-6(B) – The Abington Township Human Relations Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, who shall be appointed to terms of three years by the Board. The terms of the members of the commission shall be staggered, such that the terms of 1/3 of the members of the commission shall expire each year. All members of the Commission shall be residents or business owners of the Township of Abington and serve without compensation.

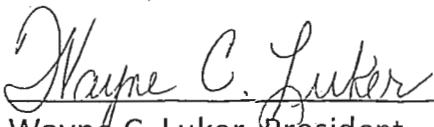
Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective as of the date of adoption and enactment by the Board of commissioners of Abington Township.

Enacted and Ordained this 12th day of January, 2017.

Township of Abington
Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: 
Wayne C. Luker, President

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

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Gillespie questioned whether fines are actually imposed.

Manager LeFevre replied he believes there has been on occasion and the fine has not been changed in 20 years. It is capped at \$20, which does not serve as a deterrent. It is cheaper to pay the fine than pay someone to shovel the sidewalk. By increasing the fine up to a maximum \$1,000 particularly for some of the commercial establishments, it will be more of a deterrent for those to cooperate in the future.

Commissioner Gillespie asked who imposes the fines?

Chief Kelly replied those who do parking enforcement also do snow removal enforcement and fines have been issued.

Commissioner Hecker clarified that this applies to both commercial and residential properties. Is that correct? Also, what is the discretion of the officer to determine how the fine would be levied?

Manager LeFevre replied that is correct. When a citation is issued, there is a minimum fine initially unless it is a repeat offender. If it is appealed to District Court, it would be up to the District Justice to make final decision.

Commissioner Schreiber asked is it illegal to leave snow on top of your vehicle and would the driver be pulled over and fined for it?

Chief Kelly replied it is not illegal to leave snow on top of the vehicle, but it is illegal to have vision impaired, so that is the judgment call the officer needs to make. Also, if there is a significant amount of snow flying off of the vehicle then the driver could be stopped and cited in both instances.

Commissioner Kalinoski clarified that this ordinance would be complaint-driven and a warning would be issued prior to any fine imposed. Is that correct?

Chief Kelly replied yes. We are not looking to fine our citizens, but we are looking for compliance with the law, so children can walk to school without having to walk in the street, etc.

Commissioner Gillespie asked is a notice placed in the door?

Chief Kelly replied yes.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-1. Commissioner Farren opposed.

Agreement of Sale – Old York Road/Susquehanna Road Project

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Spiegelman noted these agreements were carefully crafted by a member of Township Solicitor's office; a member of the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority as well as Township Manager LeFevre and Assistant Township Manager Wehmeyer.

Commissioner Kline asked is the total offer of \$940,000 for these properties in line with original budget?

Commissioner Spiegelman replied yes.

Commissioner Bowman clarified that the Township will make offers on those properties in accordance with the appraisals. Is that correct?

Manager LeFevre replied that is correct.

Commissioner Bowman asked if the property owners do not agree will the properties be taken by eminent domain or what is the plan for that?

Manager LeFevre replied that determination will be made if that issue arises; however, at this point, the only offers that will be made to the property owners are appraised value.

Commissioner Spiegelman noted that any changes will be brought before the full Board.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Economic Development Business District Landscape Maintenance Bid

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone 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.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, said she is opposed, and requested that pesticides are not used on trees.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

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

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski 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.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-010

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA FOR A MULTIMODAL
TRANSPORTATION FUND PROGRAM FOR THE
EASTON ROAD STREETScape**

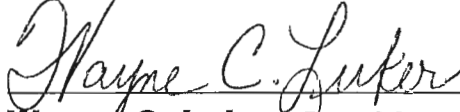
Be it RESOLVED, that Abington Township of Montgomery County hereby requests a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$253,000.00 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to be used for the Easton Road Streetscape Enhancements.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate the appropriate Township official to execute all documents and agreements between Abington Township and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Michael LeFevre, duly qualified Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township, Montgomery County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held January 12, 2017 and said Resolution No. 17-010 has been recorded in the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of Abington Township, this 12th day of January, 2017.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

Repair of Main Electrical Trunk Line into Penbryn Pool

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski 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.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Reject All Mowing Bids and Re-advertise Mowing Contract

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to reject all bids received for the Mowing of Township facilities for the years of 2017, 2018 and 2019 and to approve the re-advertising of the mowing contract.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Hecker asked for the reasons why all bids are proposed to be rejected and what the expectations are moving forward.

Mr. Wendell replied all bids were opened publicly in the boardroom, and at that time, it was noted that one of the bidders did not include a non-collusion affidavit. So he contacted Township Solicitor who indicated that the fact that it was not included in the bid packet, the Township should reject all bids and start over again.

When bids were open, two of the three bidders increased their lump sum total by about 30%, so by starting over again, we hope to get better quotes.

Commissioner Hecker questioned whether it is expected that the same three companies will re-bid.

Mr. Wendell replied two of the bidders are here this evening and would like to speak about it. Both contractors had this contract in various forms over the last nine years and he has always been happy with their work. The low bidder was a first-timer this year and works for many municipalities. If bids are rejected, he would like both contractors here this evening to re-bid.

Commissioner Kalinoski asked has it always been a three-year contract?

Mr. Wendell replied three year contracts provides larger companies an opportunity to plan their schedule and it is also to get better pricing.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Paul Martin, M & M Lawn Care, Churchville, PA., said he has been a landscaping contractor for Abington Township for about 12 years. He was low bidder for Zone 3 and Zone 4 and his price three years ago for Zone 4 was \$11,800 and now it is \$12,150, which is a 2.5% increase. For Zone 3, his price was \$30,000 in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and now it is \$22,000, which is a negative -40%. The reason was that many parks were shifted to Zones 1 and 2.

He has proved himself over 15 years and he feels it is a “stab in the back” if this is re-bid because a third bidder did not comply with the rules. A non-collusion affidavit was supposed to be included in the bid package and he, along with another contractor realized that it was not included and called the Township and then it was emailed to us in which we had signed and notarized. The third bidder did not do that and that is part of the responsibility of the contractor. He asked for the contract to be awarded to him for Zone 3 and Zone 4 and re-bid for Zones 1 and 2, so he was opposed to the motion.

Commissioner Farren asked if the non-collusion affidavit was not included, does that negate those bids.

Mr. Wendell replied no. The contract states that certain documents need to be supplied when making the bid. If the documents are not included, the bidder is responsible to call the Township. Although two contractors called for it, one did not, so that contractor did not receive it.

Commissioner Kline asked Township Solicitor to explain further the advice given on this matter.

Solicitor Clarke replied when one bidder contacts the municipality about the non-collusion affidavit not being included in the bid packet, the Township is not able to just award it to the one person who called. The Township is required by law to issue an addendum to all entities that picked up the bid packet, so everyone is on the same competitive ground.

Since it was not issued to the third bidder, they were at a competitive disadvantage. The bid specs were clear that oral clarifications are not binding, so the Township had to issue an addendum and an addendum was not issued on a non-collusion affidavit for the low bidder, so therefore, if the low bidder was disqualified for that reason, they could sue the Township. The motion before the Board is the only option.

Commissioner Farren suggested revising the way bid specs are written going forward.

Mr. Wendell replied he will review bid documents with Township Solicitor so this issue does not reoccur.

Lou Biase, Biase Landscaping, Telford and Glenside, PA., questioned whether there will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting.

Mr. Wendell replied no.

Paul Ferruzzi, M & M Lawn Care, commented that the bid spec says "if the non-collusion affidavit is not there, call for it," and this contractor failed to do that and he does not understand why he would have the right to sue. Also, in all fairness, a pre-bid meeting should be mandatory so we would have the right to see who is there.

Solicitor Clarke replied because the law requires that when one bidder is given something, it has to be given to all bidders.

Mr. Wendell agreed to have another pre-bid meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 13-2. Commissioners Gillespie and DiPlacido opposed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal reported that monies received from various departments deposited into Republic Bank for the month of December 2016 was in the amount of \$1,528,019 as compared to last year in the amount of \$2,048,407 representing a decrease in the amount of (\$520,388). YTD was \$61,723,829 as compared to last year in the amount of \$58,170,934 representing an increase in the amount of \$3,552,895.

Real estate taxes collected for December 2016 were in the amount of \$221,361; YTD \$26,026,273 leaving a balance to be collected in the amount of \$736,909 representing an increase over last year in the amount of \$24,113.

Also, on January 10th, he took the lien list to Norristown closing out 2016. New tax bills will be mailed during the first week of February.

Investments:

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

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the November expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in that 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.

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 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.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments. 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 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.

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Resolution No. 17-001 – Investment of Township Funds

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker 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.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Hecker asked for further explanation on this item.

Finance Director Barron replied under First Class Township Code this standard resolution needs to be approved every year.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.


RESOLUTION NO. 17-001
INVESTMENT OF TOWNSHIP FUNDS

WHEREAS, Abington Township invests its funds in various financial institutions utilizing financial instruments permitted by state law; and

WHEREAS, the finance director on a daily basis monitors these investments and acts on behalf of the Township.


NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that on this 12th day of January, 2017, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington does hereby authorize the finance director and his/her designate to invest Township funds in any and all instruments and with any and all institutions as so listed and in accordance with Section 1705.1 of the First Class Township Code.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON



Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

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

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to adopt Resolution No. 17-002 – authorizing the disposition of certain Finance Office records as set forth in Exhibit “A.”

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 17-002

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
ABINGTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE
DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN FINANCE OFFICE RECORDS**

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution No.11-009, adopted March 10, 2011, the Township of Abington declared its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008, and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968 each individual act of disposition shall be approved by resolution of the governing body of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 12th day of January, 2017, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above-cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the public records as set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto.

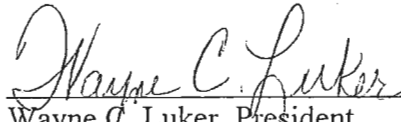
Attest:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

By:



Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION NO. 17-002 (continued)

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EXHIBIT "A"

**DISPOSITION OF FINANCE OFFICE RECORDS
AS LISTED BELOW:**

2009 Payroll Records –

- Retain 7 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008)

Reference:

- PL-1 Cancelled payroll checks
- PL-2 Employee payroll adjustment records
- PL-4 Payroll deduction authorizations
- PL-5 Payroll earnings and deductions registers
- PL-6 Payroll voucher (check) registers
- PL-11 Quarterly returns of withholding of Federal Income Tax
- PL-12 Quarterly statements of state and local taxes withheld
- PL-13 Social Security reports
- PL-14 Time cards and attendance records
- PL-15 Unemployment compensation records
- PL-16 Wages and tax statements (W-2 forms)
- PL-17 Withholding allowance certificates (W-4 forms)

2009 Cash Receipts –

- Retain 7 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference FN-25; Voucher Files)

2009 Canceled Checks –

- Retain 7 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference FN-10; Financial and Purchasing – 2)

2009 Liquid Fuels Reports and Work Papers –

- Retain 7 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference AL-20; Liquid Fuel Tax Records)

2012 1099's –

- Retain 4 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference PL-18 1099 Forms – Employer's copy of U. S. Information Return for Calendar Year; Payroll Records – 4)

2009 Accounts Payable Records –

- Retain 7 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference FN-2; Financial and Purchasing – 1)

2009 and prior Bank Statements and Reconciliations –

- Retain 7 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference FN-9; Financial and Purchasing – 2)

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2009 Public Utility and Realty Tax Reports –

- Retain 7 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference TA-10; Tax Collection and Assessment Records – 2)

2009 Recorder of Deeds of Montgomery County Local Transfer Tax Collection Report –

- Retain 7 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference TA-13; Tax Collection and Assessment Records – 2)

2009 and Prior - Receipt and Distribution of Foreign Fire Insurance Premium Tax Form (verification of receipt and distribution of funds from taxes paid by foreign fire insurance companies [Act 205 of 1984] to our five Volunteer Firefighters' Relief Associations) –

- Retain 7 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference FN-1; Account distribution summaries (Treasurer's Report); As directed by Susan T. Hartman, Archivist, PA Historical and Museum Commission

2009 and Prior - Budget Work Papers –

- Retain 7 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference FN-5; Annual budgets and related records)

2012 and Prior - Audit Work Papers –

- Retain current plus three prior audit cycles (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference FN-7; Audit work papers)

2009 and prior Commissions for Treasurer Act 511 Tax Reports –

- Retain 7 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference TA-13; Tax Collection and Assessment Records – 2)

1995 Act 205 Reporting Forms – Pension Plan Data Sheets – Submitted to Pennsylvania Public Employee Retirement Commission

- Retain 10 years – forms as done every two years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference PL-8; Payroll Records – 2)

2009 and Prior Excess Workers' Compensation Quarterly Loss Run Reports –

- Not specifically categorized; Based on judgment

2005 and Prior Public Meeting/Hearing Notices and Proof of Publications

- Retain 10 years –(as stated in Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 – reference AL-35; Administrative and Legal – 8)

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

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt Resolution No. 17-003, authorizing the disposition of certain Tax Office records as set forth in Exhibit “A.”

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 17-003

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
ABINGTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE
DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN TAX OFFICE RECORDS**

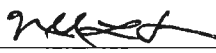
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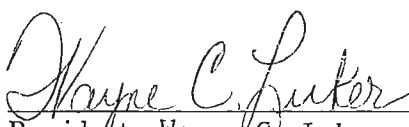
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 12th day of January, 2017, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above-cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the public records as set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Attest:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: 

President, Wayne C. Luker
Board of Commissioners

RESOLUTION NO. 17-003 (continued)

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EXHIBIT "A"

**DISPOSITION OF TAX OFFICE RECORDS
AS LISTED BELOW:**

Tax Office Records:

2014 and prior – Certificate for Taxes Paid on Real Estate

- ❖ Retain 2 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual – reference TA-2; Tax Collection and Assessment Records)

2014 and prior – Change of Address Records

- ❖ Retain 2 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual – reference TA-3; Tax Collection and Assessment Records)

2009 and prior – Mercantile/Business Privilege Tax Returns

2009 and prior – Local Services Tax payments

2009 and prior – Real Estate / School Tax Ledgers and Records

- ❖ Retain 7 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual – reference TA-6; Tax Collection and Assessment Records)

2014 and prior – Tax Bills and Paid Receipt

- ❖ Retain 2 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual – reference TA -12; Tax Collection and Assessment Records)

2009 and prior – Tax Collector’s Monthly Report to Taxing Districts

- ❖ Retain 7 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual – reference TA -13; Tax Collection and Assessment Records)

2011 and prior – Change of Assessment Notices

- ❖ Retain 5 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual – reference TA-20; Tax Collection and Assessment Records)

2013 and prior – Account Distribution Summaries (Treasurer’s Report)

- ❖ Retain 3 years (as stated in Municipal Records Manual – reference FN-1; Financial and Purchasing Records)

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

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Resolution No. 17-005 setting the compensation for the office of Abington Township Tax Collector for the period 2018-2021 as follows:

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

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that she feels that she did not receive figures from the Tax Office of what the Tax Collector earns.

Mr. Blumenthal replied that it has been explained numerous times.

Manager LeFevre added that he and Mr. Blumenthal have met with the speaker to try and explain how compensation is received; however, her issue is that she asked for an extensive worksheet to be prepared for her and that will not be done.

Mr. Blumenthal continued that there is an audit of the Tax Office every year and the figures are in that audit.

Mr. Barron commented that by law, as a First Class Township, this resolution needs to be passed for whoever may be the next Tax Collector. Also, Mr. Blumenthal is paid to collect Business, Mercantile and LST Taxes based on percentages approved by the Township.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

President Luker called on Township Manager Michael LeFevre.

Township Manager Michael LeFevre announced that last month, he informed the Board of Commissioners his intent to leave his position as Township Manager in the spring of this year. He appreciates the opportunity to express that publicly this evening. Although, he does not have a specific date for his separation, he expects it will occur some time in April to allow for sufficient time to go through the selection and recruitment of the next municipal manager.

In regards to the date, he assured that he will make every effort on his part to insure that transition is seamless. Everyone in this room recognizes what a wonderful community Abington is and he appreciates the opportunity to serve these past six years. We are blessed with some engaged citizens, outstanding employees who take pride in their performance and excellent elected officials. He is pleased that he played a small part in some of the improvements made these past few years and he has no doubt the Board will continue to excel in the future.

Again, he appreciates the opportunity and wished everyone “the best in the future.”

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Raymond Bell, 2076 Parkview Avenue, expressed his sincere appreciation to the Township Manager, who has answered every question directed to him, and he not only appreciates Manager LeFevre’s dedication to this Township, but his friendship for him professionally and personally, and he wished Michael “all the success in the world.”

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that she feels that she does not get information.

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Bowman wished “Good Luck” to Chief Kelly in his new endeavors in Harrisburg as well as to our new incoming Chief, Chief Livingood.

Commissioner DiPlacido congratulated Chief Kelly.

Also, registration for East Abington Little League Baseball is now open online at www.eastabingtonll.org or register in-person at the McKinley Fire House on Saturday, January 21st from 12-3 p.m.

And, “please, drive like your kids live here.”

Commissioner Farren thanked Chief Kelly and Manager LeFevre as they will always be the First Chief and the First Manager, and for setting the level of professionalism, respect and thoroughness that has been done during his time here. It will be a high bar to set and is something he will be expecting from incoming Chief Livingood and the new manager.

Commissioner Gillespie congratulated Chief Kelly and new Chief Livingood. We will miss Chief Kelly as she has known him for a long time. Manager LeFevre will also be missed.

Commissioner Hecker echoed those same sentiments. Chief Kelly's comments were heartfelt and his commitment and dedication to the community has shown through in many ways. He is grateful to Chief Kelly and all members of the department for the assistance they provide to everyone and in particular to the Board members. Chief Kelly makes it easy for us to do our jobs in difficult circumstances and we are grateful.

An example of that is the beginning of a long journey on Edge Hill Road as there have been concerns and complaints about the Edge Hill Road Bridge being reconstructed. Officer Freed and the other officers have been doing additional patrols and have been reassuring residents, and he appreciates their openness about where the trouble spots are located. It is a necessary project, but will be a disruptive one during the course of the work.

Tonight's recognition of a local business owner before the Board of Commissioners and community was an interesting idea, and moving forward, we should think about ways to do this on a regular basis spotlighting residents who are trying to help local economy.

Commissioner Kalinoski thanked Chief Kelly as he left a great succession behind and wished him "all the luck in the world." Also, he knows Michael Gallagher will succeed wherever he goes. The two new officers were able to see the great generations of people in Abington. To Manager LeFevre: "we are not done working together and he will be thanked much more before leaving."

Also, he thanked the officers and those who helped him with the issues at 7-Eleven.

There will be a memorial service for Grace Packer on Monday at New Life Church at 1:30 p.m. and then at 3:30 p.m. the community is invited to the North Penn VFW for light refreshments.

Vice President Kline thanked Township staff along with those who have been involved with obtaining the TAP Grant in the amount of \$450,000 for the implementation of the Master Bike Plan and a special thanks to Secretary of Department of Transportation, Leslie Richards as her recommendation and support helped in getting that grant.

Also, the rewrite of the zoning ordinance will be coming back before the Board of Commissioners sometime in February. There will be a date for revisions to the last draft to be presented to the Planning Commission, and in a short timeframe, several dates of potential meetings before the Board of Commissioners will be circulated to the Board for sometime in March on a separate night to review revisions that were implemented from recommendations made by the Township's Planning Commission and approved by the Board of Commissioners. He asked the Board to look for incoming emails and that will be handled by Manager LeFevre.

Commissioner Zappone congratulated Chief Kelly and wished “Good Luck” to Manager Michael LeFevre, and thanked them both for their service.

Commissioner Spiegelman thanked the entire police department for their ongoing assistance in regards to the Edge Hill Road Bridge project and asked for kindness to be given to the neighbors in that area since it will be tough for everyone.

He welcomed new Officer Jordan Jones and new Officer Michael Jones.

Chief Kelly, Lt. Gallagher, Chief Livingood and Manager LeFevre are gentlemen. They are men of class and have a tremendous amount of integrity and sense of service. The fact that Buckingham Township will gain an amazing chief in Mike Gallagher is a testament to the incredible leadership that has developed within the Command Staff of the Abington Police Department and a testament to Chief Kelly.

Chief Kelly has been very good to him and patient and very good to residents of Ward 11, and he thanked him for taking a personal touch for helping out in every situation.

Congratulations to the understated promotion of a soft-spoken true gentleman, Chief John Livingood, and John has as much integrity as any person he has known and there is not a sole in this world better to become the new Chief of Police.

To Manager LeFevre: “I have probably bothered you as much as any Commissioner ever has and that includes back when you were in Springfield and you have always been extremely patient and extremely kind to me. Thank you for your service and thank you for your class!”

Also, he thanked Commissioner Kalinoski for mentioning Grace Packer and her memorial service and he wished Grace to, “Rest in Peace.”

Commissioner Sanchez congratulated Chief Kelly and Chief Livingood. He thanked Manager LeFevre for his dedicated service over the years and he is a “class act.”

Commissioner Rothman wished Chief Kelly “all the best” and it is good to have Chief Livingood onboard.

Also, he thanked Manager LeFevre and wished everyone a “Happy New Year.”

Commissioner Myers congratulated Chief Kelly and said to him, “I am not one bit happy about your news. To Manager Michael LeFevre: “I am not one bit happy about your news either.”

Commissioner Markman congratulated Chief Kelly and wished him “Good Luck!” This will be the least relaxing retirement in the history of retirement. He is excited to work with Chief Livingood. Manager LeFevre is a well-known and well-respected manager in the region and he thanked him and wished him “Good Luck!”

Commissioner Schreiber congratulated the new officers and Lt. Gallagher on his new position.

She congratulated Chief Livingood and she will not say goodbye to Manager LeFevre yet as we will stretch that one out.

To Chief Kelly: her partner traveling to Norristown as co-Chairs working on the Opioid Task Force on a regular basis, and we got to know each other a lot better. She remembers what he told her about retirement and this was not what he told her; however, it will be a wonderful opportunity. She wished him “Good Luck!”

Also, in regards to the Opioid Task Force, there is an event to be held at the Abington Art Center, which is a “Blessing Bag,” which is to fill bags for people who are struggling with opioid addiction. There is a group called, “Angels in Motion” whose mission has become filling these bags doing wonderful work and looking for help. The event will be held on Monday, January 16th at 11 a.m.

Mr. Blumenthal commented that new business owners’ register with the Tax Office and we would be more than happy to share that with the various ward Commissioners who may want to bring it before the full Board of Commissioners.

Chief Kelly commented that over the years, we have seen a decline in the interest of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday celebration and he reminded everyone that Monday is that celebration at Abington High School.

He does not know if there has ever been a time in recent times when the message of nonviolence and working together is a more important one, and he hopes we will have a nice turnout. Also, soon-to-be Attorney General, Josh Shapiro will be there to recognize the good work being done in Abington Township.

Also, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration event, Valerie Ward, President of the Willow Grove NAACP, himself and Chief Livingood and Lt. Molloy will sign a formalized written agreement, which is an agreement between Abington Police Department, the community and the NAACP, agreeing to work together on certain key principals that are of mutual interest to both organizations and for the betterment of our community.

President Luker announced that two of the recipients that will be honored at the Martin Luther King, Jr. event are Chief Kelly and Chief Livingood, and Chief Livingood will be receiving a special recognition award. Chief Kelly has been blessed with one of the best “supporting actors” at his side for over 30 years. It is only fitting that they both will be honored at that momentous occasion.

To Manager Michael LeFevre: “It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with you for the last seven years. One of the things he has come to appreciate is the chemistry that Manager LeFevre has with Finance Director Kevin Barron, and prior to Kevin, Susan Matiza. Michael’s financial wizardry working with numbers and the budget is a compliment to your intelligence and you are a gentleman.”

Also, he invited everyone to attend the Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration event.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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*Approved
February 9, 2017*