

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 9, 2017
7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL ZAPPONE, SPIEGELMAN, SANCHEZ, ROTHMAN, MYERS,
MARKMAN, SCHREIBER, BOWMAN, DiPLACIDO, FARREN,
GILLESPIE, HECKER, KALINOSKI, KLINE, LUKER**

**Township Manager LEFEVRE
Assistant Manager WEHMEYER
Township Tax Collector BLUMENTHAL
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Chief of Police LIVINGOOD
Finance Director BARRON
Township Engineer POWERS
Director of Code Enforcement MATTEO
Director of Parks & Recreation WENDELL
Director of Public Works MICCIOLO
Director of W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY
Fire Marshal CLARK
Community Development Director STROTHER**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**SWEARING IN of two new Sergeants by District Justice John D. Kessler:
Sergeant Roger Gillispie
Sergeant Drew Kent
Call on Chief Livingood**

**PRESENTATION TO Former Chief Kelly
Call on Chief Livingood**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Meeting of February 9, 2017.**

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

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

(2) PUBLIC WORKS

PW1. Bid Award for 2017/2018 Consortium Sign Bid

Motion to accept the lowest responsible bids and enter into contracts with the following companies for the purchase of materials as shown:

Chemung Supply Corp. **Sign Posts Material Portion** – *Items #1 thru #6, #8 thru #15 and Item #26.*

Garden State Hwy Prods. *Item #7 and Items #16 thru Item #25.*

Garden State Hwy Prods. **Aluminum Blanks Material Portion** – *Complete.*

Garden State Hwy Prods. **Reflective Roll Goods - Type III Material Portion** – *Complete.*

Garden State Hwy Prods. **Reflective Sheeting and Sign Faces – Finished Signs - Type III Material Portion** – *Complete.*

Garden State Hwy Prods. **Reflective Sheeting and Sign Faces - Type III Material Portion** – *Complete.*

Ennis Paint Inc. **Hot Tape Pavement Markings Portion** – *Complete.*

Garden State Hwy Prods. **Miscellaneous Items Portion** – *Complete.*

PW2. Inter Municipal Contract with Cheltenham Township

Motion to have the proper officials enter into an Inter Municipal agreement with Cheltenham Township for maintenance on eight (8) traffic signals that are shared intersections with Abington Township.

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

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

CE1. Subdivision SD-17-01 – Nancy Posel – 1060 Mill Road Circle, Rydal, PA

Motion to approve the subdivision application of Nancy Posel, owner of property located at 1060 Mill Road Circle, Abington Township. The applicant proposes to subdivide the existing property of 4.26 acres into two parcels. Lot No. 1 will consist of 1.71 acres in size and is proposed to be deeded to the Township of Abington as passive deed restricted open space. Lot No. 2 is proposed to be 2.55 acres in lot area and will contain the existing single-family dwelling, swimming pool and tennis court. No additional development is proposed to either of the two proposed lots. The property is zoned within the R-1 Residential District in Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington

This motion is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The Deed restriction and easement agreement language is required to be submitted and approved by the Board of Commissioners prior to the recording of the final plan.**
- 2. The items listed within the Staff Review letter dated February 13, 2017 are to be taken under consideration by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington.**

This motion is subject to the following waivers:

- 1. Waiver from Section 146-11.A – Property Identification Plan – this plan is required to supply the tax parcel information, owner’s name and lot area for all properties within 400 feet of the site involved in this application. Staff supports this waiver.**
- 2. Waiver from Section 146-11.B – Existing Features Plan – The plan is required to plot the location of all utilities on the sites and within 400 feet of the properties involved in this application. Staff supports this request.**
- 3. Waiver from Section 146-11.C – Proposed Layout Plan – the plan is required to plot the location of all existing improvements proposed to remain and be removed. Staff supports this request.**
- 4. Waiver from Section 146-11.L – Architectural Plan – An architectural plan is required to be submitted with this subdivision plan. A rendering of the proposed single-family dwelling has been submitted.**
- 5. Waiver from Section 146-11.D – Grading Plan – This application proposes no alterations to the existing topography.**

**CE2. Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 2131 – Chapter 162 – “Zoning” Article III
“Establishment of Zoning Districts” Related to the Medical Marijuana Act**

Call on Staff: Solicitor Michael Clarke

Comments: Commissioners

Comments: Public

**Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2131, Amending Chapter 162 – “Zoning,”
Article III – “Establishment of Zoning Districts,” related to the Medical
Marijuana Act.**

CE3. Zoning Ordinance Update – For Information Only

**The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington have scheduled
a public hearing for Monday, March 13, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Board
Room to discuss the proposed updates to the Zoning Ordinance of the
Township of Abington. The proposed zoning ordinance update is a
comprehensive re-write of the current Zoning Ordinance that was adopted
in May of 1996.**

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

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(3) PUBLIC SAFETY

- PS1. Ordinance No. 2137 – To Amend 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; No Stopping Or Standing**

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2137 amending 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; No Stopping Or Standing) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on April 13, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

- PS2. Conditional Appointment – Probationary Police Officer**

Motion to appoint candidate Morgan Pfaff from the certified Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided she successfully completes the Background, Physical and Psychological tests and all entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training Appointment will be effective July 5, 2017.

- PS3. Police Lieutenants Contract**

Motion to approve an employment contract with the Police Lieutenants incorporating the same employment benefit changes resulting from the 2016 arbitration award for the Township Police Association. All other benefits to remain the same.

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

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(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PA1. Community Facility at Crestmont Park

Motion to reject all bids received and authorize rebidding to construct a new community facility at Crestmont Park.

PA2. Funding of the Community Facility at Crestmont Park

DELETED

PA3. Lubavitch of Abington – Lease Extension – Alverthorpe Manor

Motion to approve a seven (7) year lease extension at Alverthorpe Manor for the Lubavitch of Abington effective August 1, 2017 at a base rate of \$20,025.21 annually with all other terms remaining the same.

PA4. Policy on the Naming of Township Facilities

Motion to approve the adoption of the revised policy on the naming/renaming or dedication of municipal property, buildings, park elements, streets or other facilities.

PA5. Acquisition of Undeveloped Ground on Robinson Avenue

Motion to approve the acquisition for \$1 each two undeveloped parcels (30-00-57076-00-8) (30-00-57080-00-1) on Robinson Avenue off Clearview through a repository sale from the Montgomery County Tax Claim Bureau and to authorize the Township Manager to execute any necessary documents to effectuate the bid. Acquisition contingent on receipt of a favorable title search and Phase I Environmental Assessment.

PA6. Bid for Datacenter Upgrade

Motion to advertise bid for Datacenter Upgrade.

PA7. Crestmont Park – Basketball Court Replacement

Motion to reject all bids received and authorize rebidding through PennBid.

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

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

(5) FINANCE COMMITTEE

Treasurer's Report: Call on Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal

FC1. Investments

Motion to approve investments for the month of January as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$490,000.00. Interest rate yields ranged from 1.000% to 1.400%.

FC2. Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the January expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$2,597,404.83 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$2,232,790.33.**
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of April 2017.**

(Motion and Roll Call)

FC3. Training and Conference Expenses

Motion to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for January 2017 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$1,172.06 respectively.

One-month expenses totaled \$1,172.06.

FC4. Clearing Fund/Deferred Revenue and Expense/Petty Cash

Motion to approve the Clearing Fund, the Deferred Revenue/Expense activity and Petty Cash balances for the month of January as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of January 2017 were \$512.81 and (\$0.00), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of January 2017 were \$1,500.00 and (\$21,985.18) respectively.



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Office of the Treasurer
&
Tax Collector

JAY W. BLUMENTHAL

**MONIES RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS
DEPOSITED INTO REPUBLIC BANK
MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2017 AND YEAR TO DATE**

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Code Enforcement	59,156	104,047
Engineering Department	7,072	33,087
Finance Department	655,635	875,777
Finance Department ACHs & Credit Cds	1,761,646	2,407,994
Tax Office Real Estate Taxes	697,986	697,986
Fire Marshal's Office	2,241	6,486
Parks and Recreation	19,269	48,422
Plumbing Department	12,405	16,600
Police Department	9,808	42,816
Refuse Department	9,656	20,913
Tax Office		
Business Privilege Tax	307,773	398,487
Mercantile Tax	244,499	259,071
Local Services Tax	<u>320,314</u>	<u>344,955</u>
Total Tax Office	<u>872,586</u>	<u>1,002,513</u>
TOTALS	4,107,459	5,256,641
LAST YEAR	4,823,359	6,045,548
INCREASE/(DECREASE)	<u>(715,900)</u>	<u>(788,907)</u>

Jay W. Blumenthal
Treasurer

MONTHLY REPORT

By The Abington Township Treasurer
To the Board of Commissioners

DEPOSITS OF REAL ESTATE TAXES AND FEES TRANSFERRED TO FINANCE DEPARTMENT

MONTH OF February 2017 , YEAR TO DATE

	RECEIPTS			
	Adjusted Assessments	Month	Year To Date	Balance To Collect
Township	11,862,443	323,142	323,142	11,539,301
Fire	2,452,292	66,803	66,803	2,385,489
Sewer Fees	7,791,770	175,357	175,357	7,616,413
Refuse Fees	5,003,290	132,684	132,684	4,870,606
TOTALS	27,109,795	697,986	697,986	26,411,809
PERCENTAGE	100%		3%	97%

COMMENTS: February, 2016 1,148,274
Decrease 450,288

Respectfully Submitted,



Jay W. Blumenthal
Treasurer