

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, November 12, 2015 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, MYERS, MARKMAN, KALINOSKI, SCHREIBER, BOWMAN, DiPLACIDO, GILLESPIE, HECKER, JONES, KLINE, LUKER
Excused: FARREN

Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Treasurer BLUMENTHAL
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Chief of Police KELLY
Finance Director BARRON
Township Engineer POWERS
Director of Code Enforcement MATTEO
Director of Parks and Recreation WENDELL
Director of W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY
Fire Marshal CLARK
Community Development Director STROTHER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT:

President Luker announced that the Board held an Executive Session on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 to discuss personnel matters related to the budget.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of October 8, 2015.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 15-034 – Setting Fees for the Collection of Refuse and Recyclable Materials from Multifamily, Commercial, Retail and Industrial Establishments

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to approve Resolution No. 15-034 setting fees for the Collection of Refuse and Recyclable Materials from Multifamily, Commercial, Retail and Industrial Establishments.

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 14-0.

RESOLUTION #15-034

THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1659 Section 92-23 provides that the Collection of Refuse Materials by Abington Township from Multifamily, Commercial, Retail and Industrial Establishments shall be set by Resolution and;

WHEREAS, The Ordinance states that the fee will be set by Resolution and;

WHEREAS, Said fee shall be collected on a quarterly basis and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Township of Abington on this 12th day of November 2015, that the fees for the collection of Recyclable Materials shall be set at a rate of (1) 95 gal can = \$85.00; (1) 95 gal can + (1) 65 gal can = \$112.00; (2) 95 gal cans = \$145.00; (3) 95 gal cans = \$240.00; (2) 95 gal cans + (1) 65 gal can = \$160.00 & (4) 95 gal cans = \$280.00 per quarter depending on the amount of Refuse generated.

November 12, 2015

(date)


WAYNE LUKER, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:


MICHAEL LEFEVRE, SECRETARY

Fees for Large Item Pick Up

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to set the fees for Large Item Pick Up as per attached document.

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 14-0.

Bid for Processing, Marketing and Running our Recycling Transfer Facility

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to enter into a contract with J.P. Mascaro, Inc. for the Processing, Marketing and Running the Transfer Facility on Fitzwatertown Road as per bid specifications.

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 14-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Sanchez announced that the Committee had no business at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Ordinance No. 2101 – To Amend Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article II – (Traffic Regulations), Section 14 (Stop Intersection), 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) and Section 27 (Parking Time Limited)

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2101 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article II – (Traffic Regulations), Section 14 (Stop Intersection), 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) and Section 27 (Parking Time Limited).

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 14-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2101

**AN ORDINANCE 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”
SECTION 27 – “PARKING TIME LIMITED”**

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,” Sections 25 “Parking Prohibited At All

Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing” and 27 “Parking Time Limited,” 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:

- Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic Regulations,” Section 14 – “Stop Intersections,” shall be amended to repeal the following restrictions:

Stop Sign On	Direction of Travel	At Intersection Of
Woodrow Avenue [Added 12-12-63 by Ord. No.1084]	Both	Cricket Avenue

- Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic Regulations,” Section 14 – “Stop Intersections,” shall be amended to add the following restrictions:

Stop Sign On	Direction of Travel	At Intersection Of
Cricket Avenue	Both	Woodrow Avenue

- 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 repeal the following restrictions:

Name of Highway	Side	Location
Fairfield Avenue [added 12-9-65 by Ord. No. 1169]	Both	from a point 150 feet north to a point 200 feet south of Easton Road

4. 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:

Name of Highway	Side	Location
Tennis Avenue	East	30 feet north of Jenkintown Road
Tennis Avenue	West	30 feet north of the posted Stop Sign at Woodrow Avenue
Tennis Avenue	East	30 feet south of the posted Stop Sign at Woodrow Avenue
Woodrow Avenue	North	30 feet west of Tennis Avenue

5. Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III, “Parking Regulations,” Section 27 – “Parking Time Limited,” shall be amended to **add** the following restriction:

Name of Highway	Side	Hours	Time Limit	Location
Fairfield Avenue	Both		2 hrs.	Starting at a point 150 feet south of Easton Road to Pleasant Avenue
Roll Avenue	Both		2 hrs.	Between Fairfield Road and Castlewood Road

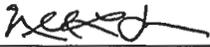
6. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 12th day of November, 2015.

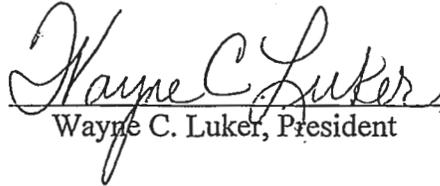
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By:



Wayne C. Luker, President

Ordinance No. 2103 – 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)

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to advertise Ordinance No. 2103 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 December 10, 2015 at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Spiegelman thanked Traffic Safety Officer Freed and Mr. Matteo and his staff with their assistance with a dangerous parking issue in Wards 11 and 14.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Ordinance No. 2104 – Capital Project – County Radio Purchase

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to advertise Ordinance No. 2104 – County Radio Purchase for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on December 10, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

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 14-0.

Portable Electronic Speed Signs

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

Expanded Use of Cameras

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

Trial Extension of Yellow Lights

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

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 15-035 – PECO Green Region Grant for Jackson Park

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Schreiber to approve Resolution No. 15-035, which authorizes the Bureau of Parks and Recreation to make application to the Natural Lands Trust for the 2016 PECO Green Region Grant in the amount of \$10,000. The funding will be used for the establishment of meadows in Jackson Park.

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 14-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-035

TOWNSHIP/BOROUGH/CITY OF Abington
Montgomery COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

A Resolution Authorizing Application to the
2016 PECO Green Region Open Space Program
for the Jackson Park Project

WHEREAS, the Township/Borough/City of Abington ("Township"/
"Borough"/"City") desires to undertake the Jackson Park project; and

WHEREAS, the Township/Borough/City desires to apply to the PECO Green Region
Open Space Program for a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the Township/Borough/City has received and understands the 20__ PECO
Green Region Open Space Program Guidelines.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township/Borough/City Board of
Supervisors/Council hereby approves this project and authorizes application to the PECO
Green Region Open Space Program in the amount of \$10,000, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT, if the application is granted, the
Township/Borough/City commits to the expenditure of matching funds in the amount of
\$ 10,000 necessary for the project's success.

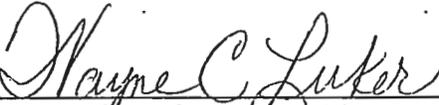
SO RESOLVED this 12th day of November 2015.

Attest

Signatures ABINGTON TOWNSHIP



Michael LeFevre
Township Secretary



Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

Repair of Elevator No. 3 in Alverthorpe Manor

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to approve an expenditure of \$9,797.00 from the Contingency Account No. 01-01-002-5299 for the repair and return of service of elevator No. 3 in Alverthorpe Manor.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Mr. Wendell noted that the company made the changes to the contract.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Resolution No. 15-037 – Substantial Amendment to Community Development Block Grant Budgets

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Schreiber to adopt Resolution No. 15-037 approving the Substantial Amendment to Abington Township's Community Development Block Grant Budgets for FY's 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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, questioned whether the final amount of the projects cost over \$1 million.

Commissioner Luker directed the resident to contact Mr. Strother for that information.

Ms. Lehmann asked that explanations on this item be posted online. Also, she expressed concern that she feels there is a "conflict of interest" involved.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 15 - 037

Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania amending the FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015 CDBG Program.

Whereas, the Township of Abington, Pennsylvania is a recipient of grant funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

Whereas, the Township of Abington had previously approved budgets and Annual Action Plans for the FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015 CDBG Program; and

Whereas, HUD permits grant recipients to revise and amend its previous budgets and Annual Action Plans; and

Whereas, in accordance with the Federal Regulations governing the CDBG Program certain changes and revisions to the Annual Action Plans may be considered a substantial amendment as outlined in the Township of Abington's Citizen Participation Plan; and

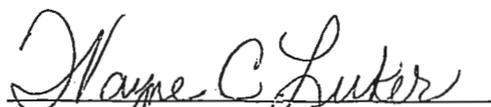
Whereas, it has been determined that the proposed changes and revisions to the FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015 CDBG Program are a substantial amendment and the Township's Citizen Participation Plan has been followed.

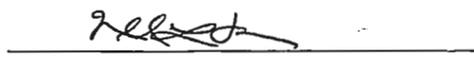
Now therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Section 1. The amended FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015 Annual Action Plans are approved as presented, and as shown in the budgets for each program year which is attached and marked EXHIBIT "A."

Section 2. The President of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to sign and submit the amended FY 2011, FY 2012, FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015 Annual Action Plans to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Adopted this 12th day of November 2015.


Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners


Attest: Michael LeFevre
Secretary

Memorandum of Understanding for the Crest Manor Housing Project

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the Township of Abington executing a Memorandum of Understanding with other cooperating governmental agencies for the proposed Crest Manor Housing Development. The Township will serve as the lead agency and will coordinate all project reviews for the completion and compliance with an Environmental Review.

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 about the leadership of the projects with the agencies and also about the cost of the project.

Commissioner Myers said when this agenda item was discussed in committee, she asked about the cost and it was clearly explained to her that the Township will have oversight over this project, so for that reason she will be voting in favor of it.

Commissioner Kline said Mr. Strother's position within the Township is to administer the Community Development Block Grant funding that the Township receives from HUD and those funds will go towards Crest Manor, and part of that funding pays for his position.

Mr. Strother added that the Township has an obligation for oversight and management of annual funds received from HUD, so whether this project exists or not, he has the same responsibilities to perform.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Resolution No. 15-040 – Economic Development Multimodal Transportation Fund Program

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Gillespie to adopt Resolution No. 15-040 approving Abington Township to submit an application to PennDOT for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program. The grant submission will support the Old York Road/Susquehanna Road project.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Kline clarified that this item does not bind the Township to provide matching funds and that decision can be made at a later date. Is that correct?

Commissioner Spiegelman replied that is correct.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked will this grant be sent directly to the Township?

Commissioner Markman replied if the grant is awarded, it will be sent to the Township.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 15-040**

**A RESOLUTION OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP,
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
REQUESTING A MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION FUND GRANT FROM THE
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DESIGNATING AN
OFFICIAL TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington desires to request a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$1,400,639.10, from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation ("PennDOT"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington intends to use the grant funds for the purpose of purchasing 1100, 1102, 1104 and 1106 Old York Road, Abington Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in order to support the vision of the Old York Road / Susquehanna Road project, which will address the demolition, alignment and reconstruction of the intersection of Old York Road and Susquehanna Road, enhance traffic flow, and provide better access in turning onto Old York Road ("project"); and

WHEREAS, the total project costs associated with the above referenced project are approximately \$2,000,913.00 and the Board of Commissioners seeks to obtain the maximum financial assistance available for the project; and

WHEREAS, the Program Guidelines of PennDOT require the receiving municipality to match the financial assistance under the Multimodal Transportation Fund in an amount not less than 30% of the amount awarded, or \$600,273.90; and

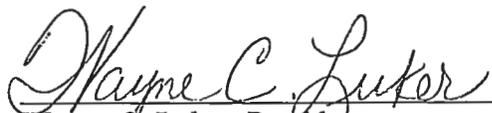
WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington desires to designate an official to execute all necessary agreements and documentation related to the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County does hereby request a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of \$1,400,639.10 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, representing 70% of the total project costs of \$2,000,913.00, to be used for the purpose of purchasing 1100, 1102, 1104 and 1106 Old York Road, Abington Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, as well as the demolition, alignment and reconstruction of the intersection of Old York Road and Susquehanna Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Abington township does hereby designate Wayne C. Luker, President of the Board of Commissioners and Michael LeFevre, Township Manager, as the official(s) authorized to execute all documents and agreements between the Township of Abington and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

RESOLVED and **ADOPTED** this 12th day of November, 2015.

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP



Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

I, Michael LeFevre, duly qualified Secretary of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing 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 on November 12, 2015 and said Resolution has been recorded in the minutes of the Township of Abington and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Township of Abington this 12th day of November, 2015.



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

Name of Applicant: Township of Abington

County: Montgomery

Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal reported for the month of October 2015, the Tax Office deposited \$677,565 to Republic Bank from various Township departments representing a decrease in the amount of (\$599,179) over last year; YTD \$15,661,695 representing a decrease in the amount of (\$891,902) over last year.

As of October 2015, the Tax Office collected \$16,693 in real estate taxes representing a decrease in the amount of (\$13,888); YTD \$25,509,548 leaving a balance to be collected in the amount of \$838,316.

Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the September expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$4,203,094.36 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,763,969.80.
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of December 2015.

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

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

Roll call resulted in motion being passed 14-0. Commissioner Farren was absent during roll call.

Training and Conference Expenses

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for September 2015 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$1,701.83, respectively.

Nine-month expenses totaled \$29,480.64.

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 14-0.

Clearing Fund/Deferred Revenue and Expense/Petty Cash

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to approve the Clearing Fund, the Deferred Revenue/Expense activity and Petty Cash balances for the month of September as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of September 2015 were \$869.81 and (\$0.00), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of September 2015 were \$440,407.44 and (\$438,152.44), 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 14-0.

Distribution of In-Lieu Fire Taxes for 2015

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Jones to authorize an expenditure from Miscellaneous Expense in the Permanent Improvement Fund (Account No. 07-00-000-5999) in the amount of \$72,825.00 to be distributed equally among the five volunteer fire companies serving Abington (\$14,565.00 each company).

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 14-0.

Resolution No. 15-036 – Increase in Tax Certification Fees

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to adopt Resolution No. 15-036 increasing the fee collected by the Office of the Treasurer for providing real estate tax certification from TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) TO THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$35.00) per certification and an additional FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) for an expedited certification, beginning January 1, 2016. Said certification will cover the current tax year plus previous three (3) tax years.

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 for the amount that the Tax Collector receives yearly for tax certifications, and she also asked what the Tax Collector's salary is.

Solicitor Clarke replied that information can be obtained through a "Right To Know" request.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-036

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON SETTING THE FEE TO BE COLLECTED, PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE 1934, BY THE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER FOR PROVIDING REAL ESTATE TAX CERTIFICATIONS

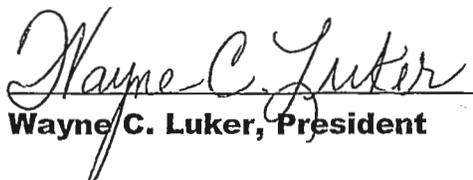
WHEREAS, the Township of Abington Board of Commissioners did, in fact, adopt Ordinance No. 1934 on November 28, 2005 to allow for the collection of fees for preparing and providing by mail or any other means a real estate tax certification for any single tax parcel within the Township of Abington; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1934 allows the amount of the fees to be set from time to time by Resolution by the Board of Commissioners,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township does hereby increase the fee to be charged pursuant to Ordinance No. 1934 by the Office of the Treasurer for providing real estate tax certifications from TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) to THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$35.00) per certification and an additional FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) for an expedited certification, beginning January 1, 2016. Said certification will cover the current tax year plus the previous three (3) tax years.

ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 2015.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

Funding for Legal Fees

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to appropriate \$80,000 from Fund Balance for legal fees.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that she feels there is an excess of legal fees for one property.

MOTION was ADOPTED 13-0.

Integrity Benefits Services Inc. Horsham PA – To Be the New Pharmacy Benefits Manager

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve Integrity Benefits Services, Inc., Horsham, PA to be the new Pharmacy Benefits Manager, effective January 1, 2016.

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 14-0.

PENSION COMMITTEE:

Pension Investment Consulting Services

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez to enter into agreement with the PFM Group to act as a full-service investment consultant to the Township's pension plans, effective November 13, 2015.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Hecker thanked Director of Finance, Kevin Barron, Jeannette Hermann and Township Manager LeFevre as well as Pension Committee members, Officer Chris Posey, Tim Clark and Tim Zurybida along with Commissioners Kline and Sanchez as this motion is a result of months of investigation leading to a point of changing fund managers for the Township's Pension Fund.

The committee came to the conclusion after several meetings during the course of the year that the performance of the pension fund was not up to benchmark, so we decided to investigate what our options were. We consulted with County reps and decided to send out an RFP and received 14 applications and interviewed four companies. The end result of that process was a recommendation to the full Board to enter into an agreement with PFM Group.

By signing this agreement, the savings to the Township's Pension Fund will be over \$400,000 a year in fees. While that is not money that can be used to offset general fund deficit, it does mean that we will not have to dip into the Fund Balance to meet Township's obligation to the Pension Fund.

Commissioner Kline said the Pension Fund works from an assumed 7.5% return and a savings of \$400,000 brings our need of return to meet obligations down to 7.1%, which is a huge difference in fund management.

Commissioner Myers noted that she is listed as a member of the Pension Committee and she had to resign from this committee due to a work commitment, and Commissioner Sanchez has taken her position.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern about taxes being raised. Also, she feels taxpayers should not pay for economic development and there should be a figure in the budget of what the Colonade cost the Township.

Louise E. Twymann, 1672 Franklin Avenue, congratulated President Luker on his re-election. She asked for Township staff and taxpayers' money to help expedite a "much needed community center to be built in Ward 5."

Raymond Bell, 2076 Parkview Avenue, commented that yesterday was a celebration and recognition of veterans in this country, and he recognized and thanked the families of those veterans.

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Bowman thanked Judy Lounsberry, who runs the Veterans Grove Committee who takes care of the flag in Roslyn Park. A nice ceremony was held yesterday for Veterans' Day and he thanked Judy and her committee for it.

Commissioner DiPlacido thanked the Tookany Tacony Frankford Watershed Partnership as on Saturday, November 7, 2015 they planted hundreds of trees and shrubs and repaired the entire riparian buffer around Jenkintown Creek in Ethel Jordan Park.

Also, slow down while driving, and "please, drive like your kids live here."

Commissioner Gillespie thanked Commissioner Kalinoski and the North Penn VFW for the wonderful program they put on for Veterans' Day, and there were so many wonderful veterans there. She congratulated Officer Chris Posey and Melissa and Sean Gargan, who won the Commanders Award.

Commissioner Hecker wished everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving," and he also reminded everyone that it can be a difficult holiday for those who have experienced loss. Recently, there was the loss of an important neighbor of Ward 10 over the past week, Bill Carr, who passed away and who was a father to Steven, Christina and Bill and husband to Cindy, who is active in Troop 72. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Carr family and we wish them peace.

Commissioner Jones thanked Mr. Micciolo and his staff for expediting an open project to completion as well as staff of Parks and Recreation Department for the work they did on the entrance at Alverthorpe Park making it safer for residents who cross there.

He also thanked Officer Malloy for his assistance with a situation at the Willow Grove Mall.

He was not able to attend the tree planting event at Ethel Jordan Park, but he was represented in spirit by the children of Richard Allen Preparatory Charter School in southwest Philadelphia.

Commissioner Zappone reminded his residents that on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at 6 p.m. at the Ardsley Community Center will be the Fourth Annual Ardsley Family Day Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Also, he thanked Mr. Matteo and Lauren Gallagher for their assistance with trying to resolve a resident issue.

Commissioner Spiegelman commented that Thanksgiving is his favorite holiday, but it is that time of year when we need to keep special thoughts for those who experienced loss. He wished everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving."

Commissioner Sanchez announced that he will be assisting in a Turkey Drive again this year collecting turkeys and non-perishable foods, which will be held on November 22, 2015 from 2-5 p.m. at the Brownstone at Sunrise of Abington, 1816 Susquehanna Road.

Commissioner Myers commented that a resident spoke at the podium tonight and said, 'this Board on occasion has dishonored her and attacked her integrity.' She for one as well as many other Commissioners on this Board could say the exact same thing that this resident has done to them, not personally, but in the wards that we represent via email, going to door-to-door and making phone calls, so some of us feel that is a two-way street.

Commissioner Kalinoski commented that yesterday, we celebrated Veterans' Day and we honored nine people; three from the Abington Police Department. He wished a "Happy Veterans' Day" to all veterans especially the Vietnam Veterans. On Thanksgiving at noon, we will be serving dinner to veterans who do not have a place to go as well as all First Responders who are working on that day.

Commissioner Luker clarified for residents that if it seemed as though the agenda items were voted upon quickly, they were previously discussed in-depth at committee level. He thanked those on the Pension Committee; Director Tom Hecker, Commissioner Kline, Commissioner Sanchez, Tim Clark, Tim Zurybida, Officer Chris Posey, Township Manager LeFevre, Finance Director Barron and Jeannette Hermann, who put in many hours and did a lot of hard work reviewing volumes of material and they did a marvelous job.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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A handwritten signature in red ink, reading "Approved 12-10-15", is written over a faint circular stamp. The stamp is partially obscured by the signature and contains some illegible text.