

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**December 10, 2015
7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION

**Eagle Scout Alexander Wilson
Call on Commissioner Gillespie**

**Dr. Karen Wiley Sandler
Call on Commissioner Kline**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Commissioners Meeting of November 12, 2015.

Thomas Bowman, Director
Stephen Kalinoski, Asst. Director
John Spiegelman
Dennis Zappone
Tom Hecker

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

(1) PUBLIC WORKS

THE COMMITTEE HAS NO BUSINESS AT THIS TIME

Benjamin Sanchez, Director
Michael Markman, Asst. Director
Jimmy DiPlacido
Peggy Myers
Carol Gillespie

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(2) CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

CE1. Subdivision SD-15-04 – Gordon B. & Christina M. Cox – 1544 Cloverly Lane

Motion to approve the subdivision application of Gordon B. & Christina M. Cox, owners of the property located at 1544 Cloverly Lane. The applicants propose to subdivide the 2.98 acre site into two parcels. Lot No. 1 is shown to contain the existing single-family dwelling on a parcel of 1.98 acres in size. Lot No. 2 is not proposed to be developed at this time and is shown at 1 acre in lot size. Both lots will comply with the dimensional requirements of Section 301.3 of the Zoning Ordinance. The properties are zoned in the (R-1) Residential District in Ward No. 1 of the Township of Abington.

This motion is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant is required to provide the Township with two (2) new, executed (signed, notarized and recorded) deeds. This is a requirement of the subdivision process. The Township Engineer will not sign the plans without the required deeds.**
- 2. The items listed in the Staff Review letter dated, October 29, 2015 become a condition of this application.**
- 3. The Planning Commission recommends that the developer use extreme care in development of this property to ensure a minimal disturbance of the existing tree growth and steep slope on this property.**
- 4. The applicant will stipulate on the subdivision plan that the propose driveway for Lot No. 2 will be situated on the southwest corner of the property.**

This motion is subject to the following waivers:

- 1. Waiver from Section 146-11.A – Property Identification Plan**
- 2. Waiver from Section 146-11.B – Existing Features Plan**
- 3. Waiver from Section 146-11.C – Proposed Layout Plan**
- 4. Waiver from Section 146-11.E – Soil Erosion Controls**
- 5. Waiver from Section 146-11.1 – Phasing Plan**
- 6. Waiver from Section 146-11.L – Architectural Plan**
- 7. Waiver from Section 146-24.D – Right-of-Way Width**
- 8. Waiver from Section 146-27 – Sidewalks and Curbing**
- 9. Waiver from Section 146-30 – Lots**
- 10. Waiver from Section 146-38- Street Lighting**

CE2. Ordinance No. 2100 – Stormwater Management Ordinance – Tookany/Tacony-Frankford Watershed Stormwater Management Plan

Motion to advertise a Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. on Ordinance No. 2100, entitled Stormwater Management Ordinance.

CE3. Ordinance No. 2102 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 162 – “Zoning” Section 2102 – Flood Plain Conservation Overlay District

Motion to advertise a Public Hearing to be held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. on Ordinance No. 2102, “The Flood Plain Ordinance.”

Lori Schreiber, Director
Jimmy DiPlacido, Asst. Director
Stephen Kalinoski
Thomas Bowman
Thomas Farren, Sr.

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(3) PUBLIC SAFETY

PS1. 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)

Motion to adopt 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).

PS2. Ordinance No. 2104 – Capital Project – County Radio Purchase

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2104 – Capital Project for County Radio Purchase.

PS3. Ordinance No. 2106 – 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), Section 27 “Parking Time Limited” and Section 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones”

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2106 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), Section 27 – Parking Time Limited and Section 28 – Special Purpose Parking Zones for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on January 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

John Spiegelman, Director
Thomas Farren, Sr., Asst. Director
Lori Schreiber
Benjamin Sanchez
Lawrence Jones, Jr.

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(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PA1. Abington Township's Reimbursement to HUD

Motion to approve Abington Township's reimbursement to HUD, with non-federal funds, in the amount of \$125,130.14 for noncompliance with federal regulations. HUD issued two-(2) findings during its on-site monitoring visit conducted on January 26-29, 2015, which are: 1.) The 2013 After-School Program fell below the minimum standard and has to reimburse \$16,500.00 and 2.) The Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program could not provide proof of cost reasonableness for contract modifications of six-(6) properties in the amount of \$108,630.14 from Fund Balance.

Steven Kline, Director
Tom Hecker, Asst. Director
Lawrence Jones, Jr.
Wayne Luker
Peggy Myers

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(5) FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

FC1. Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the October expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$3,493,228.90 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$2,602,951.03.**
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of January 2016.**

(Motion and Roll Call)

FC2. Training and Conference Expenses

Motion to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for October 2015 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$6,547.47 respectively.

Ten-month expenses totaled \$36,028.11.

FC3. 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 October as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of October 2015 were \$863.55 and (\$2,563.96), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of October 2015 were \$3,040.00 and (\$2,930.00) respectively.

FC4. Budget Transfer Authorization

Motion to authorize the Budget Transfers for the year 2015.

FC5. Expenditure from Unallocated Permanent Improvement Fund Balance (LOSAP)

Motion to authorize an expenditure from Unallocated Permanent Improvement Fund Balance (Account No. 07-00-000-5999) in the amount of \$45,854.00 (2015 allotment) to be distributed equally (\$9,170.80 each) among the five volunteer fire companies serving Abington Township.

FC6. Collection of 2015 Delinquent Real Estate Taxes

Motion to authorize Township staff to notify Montgomery County Tax Claim Bureau that the Township will utilize Northeast Tax Revenue for the collection of 2015 and 2014 delinquent Real Estate Taxes.

Tom Hecker, Director
Steven Kline, Asst. Director
Ben Sanchez

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(6) PENSION COMMITTEE

**PENS1. Resolution No. 15-041 – Amending Police Pension Document
Pertaining to Member Contributions**

Motion to set Police Pension contribution rate for 2016 at five percent (5%) of compensation.

PENS2. Ordinance No. 2107 – Retirement Pension Benefit

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2107 amending the Non-Uniform Pension Plan to include an Act 44 Deferred Retirement Option (DROP) for consideration by the Board of Commissioners at our January 14, 2016 public meeting.

PENS3. Resolution No. 15-038 – Defined Contribution Pension Benefit

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 15-038 adding a Defined Contribution Pension Benefit to the Non-Uniform Pension Plan for all employees hired after January 1, 2016.

**PENS4. Resolution No. 15-039 – Amending Definition of Employee under
the Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 15-039 Re-defining the definition of an employee under the Non-Uniform Pension Plan, effectively closing the Defined Benefit provision to any employee hired after December 31, 2015.