

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with President Luker presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

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

Township Manager LEFEVRE
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Treasurer BLUMENTHAL
Assistant Legal Counsel GALLAGHER
Chief of Police KELLY
Finance Director BARRON
Township Engineer POWERS
Director of Code Enforcement MATTEO
Director of Parks and Recreation WENDELL
Director of Public Works MICCIOLO
Director of W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY
Fire Marshal CLARK
Community Development Director STROTHER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT:

President Luker announced that an Executive Session was held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM to discuss a personnel matter.

PRESENTATION:

Sister Bohdonna Podney - 100th Birthday Recognition:

Commissioner Rothman announced that a resident of Ward 3, Sister Bohdonna Podney turned 100 years old on January 9, 2016. She was not able to be here this evening, but a plaque will be presented to her in the near future. The plaque recognizes Sister Bohdonna Podney on the occasion of her 100th year birthday and the Abington Township Board of Commissioners takes great pleasure in joining her family, her church family and many friends in saluting her and wishing her the happiest of birthdays. Sister Podney's commitment to religious life and accomplishments brings pride to our community. Good Health and Good Fortune!

Commendation to Victor Patalano:

Commissioner Kalinoski said through the Community Partnerships Program, we learned of a family who was in desperate need of help as the place they call home was infested with bed bugs and everything they owned had to go. They contacted Community Partnerships and asked for help.

Victor Patalano is the owner of the Mattress Outlet in Roslyn on Easton Road and he is a registered sleep advisor as well as an advisor of quality to solve no sleep-related needs. Victor holds a B.S. in marketing from Drexel University, and has 35 years of sales experience in mattresses and direct sales as well as sales management solutions providing customer-relations expertise. His mission is to help as many people as possible to save money, sleep better and be happier.

Victor is married with two children and is a member of the Roslyn Valley Business Association and the Business Network Advisory Group.

Commissioner Kalinoski presented Certificate of Commendation to Mr. Victor Patalano in recognition of his charitable donations to the family sorely needing assistance. Victor's help had a truly positive impact on the entire family and his generosity to others in their time of need is commendable. The Board of Commissioners of Abington Township gratefully presents this certificate to Victor Patalano on this 14th day of January, 2016.

Proclamation - 50th Birthday of Abington Township Public Library:

President Luker announced that the Abington Township Public Library is celebrating their 50th birthday and he read the Proclamation into the record.

ABINGTON FREE LIBRARY

WHEREAS, The Abington Township Public Library (ATPL) provides valuable services that enrich our community and enhance the well-being of our service population through the pursuit of information, knowledge, creativity, and many other forms of individual expression; and

WHEREAS, the Abington Township Commissioners engaged the first Library Director and supported the creation of ATPL in 1966 and have, along with residents, faithfully supported the ATPL, for 50 years; and

WHEREAS, the Library, with the support of the governing body and community it serves, has sought to expand its critical role in the life of the Township by providing innovative and essential services to meet the ever-changing and expanding needs of its clientele, including, but not limited to:

Creating the Friends of the Abington Township Public Library in 1966 to support the growth of the Library; and

Incorporating the Roslyn Branch within the Abington Township Public Library in 1967; and

Establishing an Adult Literacy program in 1984 in order to assist adults with reading difficulties, and later, expanding it to include General Educational Development and English as a Second Language tutoring; and

Creating the Ruth and Robert Abel Memorial Book and Film Discussion Group in 1988 for the purpose of providing a forum for discussion and learning; and

Becoming a founding, and integral, member of the Montgomery County Library and Information Network Consortium (MCLINC) in 1995 in order to purchase and operate an integrated online library system that facilitates information discovery and resource-sharing throughout Montgomery County; and

Initiating the Doggone Good Readers program in the Children's Department in 2006, which program celebrated its 10th Anniversary in 2015, has welcomed more than 3,600 children during these 10 years, and has given rise to a second therapy dog reading program, Bark Pals, for students attending Willow Hill and Overlook Elementary schools; and

Developing the innovative Abington/Roslyn Reads summer program that pairs young readers with teen mentors to foster reading development and retention during the summer months.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wayne C. Luker, President, Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, do proclaim and recognize the 50th Birthday of the Abington Township Public Library, and do hereby invite all citizens of Abington Township to join in celebrating this vital community asset.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and with the consent of the Abington Township Commissioners, I have hereunto set my hand on this 14th day of January, 2016.

Michael LeFevre

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

Wayne C. Luker

Wayne C. Luker, President



APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Preliminary Budget Meeting of November 19, 2015; Preliminary Budget Meeting of November 30, 2015; Board of Commissioners Meeting of December 10, 2015; and the Board of Commissioners 2016 Final Budget Meeting of December 23, 2015.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE VOLUNTEER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015:**

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

By a unanimous vote, Richard Teitell, Esquire was reappointed as Solicitor for the Civil Service Commission for a one-year term by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14th day of January, 2016.

PLANNING COMMISSION

By a unanimous vote, Mavis Robinson was reappointed to the Planning Commission for a four-year term, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14th day of January, 2016.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

By a unanimous vote, Jennifer Sherwood was reappointed to the Environmental Advisory Council for a three-year term, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14th day of January, 2016.

By a unanimous vote, Michele Kaczalek was reappointed to the Environmental Advisory Council for a three-year term, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14th day of January, 2016.

By a unanimous vote, Cakky Braun-Evans was reappointed to the Environmental Advisory Council for a three-year term., by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14th day of January, 2016.

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By a unanimous vote, Thomas Tyler Esquire was reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14th day of January, 2016.

By a unanimous vote, Teresa Scroggins was reappointed to the Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14th day of January, 2016.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Commissioner Markman noted that Jack Loew is not a voting member of the Economic Development Committee any longer; however, he is an Emeritus Member.

By a unanimous vote, Barbara Nye was reappointed to the Economic Development Committee for a three-year term, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14th day of January, 2016.

By a unanimous vote, Richard Gaglianese was reappointed to the Economic Development Committee for a three-year term, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14th day of January, 2016.

By a unanimous vote, David Mulvey was reappointed to the Economic Development Committee for a three-year term, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14th day of January, 2016.

By a unanimous vote, Michael McPaul was reappointed to the Economic Development Committee for a three-year term, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14th day of January, 2016.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

By a unanimous vote, Diane Misko was reappointed to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14th day of January, 2016.

ZONING HEARING BOARD:

By a unanimous vote to adopt Resolution No. 16-007, Michael O'Connor was reappointed to the Zoning Hearing Board for a five-year term, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14th day of January, 2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-007

**REAPPOINTMENT OF ZONING HEARING BOARD MEMBER
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code prescribes that every municipality which has enacted a zoning ordinance shall create a Zoning Hearing Board; and

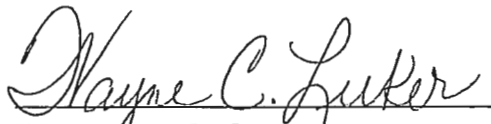
WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code also prescribes the membership of the Zoning Hearing Board shall be appointed by Resolution of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Michael O'Connor has served as a valued member of the Zoning Hearing Board with his term expiring on December 31, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township does hereby appoints Michael O'Connor to another term on the Zoning Hearing Board of Abington Township for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2020.

ADOPTED this 14th day of January, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

SHADE TREE COMMISSION:

By a unanimous vote, John Kennedy was reappointed to the Shade Tree Commission for a five-year term, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 14th day of January, 2016.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 16-006 – Alternative Plan for the Wissahickon Watershed Total Phosphorous TMDL

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to adopt Resolution No. 16-006 to authorize the Township of Abington to participate in the collaboration with other Montgomery and Philadelphia County municipalities and wastewater treatment plan operators for the future development of a plan for an alternative to the proposed EPA total phosphorous maximum daily load for the Wissahickon Creek watershed.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Kline urged his fellow Board members to vote in favor of this alternative plan for the TMDL, which is a great opportunity for the permit holders to work together and come up with a solution.

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked for the amount of money being budgeted for this item.

Manager LeFevre replied this motion does not involve expenditure of any Township funds. It is to agree to work with officials of EPA and DEP to reach a viable solution in terms of improving stream quality with a TMDL level that would be obtainable for the Township.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**Intermunicipal Collaboration Resolution for a
Wissahickon Creek Watershed Alternative Plan
to EPA's Total Phosphorous TMDL**

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON RESOLUTION NO. 16-006

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN INTERMUNICIPAL COLLABORATION WITH OTHER MONTGOMERY AND PHILADELPHIA COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATORS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE EPA TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR THE WISSAHICKON CREEK WATERSHED.

Municipalities:

Abington Township
Ambler Borough
Cheltenham Township
Horsham Township
Lansdale Borough
Lower Gwynedd Township
Montgomery Township
North Wales Borough
Philadelphia County
Springfield Township
Upper Dublin Township
Upper Gwynedd Township
Upper Moreland Township
Whitemarsh Township
Whitpain Township
Worcester Township

Abington Township Wastewater Treatment Plant
Ambler Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant
Upper Gwynedd Township Wastewater Treatment Plant
Upper Dublin Township Wastewater Treatment Plant (BCWSA)

WHEREAS, Counties, Municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators, when not inconsistent with state or federal law, are authorized to oversee and regulate trade, commerce, and the use of public streets, ways, utilities and property within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (Act of July 12, 1972, P.L. 762, as amended, 53 P.S. §481, et seq.), permits Municipalities, Counties and

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators to enter into agreements to cooperate in the performance of their respective functions, powers or responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Counties and Municipalities, as well as the provisions of Pennsylvania's Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, provide for intergovernmental cooperation between and among municipalities in the exercise or performance of their respective governmental functions, powers and responsibilities and authorize joint agreements as may be deemed appropriate for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Wissahickon Creek has been designated as impaired under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act, and has been assigned a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) per (40 CFR 130.2 and 130.70) and individual wasteload allocations (WLAs) for point sources and load allocations (LAs) for nonpoint sources; and

WHEREAS, The municipalities located in the Wissahickon Creek watershed are obligated under the PADEP's MS4 and NPDES programs to develop and implement a stormwater management plan, and comply with their Sewage Facilities Plan, including TMDL limits, which contain the strategies to meet the municipality's MS4, NPDES and TMDL obligations. It is recognized that the municipal plans will have greater effectiveness and efficiencies if they are coordinated with and incorporated into an Alternative TMDL plan; and

WHEREAS, The EPA's New Long-Term Vision for the 303(d) Program allows for alternative methodologies to the proposed TMDL that incorporates broader, more comprehensive and adaptive management strategies that are tailored to this watershed's specific circumstances. The Counties, Municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Operators have considered that developing an Alternative TMDL Plan to satisfy the overall intent of the proposed EPA TMDL pollutant reductions to improve the biological integrity of the watershed is a justified and necessary action; and

WHEREAS, the impacted Municipalities in Montgomery and Philadelphia Counties and the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators recognize that watersheds cross municipal boundaries and a coordinated planning effort is to the benefit of all Municipalities and Counties and that it is in the best interest of their property owners to cooperate in the development of an Alternative to the proposed EPA TMDL through participation in this collaborative effort.

WHEREAS, the Municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators recognize that the coordination of services and sharing of information would enable each Municipality to minimize the costs of the administration and implementation of an Alternative Plan; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

The Township of Abington desires to authorize its appropriate officers to enter into a collaborative partnership with other Wissahickon Creek municipalities to advance the development of an alternative plan to the proposed EPA TMDL with terms to be formalized in a future Inter-municipal Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this collaboration strategy by and between Township of Abington, (which includes our Wastewater Treatment Plant), a Township of the First Class, and a municipal corporation organized under the laws of Pennsylvania with its municipal offices located in Abington Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and various other local participating Boroughs and Townships and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to represent the municipal interests in the creation of a future Alternative Plan to the proposed EPA TMDL for the Wissahickon Watershed.

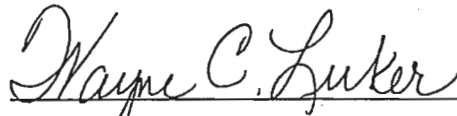
I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that this Resolution was adopted by the Township of Abington at its public meeting held on the 14th day of January, 2016.

ATTEST:

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP



Michael LeFevre
Township Secretary



Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

Edge Hill Road/Tyson Avenue Flood Control/Street Reconstruction Project – Appraisal Review Specialists

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to approve Appraisal Review Specialists, LLC to perform the appraisal review function for the Edge Hill Road/Tyson Avenue Flood Control/Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$16,000.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Myers asked is the amount of \$16,000 part of the reimbursement by PennDOT at the end of the project?

Manager LeFevre replied yes, it is.

Commissioner Myers referred to the letter by the Appraisal Review Specialists to Rudolph Clarke, LLC and questioned whether Rudolph Clarke is the client or is Abington Township the client?

Ms. Gallagher replied Abington Township is the client.

Commissioner Myers continued that the letter states, “The client will be billed at an all inclusive hourly rate of \$105.00 per hour,” so following payment of \$16,000.00, when would that apply?

Ms. Gallagher replied these services are required when the initial appraisal estimate exceeds \$10,000 per PennDOT regulations and that would only apply if, after initial review, they find there are more than 16 properties.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Ordinance No. 2100 – Ordinance to Amend the Storm Water Management Requirements of the Township of Abington

Commissioner Luker called on Township Engineer, Mr. Mike Powers.

Mr. Powers said before the Board is the final stormwater ordinance per requirements of DEP in which they are requiring one ordinance for all three watersheds. This ordinance has been reviewed by Township's Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Planning Commission reviewed it as well and this ordinance will be used as a model for the State of Pennsylvania. A copy of the ordinance was provided to the Board.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Kline clarified that this ordinance is more restrictive than the County's current ordinance. Is that correct?

Mr. Powers replied that is correct.

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to adopt Ordinance No. 2100 for the purpose of amending Abington Township Code and bring Abington Township into compliance with the requirements of ACT 167 "Storm Water Management Act" of the State of Pennsylvania.

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

Commissioner Luker asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked about stormwater basins and the Township working with Cheltenham Township on options.

Commissioner Luker suggested to the resident to attend the meetings regarding that subject.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2100

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 142 – “STORMWATER MANAGEMENT,”
TO REPEAL THE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND
REPLACE THEM IN THEIR ENTIRETY AS SET FORTH HEREIN**

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, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that Chapter 142 – “Stormwater Management,” should be amended by the repeal of the existing provisions and replaced with the provisions attached hereto, incorporated herein and labeled Exhibit “A” 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 142 – “Stormwater Management,” is amended to repeal the existing provisions in their entirety and replacing them with as reflected in Exhibit “A” attached hereto.
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 _____ day of _____, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: _____
Wayne Luker, President

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

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

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt 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.

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. 2106

**AN ORDINANCE 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”
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 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,” 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 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
Donaldson Avenue	West	from the driveway to the Keswick parking lot north to Parkdale Avenue
Wharton Road	North	5 feet west of the driveway at 2223 Wharton Road and 10 feet east of the driveway at 2215 Wharton Road
Maple Avenue	West	30 feet south of the corner with Limekiln Pike

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

Name of Highway	Side	Hours	Time Limit	Location
Wharton Road	Both	6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	2 hrs.	2200 block between Abington Avenue and Keswick Avenue

3. Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III, “Parking Regulations,” Section 28 – “Special Purpose Parking Zones,” shall be amended to **add** the following restriction:

Name of Highway	Authorized Purpose of Vehicle	Location
Parkview Avenue	Handicapped Parking	in front of 2076 Parkview Avenue

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

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

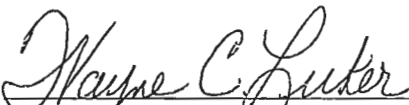
ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 14th day of JANUARY, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: 

Wayne C. Luker, President

Ordinance No. 2108 – 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) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on February 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to advertise Ordinance No. 2108 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 February 11, 2016 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.

Conditional Promotion to the Rank of Sergeant

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to appoint Officer Joseph Blythe to the rank of Sergeant effective January 14, 2016 providing he successfully completes the remaining portions of the promotional process.

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.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Economic Development Business District Landscape Maintenance Bid

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski authorizing the proper Township officials to contract with Louis F. Biase, Landscape Contractor, for the 2016 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. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal reported monies received from various departments that were deposited into Republic Bank for the month of December 2015 were in the amount of \$938,554 as compared to last year in the amount of \$802,013 representing an increase of \$136,541. YTD \$17,319,675 was collected by the Tax Office for the month of December 2015 as compared to last year in the amount of \$18,274,596 representing a decrease of (\$954,921).

The Tax Office collected in Real Estate Taxes \$197,248 for December 2015; YTD \$25,741,429 leaving a balance to collect in the amount of \$606,435 as compared to last year in the amount of \$101,292. 98% has been collected with 2% remaining.

Expenditures/Salaries and Wages:

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the November expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$2,117,986.96 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,745,821.03.
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of February 2016.

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 15-0.

Training and Conference Expenses

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for November 2015 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$ 498.65, respectively.

Ten-month expenses totaled \$36,526.76.

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 2015 were \$20,794.51 and (\$17,994.58), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of November 2015 were \$5,509.00 and (\$657.00), 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. 16-001 – Investment of Township Funds

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to adopt Resolution No. 16-001 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. There were none.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-001


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.

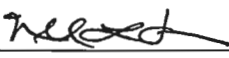
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that on this 14th day of January, 2016, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington does hereby authorize the finance director and his/her designate to invest Township funds in any and all instruments and with any and all institutions as so listed and in accordance 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. 16-002 – Disposition of Certain Finance Office Records

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to adopt Resolution No. 16-002, 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. 16-002

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;

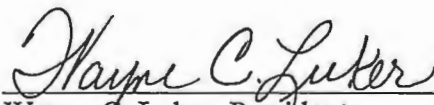
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 14th day of January, 2016, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above-cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the public records as set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Attest:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: 

Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

Resolution No. 16-003 – Disposition of Certain Tax Office Records

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to adopt Resolution No. 16-003, 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. 16-003


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

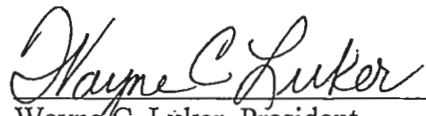
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 14th day of January, 2016, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above-cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the public records as set forth in Exhibit "A" hereto.

Attest:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

By: 

Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

PENSION COMMITTEE:

Ordinance No. 2107 – Retirement Pension Benefit

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to adopt Ordinance No. 2107 amending the Non-Uniform Pension Plan to include an Act 44 Deferred Retirement Option (DROP).

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 has an analysis been made as to whether the DROP program is revenue-neutral.

Manager LeFevre replied State Legislature enacted Act 44 in which they put strict limitations on the DROP benefits going forward. The motion of proposed DROP benefit falls under Act 44. Also, employees are increasing their pension contribution to offset any potential costs associated with the DROP program and the Township's costs are fully covered by employees' contributions, so there is no financial exposure to the Township whatsoever.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE NO. 2107**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, MONTGOMERY
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE NON-UNIFORMED
PENSION PLAN TO INCLUDE AN ACT 44 RETIREMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Township of Abington did, by Resolution 14-032 restate the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2009, Act 44 was approved by the Pennsylvania Legislature amending Title 53 as it relates to Municipal Non-Uniformed Pension Plans; and

WHEREAS, the Township determined it is desirable and beneficial to establish an Act 44 Retirement Program for its Non-Uniformed employees who meet certain eligibility requirements; and,

WHEREAS, to implement the terms of the Act 44 Retirement Program, it is necessary for the Township to adopt an Ordinance amending its Non-Uniformed Pension Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED THAT:

The Township of Abington hereby adopts the following Act 44 Program provisions which are incorporated into and made a part of the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan of the Township of Abington. Resolution 14-032 is AMENDED to add a new section establishing and implementing an Act 44 Retirement Program:

1. **Title.** This Section shall be known as the "Township of Abington Non-Uniformed Act 44 Retirement Program."
2. **Definitions.** When used in this Section, the below words shall have the meaning indicated.
"Township" – Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
"ACT 44 PROGRAM" – The ACT 44 DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM of the Township of Abington.
"ACT 44 PROGRAM Account" – Separate ledger account created to accept ACT 44 PROGRAM participants' monthly pension benefit while an ACT 44 PROGRAM participant, as well as any interest thereon.
"Fund" or "Plan" – the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.
"Participant" – a Non-Uniformed Employee who meets the eligibility for and has executed the proper documents for participation in ACT 44 PROGRAM and has had such application approved by the Township.
"Non-Uniformed Employees" - Non-Uniformed Employees of the Township of Abington.

3. **Eligibility.** Eligibility for the ACT 44 PROGRAM shall be determined as follows:

A. Non-Uniformed Employees who have not retired prior to the implementation of the ACT 44 PROGRAM may enter into the ACT 44 PROGRAM on the first day of the month after reaching his/her Normal Retirement Date but not prior to the Effective Date of the Act 44 PROGRAM.

4. Written Election. Eligible Employees who wish to be Participants in the ACT 44 PROGRAM must signify that intention in writing as follows:

A. A Non-Uniformed Employee electing to participate in the ACT 44 PROGRAM must complete and execute an "ACT 44 PROGRAM Participation Election Form" prepared by the TOWNSHIP, which shall evidence the participant's election to participate in the ACT 44 PROGRAM. The form must be signed by the Non-Uniformed Employee and be notarized and submitted prior to the date on which the participant wishes ACT 44 PROGRAM participation to commence. The ACT 44 PROGRAM Participation Election Form shall include an irrevocable notice to the Township, by the Non-Uniformed Employee participant, that the Non-Uniformed Employee shall resign from employment with the Non-Uniformed Department effective on a specific date (the "resignation date") that is no later than Township twenty-four (24) months from the effective date of the ACT 44 PROGRAM Election Form. A Non-Uniformed Employee shall cease to work as and may no longer be employed as a Non-Uniformed Employee on the employee's resignation date, unless the Township properly terminates or honorably discharges the employee prior to the resignation date. A participant may resign from employment while in ACT 44 PROGRAM status, which shall terminate his/her participation in the ACT 44 PROGRAM.

B. In addition to the above information, the ACT 44 PROGRAM Participation Election Form shall also advise the employee of the following: (1) an explanation of the Participant's rights and obligations while in ACT 44 PROGRAM; (2) that, as a condition of ACT 44 PROGRAM participation, the Participant foregoes active participation in the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan and foregoes any recalculation of pension benefits to include salary increases occurring after ACT 44 PROGRAM participation commences; and (3) that the ACT 44 PROGRAM Participant's service while in ACT 44 PROGRAM will not count as pension service nor will it entitle a participant to any service increment benefits to which the Participant was not entitled prior to commencing ACT 44 PROGRAM participation. An ACT 44 PROGRAM Participant must also complete any and all retirement documents required by the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan Administrator, and such documents must be filed and presented to the TOWNSHIP for approval of retirement and payment of pension. Once an ACT 44 PROGRAM Participation Election Form has been approved by the Township, it is irrevocable. Likewise, once an ACT 44 PROGRAM Participant enters the ACT 44 PROGRAM, the Participant may not subsequently leave and then re-enter the ACT 44 PROGRAM, even if the employee separates from employment and subsequently begins employment with the Township again.

5. Benefit Calculation. For all Pension Plan purposes, continuous service of a Non-Uniformed Employee participating in the ACT 44 PROGRAM shall remain as it existed on the effective date of commencement of participation in the ACT 44 PROGRAM.

Service thereafter shall not be recognized or used for the calculation or determination of any benefits payable by the Township Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. The average monthly compensation of the Non-Uniformed Employee for pension calculation purposes shall remain, as it existed on the effective date of commencement of participation in the ACT 44 PROGRAM. Earnings or increases in earnings thereafter shall not be recognized or used for the calculation or determination of any benefits payable by the Pension Plan. The pension benefit payable to the participants shall increase only as a result of Cost of Living Adjustments in effect on the effective date of the participant's participation in the ACT 44 PROGRAM or by applicable cost of living adjustments granted thereafter.

6. **Accumulation of the ACT 44 PROGRAM Account.** The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable had the Non-Uniformed Employee elected to cease employment and receive a normal retirement benefit, shall, upon the Non-Uniformed Employee commencing participation in ACT 44 PROGRAM, accumulate to the benefit of that Employee and be accounted for on that Non-Uniformed Employee's ACT 44 PROGRAM Account. Participants shall not have the option of self-directed investment of their individual ACT 44 PROGRAM Account while in the ACT 44 PROGRAM. Instead, the monies shall be invested in a fund to be identified and selected solely by the Township in accordance with applicable law so as to generate a rate of return of no less than zero percent (0%) and no more than four and a half percent (4.5%).
7. **Accrual of Non-Pension Benefits.** After a Non-Uniformed Employee elects to participate in the ACT 44 PROGRAM, all other contractual benefits shall continue to accrue with the exception of those provisions relating to the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.
8. **Payout.** Upon separation from employment, the ACT 44 PROGRAM payout options available to the ACT 44 PROGRAM Participant shall be as follows:
 - A. The balance of the ACT 44 PROGRAM Participant's account, less withholding taxes, if any, remitted to the Internal Revenue Service, shall be paid to the Participant or the Participant's surviving beneficiary.
 - B. The balance of the ACT 44 PROGRAM Participant's account shall be paid directly to the custodian of an eligible retirement plan as defined by Internal Revenue Code Section 402(c)(8)(b), or in the case of an eligible rollover distribution to the surviving spouse of a deceased ACT 44 PROGRAM Participant, an eligible retirement plan that is an individual retirement account or an individual retirement annuity as defined by Internal Revenue Code Section 402(c)(9).
 - C. If the ACT 44 PROGRAM Participant or beneficiary fails to make an election within sixty days (60) following the date of termination of ACT 44 PROGRAM participation, then the Chief Administrative Employee of the Pension Plan shall implement section (8)(A.) above.
9. **Disability During ACT 44 PROGRAM.** An ACT 44 PROGRAM Participant who becomes permanently disabled during the DROP period and retires from service will revert to the normal age and service pension pursuant to the Plan, and will thereafter directly receive pension payments that were being deposited into the ACT 44 PROGRAM

Participant's DROP Account. The Participant will then have access to distributions from his or her DROP Account in any manner permitted by law. If a Participant becomes temporarily disabled during his or her participation in the DROP Program, the time period while on disability counts toward the twenty-four (24) month participation limit. A Participant shall receive disability pay in the same amount as disabled employees who are not participating in the DROP Program. In no event shall a Participant on temporary disability have the ability to draw from the DROP Account. However, notwithstanding any other provision in this Paragraph, if a Participant is disabled and has not returned to work as of the date of his or her required resignation, then such resignation shall take precedence over all other provisions herein and said Participant shall immediately resign. In addition, if a Participant's disability becomes permanent during the DROP period, he or she shall be discharged from employment immediately, regardless of where in the DROP period his or her service stands. A Participant participating in the DROP program who becomes permanently disabled as the result of a work-related condition shall not be eligible to receive a disability pension benefit. Nothing hereunder shall be construed as conferring any legal rights upon any employee or other person to a continuation of employment nor shall participation in the DROP Program in any way supercede or limit the right of the Township to discharge an employee based upon an inability to perform his or her full duties.

10. **Death.** If an ACT 44 PROGRAM Participant dies, the Participant's eligibility for ACT 44 PROGRAM shall terminate upon the date of death. In such case, if the ACT 44 PROGRAM account balances have not yet been paid out, the Participant's legal beneficiary shall have the same rights and options as the Participant to withdraw/roll over the account balance.
11. **Forfeiture of Benefits.** Notwithstanding a Non-Uniformed Employee's status as an ACT 44 PROGRAM Participant, a current or former Participant who is convicted or pleads guilty to engaging in criminal misconduct which constitutes a "crime related to public office or public employment," as that phrase is defined in Pennsylvania's Pension Forfeiture Act, 43 P.S. §§ 1311-1314, shall forfeit his right to receive a pension, including any amounts currently deposited in the ACT 44 PROGRAM Account. In such a case, the Participant shall only be entitled to receive the contributions, if any, made by the Participant to the Non-Uniformed Pension Fund, without interest.
12. **Cost of Management for ACT 44 PROGRAM.** The Non-Uniformed Employees and the Township agree that any costs or fees associated with the management of the ACT 44 PROGRAM accounts shall be paid directly and solely by the Participant and not by the Township or the Pension Fund.
13. **Amendment.** Any amendments to this ACT 44 PROGRAM Ordinance shall be consistent with the provisions covering Individual Retirement option plans set forth in any applicable collective bargaining agreement and shall be binding upon all future ACT 44 PROGRAM Participants and upon all ACT 44 PROGRAM Participants who have balances in their Individual Retirement option accounts. The ACT 44 PROGRAM may only be amended by a written instrument, not by any oral agreement or past practice.
14. **Construal of Provisions.** A Non-Uniformed Employee's election to participate in the ACT 44 PROGRAM shall in no way be construed as a limitation on the Township's right to


suspend or to terminate a Non-Uniformed Employee for just cause or to grant the Non-Uniformed Employee an honorable discharge based upon a physical or mental inability to perform his or her duties.

15. **Severability.** The provisions of the ACT 44 PROGRAM shall be severable: and if any of its provisions shall be held to be unconstitutional or illegal, the validity of any of the remaining provisions of the ACT 44 PROGRAM shall not be affected thereby. It is hereby expressly declared as the intent of the Township that the ACT 44 PROGRAM would have been adopted had such unconstitutional or illegal provision or provisions not been included herein.
16. **Effective Date.** The Effective Date of the ACT 44 PROGRAM shall be January 1, 2016.
17. All elected and appointed officials of Township are authorized to take all action necessary to ensure the implementation and effect the purpose hereof.
18. Any and all Ordinances and/or Resolutions, or parts thereof, conflicting herewith are repealed insofar as the matters herein are affected.
19. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any clause, sentence, subsection or section hereof shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, such judgment or decision shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder but shall be confined in its operation and application to the clause, sentence, subsection or section rendered. It is hereby declared the intent of the Township Council that this ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional clause, sentence, subsection, or section had not been included therein.
20. This is effective immediately upon enactment according to law, and shall remain in effect hereafter until revised, amended, or revoked by action of the Township Council.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED AS AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF
ABINGTON THIS 14TH DAY OF JANUARY 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY:



WAYNE C. LUKER, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



MICHAEL LEFEVRE, SECRETARY

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that the Pension Committee item listed on the agenda was not in “her packet.”

Manager LeFevre replied when agendas are posted for the Board of Commissioners meetings no documentation is attached to that public notice. That is done through the committee meeting process, and following adoption of this ordinance, it then can be shared publicly.

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner DiPlacido thanked Traffic Safety Officers Freed and Posey along with Lt. Warner for assisting residents of Shelmire Street and Church Road.

Also, “when driving through Abington, drive like your kids live here.”

Commissioner Farren thanked Mr. Micciolo for his assistance in Ward 12 as well as Treasurer Blumenthal. He congratulated officials of the Abington Free Library on their 50th Birthday.

He reminded everyone that Bernie’s Restaurant is now open and it is getting rave reviews. Keswick Village area is exploding with Dino’s opening in a few months and Keswick Coffee will be reopening.

There was a little girl in his neighborhood that had a serious accident and was admitted to CHOP. She is recovering very well and the support from our community for this family has been incredible. He thanked members of the community at-large as well as his fellow Board members for their support.

Commissioner Gillespie thanked the Second Alarmers for their assistance and the well-wishes from her fellow Board members and Township staff were appreciated.

She reminded everyone that “Keep the Parade Running – 5K Run” will be held on April 9, 2016, and she will be sending out information.

She congratulated the Abington Free Library on their 50th Birthday, which is such a great library and asset to the Township.

Commissioner Hecker thanked Fire Marshal Clark, the Abington Fire Company and all of the Fire Companies who responded last week to the house fire on Rockwell Road involving a mother and four young children. They suffered loss and the community is rallying once again to support someone in need.

He also thanked officials of the Abington School District; the Overlook and Abington High School PTO's along with St. Anne's Church and Pam Hastings for donations for the replacement of clothes and food for this family.

He also thanked Commissioners Kalinoski and Myers along with Officer Gillespie and all of the Police Officers involved in last Saturday night's fundraiser to support this family.

Commissioner Kalinoski wished everyone a "Happy New Year, and he looks forward to working with Township staff and his fellow Board members. He congratulated the Abington Free Library on their 50th Birthday.

Also, we will begin the 24-Hour Relay meetings this month, if anyone is interested in getting involved. The event will be on May 21-22, 2016.

Commissioner Zappone announced that the Ardsley Family Day Committee meetings will begin this month and we have several events planned for this year. He welcomes any help we can get.

Commissioner Spiegelman wished everyone a "Happy 2016."

In regards to the basins, he, along with Commissioners Farren and Sanchez as well as Manager LeFevre and Township Engineer Powers has been working on this complicated basin-situation. Not long before the December 16th meeting was the Army Corp of Engineers proposing three of their nine Cheltenham flood-mitigation basins to be on Abington Township property. Public comment period has been extended again to the February 22, 2016 deadline.

Commissioner Rothman thanked his colleagues and Township for being very welcoming during his learning process. He wished a "Happy Birthday" to officials of the Abington Free Library.

Also, his neighbor had a baby this morning and he welcomed Tessa Goldstein to Abington.

Commissioner Myers congratulated the Abington Free Library on their 50th Birthday.

Also, someone on Facebook sent a link to a website called, www.onlyinyourstate.com and they named the nine best cities in Pennsylvania to raise a family. It was based on school, cost of living and birth rate, and Willow Grove was rated seven out of nine, so she expects to see a plaque for Willow Grove.

Commissioner Schreiber congratulated our new Sergeant, Joseph Blythe on his promotion. She wished a "Happy Birthday" to officials of the Abington Free Library.

The Roslyn Film Festival will be held on March 19, 2016 and the early deadline for a discount for entries is January 31, 2016. Go to www.roslynfilmfestival.com for more information. All proceeds go to the Roslyn Fire Company.

Commissioner Luker recognized Commissioner Markman who did a splendid job revitalizing the Abington Shopping Town Center and he would like see more of that in the Township moving forward.

In December, he received a letter from the Government Finance Officers Association who stated that Finance Director Kevin Barron received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting presented to the Township of Abington for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014.

It has been 12 consecutive years that the government has recognized Abington Township's Finance Office as being one of the best, and he thanked Mr. Barron and his staff of the Finance Office for doing an excellent job.

He thanked Judge Steven C. Tolliver for attending the Board of Commissioners Reorganization meeting on January 4, 2016 and for administering the Oath of Office to the Commissioners as he did an excellent job. He also thanked Boy Scout Troop 72, who led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance at that meeting.

He announced that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service will be held on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. at the Abington Senior High School, and he thanked Mr. Larry Matteo and Commissioner Spiegelman who created the program this year.

Board of Commissioners Meeting

January 14, 2016

ADJOURNMENT: 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township

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*Approved
February 10, 2016*

