

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 14, 2016
7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

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

**Township Manager LEFEVRE
Assistant Manager WEHMEYER
Township Tax Collector BLUMENTHAL
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Chief of Police 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

ANNOUNCEMENT

**An Executive Session was held on Monday, April 4th at 6:30 PM on a
personnel matter.**

PRESENTATIONS

**Presentation of Commendation to Eagle Scout Jacob Wysocki
Call on Commissioner Gillespie**

**Presentation of Commendation to Eagle Scout James Currie
Call on Commissioner Gillespie**

**Presentation of Commendation to Detective Bob Allmond of his
Retirement effective April 15th after 30 years with the Abington Police
Department
Call on Chief Kelly**

PROCLAMATION – “ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE” – April 23, 2016
Call on Commissioner Kline

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Board of Commissioners meeting of March 10, 2016

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

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
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(1) PUBLIC WORKS

PW1. Bid Award for 2016/2017 Consortium Sign Bid

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

Garden State Hwy. Prods.	Sign Posts Material Portion – <i>Items #5, #6, #7, #15, #18, #19, #22 thru #24, and #27.</i>
Protective Services, Inc. Chemung Lightle Enterprises	<i>Items #1 and #16. Items #2, #3, #4, #8 thru #14 and #17. Items #20, #21, #25, #26 and #28.</i>
Garden State Hwy. Prods.	Aluminum Blanks Material Portion – <i>Complete.</i>
Garden State Hwy. Prods. Protective Services, Inc.	Reflective Roll Goods – Type III Material – <i>Items #1 thru #7, #9, #10, #12 thru #20. Items #8 and #11.</i>
Garden State Hwy. Prods.	Reflective Sheeting and Sign Faces – Finished Signs – Type III Material – <i>Complete</i>
Garden State Hwy. Prods.	Reflective Sheeting and Sign Faces – Type III Material – <i>Complete</i>
Flint Trading Inc.	Hot Tape Pavement Markings – <i>Complete.</i>
Garden State Hwy. Prods. Protective Services, Inc. Lightle Enterprises	Miscellaneous Items Portion – <i>Items #1, #2, #3, #5, #9, #10, #16, #17 and #20. Items #4, #11 thru #15 and #19. Items #6, #7, #8 and #18.</i>

PW2. Resolution No. 16-015 – Montco 2040 Grant Application

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-015, authorizing the proper officials to apply for a grant for improvement at the intersection of York Road and the Fairway.

PW3. Ordinance No. 2116 – Old Welsh Road Sanitary Sewer District and Sewer Assessment

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2116 establishing the Old Welsh Road Sewer District, assessing the branch of sanitary sewers on Old Welsh Road.

PW4. 2015 HUD Program – Tennis Avenue/North Hills Avenue/Fairview Avenue Storm Sewer Projects

Motion to add Fairview Avenue and remove East Avenue from N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc. contract for the 2015 HUD Program. The contract amount will remain the same.

PW5. Rockwell Road Sidewalk Project

Motion to approve and enter into contract with Biase Landscaping, LLC for the Rockwell Road Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$97,500.00 to be funded from Fund Balance.

PW6. Old Welsh Road Sanitary Sewer Project

Motion to approve Coyle & Lynch, LLC to perform the appraisal review for the Old Welsh Road Sanitary Sewer Project in the amount of \$56,000, (\$2,000 per property x 28 properties); to be funded from Sanitary Sewer Retained Earnings.

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

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(2) CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

CE1. Zoning Text Amendment – Flood Plain Ordinance – Ordinance No. 2117

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2117, amending Chapter 162 “Zoning,” at Section 600 “Flood Plain Conservation Overlay District,” Subsection 5 “Definitions”.

CE2. Subdivision SD-16-01 – Daniel J. Opdyke – 821 Central Avenue

Motion to approve the subdivision application of Daniel J. Opdyke for the property located at 821 Central Avenue and the vacant parcel known as #300011464008 fronting on Cricket Avenue. The applicant proposes to relocate the shared property and add 300 feet to the vacant parcel fronting on Cricket Avenue. The vacant lot will be increased to 7,500 square feet and 821 Central Avenue will be reduced to 13,500 square feet. Both lots will comply with the dimensional requirement of Section 303.3 of the Zoning Ordinance. Both parcels will be served by public water and sewer. The property is zoned in the R-4 Residential District in Ward No. 9 of the Township of Abington.

This motion is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Sanitary sewers are available for this project at this time. An ACT 537 Exemption Application has been submitted and reviewed as part of this application.**
- 2. 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.**
- 3. The items listed in the Staff Review letter dated February 18, 2016 become a condition of this application.**

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.L – Architectural Plan**
- 5. Waiver from Section 146-24.D – Right-of-Way Width**

CE3. Subdivision SD-16-02 – Nicholas and Shelley Schorsch – 1560 Warner Road

Motion to approve the subdivision application of Nicholas and Shelley Schorsch for the property located at 1560 Warner Road and the vacant parcel known as #300043660023 fronting on Mill Road. The applicants propose to relocate the shared property line and add 11,031 square feet to 1560 Warner Road. The vacant lot will be decreased in lot area from 8.11 acres to 7.86 acres in size. No construction is proposed and no new building lots will be created by this application. 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 Applicants are required to provide the Township with two (2) new, executed (signed, notarized and recorded) deeds. This is a requirement of the subdivision process.**
- 2. The items listed in the Staff Review letter dated March 7, 2016 become a condition of this application.**

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.L – Architectural Plan**
- 5. Waiver from Section 146-24.D – Right-of-Way Width**
- 6. Waiver from Section 146-27 – Curb Gutter and Sidewalk**
- 7. Waiver from Section 146-38 – Street Lighting**

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

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(3) PUBLIC SAFETY

- PS1. Ordinance No. 2115 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article II “Traffic Regulations” Section 14 “Stop Intersection”; Article III “Parking Regulations” Section 26 “Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2115 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 (Stop Intersection); and Article III (Parking Regulations) Section 26 (Parking Prohibited During Certain Hours).

- PS2. Ordinance No. 2118 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article III “Parking Regulations” Section 25 “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping or Standing

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2118 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 May 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

- PS3. Conditional Appointment – Probationary Police Officer

Motion to appoint candidate Alex Levy from the certified Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided he successfully completes the Background, Physical and Psychological tests and all entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training Appointment will be effective May 2, 2016.

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

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(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PA1. Resolution No. 16-016 – Fair Housing

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-016. Annual Fair Housing Resolution to further Fair Housing practices within the Township of Abington.

PA2. Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant

Motion to advertise the Public Hearing on the Substantial Amendment to the Community Development Block Grant scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2016 in the 2nd Floor Board Room of the Abington Township Administration Building, located at 1176 Old York Road, Abington.

PA3. Resolution No. 16-017 – Supporting the Grant Application to DCNR for the Development of the Natural Resources in the Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary

Motion to approve Resolution No. 16-017 which supports the application to the DCNR for a grant to improve the natural habitat in the Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary.

PA4. House Bill 340 (PN 2947)

Motion to request State Representative Dean's support in opposing House Bill 340 in its present format.

PA5.

**Resolution No. 16-018 – Supporting a Grant Application to DCNR
for Design and Engineering for Bike Lane Implementation**

Motion to approve Resolution No. 16-018 to support an application for grant funding through DCNR to cover design and Engineering expenses necessary to implement a high priority section of the Master Bike Plan.

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

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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 February expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$1,415,396.46 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,766,612.79.**
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of May 2016.**

(Motion and Roll Call)

FC2. Training and Conference Expenses

Motion to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for February 2016 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$2,221.33 respectively.

Two-month expenses totaled \$7,386.10.

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 February as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of February 2016 were \$622.14 and (\$0.00), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of February 2016 were \$368.26 and (\$1,028.99) respectively.

FC4.

Resolution No. 16-008 – Travel Policy

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-008 amending Resolution No. 01-010 regarding Travel Policy.