

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

August 11, 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 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

**On July 14th at 8:10 PM and August 1st at 8:00 PM and this evening,
August 11th at 7:00 PM, the Board of Commissioners met in Executive
Session regarding the matter of Old York LLC vs. Abington Township,
Docket number 2016-11116 in the Montgomery County Court of
Common Pleas.**

PRESENTATION

**Presentation of Award to the Board of Commissioners – 3 STAR
ACHIEVEMENT**

**Presenters are Emily Costello, AICP, Star Communities Technical
Advisor/DVRPC Senior Planner and Dr. Damian J. Fernandez,
Chancellor, Penn State Abington College/STAR Communities
University Affiliate.**

Call on Commissioner Luker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Commissioners meeting of July 14, 2016

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

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(1) PUBLIC WORKS

PW1. Ordinance No. 2122 - Intergovernmental Agreement – Alternative TMDL – Wissahickon Creek Watershed

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2122 to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Wissahickon Watershed Municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Plants to work together in developing an Alternative TMDL Plan for the Watershed.

PW2. Ordinance No. 2124 – Old Welsh Road – Sanitary Sewer Project

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2124 adding 1908 Paper Mill Road to the Old Welsh Road Sanitary Sewer District.

PW3. LED Traffic Signal Bulbs

Motion to accept the lowest responsible bid and enter into a contract with General Traffic Equipment for the purchase of LED Bulbs as per bid specifications.

PW4. Resolution No. 16-026 – Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Agreement Authorization

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-026 authorizing the Township Manager to enter into an Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) project funding agreement.

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

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(2) CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

CE1. Subdivision SD-16-05 – Patrick Deacon – 2661 Mt. Carmel Avenue

Motion to approve the subdivision application of Patrick Deacon, applicant of the property located at 2661 Mount Carmel Avenue, Abington Township. The applicant seeks approval to subdivide the property into two parcels. Lot No. 1 will contain the existing dwelling and is listed at 13,313 square feet. Proposed Lot. No. 2 is plotted at 7,500 square feet and the existing barn is marked “To Be Removed.” The properties are zoned in the (R-4) Residential District in Ward No. 6 of the Township of Abington. *(This application was submitted as a preliminary as final plan; however due to DEP requirements for either an approved Planning Module or an approved ACT 537 Exemption Application, this application will be reviewed for preliminary approval only.)*

This motion is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Sanitary sewer service is available for this development. However, flows this property is through Cheltenham Township and requires their approval. An ACT 537 Exemption Application has been submitted and has been recommended for approval.**
- 2. The items listed within the Staff Review letter dated July 13, 2016 are to be taken under consideration by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington.**
- 3. This recommendation is for preliminary plan approval only. If the Board of Commissioners elects to approve this application as a final plan, a condition must be added to address the Planning Module or ACT 537 Exemption Certificate that is required.**

This motion is subject to the following waivers:

- 1. Waiver from Section 146-11.A – Property Identification Plan – The plan is required to supply the tax parcel information, owner’s name and lot area for all properties within 400 feet of the site involved in this application. Staff supports this waiver.**
- 2. Waiver from Section 146-11.B – Existing Features Plan – The plan is required to plot the location of all utilities on the sites and within 400 feet of the properties involved in this application. Staff supports this waiver.**
- 3. Waiver from Section 146-11.C – Proposed Layout Plan – The plan is required to plot the location of all existing utilities, to include the size, type and depth of all existing improvements proposed to remain and be removed. Staff supports this waiver.**
- 4. Waiver from Section 146-11.L – Architectural Plan – The applicant has submitted a rendering of the exterior finishes of the proposed alterations. Architectural plans have not been submitted at this time. Staff is in favor of this waiver.**
- 5. Waiver from Section 146-39 – Street Trees – The applicant is required to plant one street tree five feet inside the front property line every 50 feet. Staff supports this waiver.**

CE2. Ratification of Colonade (Old York LLC) Consent Order

Motion to ratify the August 1, 2016 decision of the Board of Commissioners to grant actual authority to the Township Solicitor to enter into a consent order submitted to the Honorable Richard P. Haaz in the matter of Old York LLC vs. Abington Township, Montgomery County Court of Common Pleas Court, Docket Number 2016-11116.

CE3. Baederwood Residential Partners, L.P.

Motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to attend the Zoning Hearing Board meeting, as scheduled, in opposition to the application of Baederwood Residential Partners, L.P.

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

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(3) PUBLIC SAFETY

PS1. Ordinance No. 2121 – To Amend 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”

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2121 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).

PS2. Ordinance No. 2125 – To Amend 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” and Section 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones”

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2125 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) and Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on September 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

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

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(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PA1. Resolution No. 16-025 – Multimodal Transportation Fund Program

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-025 approving Abington Township to submit an application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Program. The grant submission will support Phase 2 of the Old York Road/Susquehanna Road project.

PA2. Ordinance No. 2123 – No Smoking in the Township Parks and Playgrounds

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2123 which prohibits smoking in Township Parks and Playgrounds.

PA3. Crestmont and Penbryn Pools Feasibility Study – Consultant Approval

Motion to approve KMS Design Group as the Consultant for the Crestmont and Penbryn Pools Feasibility Study.

PA4. Shade Tree Commission – TD Foundation Grant

Motion to accept the TD Foundation contribution in the amount of \$2,500.00.

**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 June expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$2,766,012.16 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,830,418.62.**
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of September 2016.**

(Motion and Roll Call)

FC2. Training and Conference Expenses

Motion to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for June 2016 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$3,465.00 respectively.

Six-month expenses totaled \$23,708.09.

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 June as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of June 2016 were \$1,215.11 and (\$0.00), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of June 2016 were \$35.00 and (\$10.00) respectively.

FC4. Funding for Legal Fees

Motion to appropriate \$100,000.00 from Fund Balance for legal fees.