

The stated 2017 Budget Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township Abington was held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with President Luker presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m.

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

Township Manager LEFEVRE  
Township Tax Collector BLUMENTHAL  
Chief of Police KELLY  
Deputy Chief of Police LIVINGOOD  
Finance Director BARRON  
Assistant Finance Director HERMAN  
Director of Code Enforcement MATTEO  
Superintendent of Recreation OLES  
Director of Public Works MICCIOLO  
Director of W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY  
Assistant Fire Marshal ROHRER  
Community Development Director STROTHER

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### Annual Budget for Year 2017

Each Commissioner has been furnished with the proposed Preliminary Budget for the year 2017.

President Luker called on Manager LeFevre for the budget statement.

Manager LeFevre reported general fund budget is \$38,026,723 and that does not include a tax increase. Refuse fund budget is \$5,782,381 and that does not include a rate increase. Sewer fund budget is \$8,844,000 and does include a slight rate increase, which is the first increase in six years equating to approximately \$12.00 per average household.

There are four motions before the Board this evening, which are setting annual sewer rate for 2017; establishing tax and levy for appropriation for various funds for the fiscal year 2017; and to approve 2017 Capital Improvement Program. If all motions are approved by the Board, this would conclude the 2017 budget process.

President Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Spiegelman clarified that the estimated \$12.00 sewer rate increase is annual. Is that correct?

Manager LeFevre replied that is correct and rate is based on actual water consumption.

Resolution No. 16-035 – Setting Annual Sewer Rate or Rental for 2017:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Vice President Kline to adopt Resolution No. 16-035 setting annual sewer rate or rental for the calendar year 2017 and thereafter. (Rate is a \$12.00 annual increase for median customer)

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-1. Commissioner Zappone opposed.

**RESOLUTION #16-035**

**SETTING ANNUAL SEWER RATE OR RENTAL FOR YEAR 2017**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 1883, adopted October 10, 2002, set annual sewer rates or rentals for users of the Abington Township sanitary sewer system to be effective January 1, 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 1919, adopted December 16, 2004, provided for rate amendments by resolution of the Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has prepared a preliminary budget for the Township of Abington for the calendar year 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the said preliminary budget projects revenues from annual sewer rates or rentals in calendar year 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to meet the revenues so projected it will be necessary to increase the Annual Rate or Rental figures as stated below.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016, that the rates for sewer rate or rental for the calendar year 2017 and thereafter are as stated below:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Fixed Meter Fee (Annual)</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 gallons</u>
5/8"	\$ 80.00	\$ 4.01
3/4"	\$ 161.00	\$ 4.40
1"	\$ 483.00	\$ 4.83
1 1/2 "	\$ 801.00	\$ 5.20
2"	\$ 1,601.00	\$ 5.62
3"	\$ 3,199.00	\$ 6.00
4"	\$ 3,999.00	\$ 6.43
6"	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 6.83
8"	\$ 5,635.00	\$ 7.23

Fixture count - plus 4.0%

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Attest:

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Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By:

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Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 2129 – Establishing 2017 Tax Millage and Budget Appropriation for various Township funds as attached to agenda and circulated to the public:

President Luker opened Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

President Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Vice President Kline commended Township staff for putting together a balanced budget for 2017.

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

President Luker closed Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Vice President Kline to adopt Ordinance No. 2129 establishing tax and levy for appropriation for various funds for the fiscal year 2017.

Tax Levy was read aloud into the record as follows:

Tax rate for General purposes	2.273 mills
Tax rate for Fire purposes	.72 mills
Tax rate for Debt Service	.52 mills
Tax rate for Parks and Recreation	.25 mills
Tax rate for Library purposes	.43 mills
Tax rate for Ambulance Service purposes	<u>.01 mills</u>
Total Millage	4.203 mills

Summary of Appropriations and Receipts for following funds:

General	\$38,026,723
Sewer Fund	8,844,000
Refuse Fund	5,782,381
Highway Aid Fund	1,534,178
Workers' Compensation Fund	1,007,280
Retiree Health Cost Fund	1,397,290
Tuition Reimbursement Fund	15,000

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON**

**FOR THE YEAR 2017**

**TAX LEVY AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2129**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON, COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the tax rate for the year 2017 and appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government, hereinafter set forth, during the current year.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, County of Montgomery, Pennsylvania.

SECTION 1. That a tax be and the same is hereby levied on all property and occupations within the said municipality subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2017 as follows:

Tax rate for General Purposes, the sum of two and two hundred seventy-three thousandths (2.273) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

For Fire Purposes, the sum of seventy-two hundredths (.72) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

For Debt Service Purposes, the sum of fifty-two hundredths (.52) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

For Parks and Recreation Purposes, the sum of twenty-five hundredths (.25) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

For Library Purposes, the sum of forty-three hundredths (.43) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

For Ambulance Service Purposes, the sum of one hundredths (.01) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

The same being summarized in tabular form as follows:

SECTION 1. (Continued)	Mills on Each Dollar of Assessed Valuation
Tax rate for General Township Purposes	2.273
Tax rate for Fire Purposes	.72
Tax rate for Debt Service Purposes	.52
Tax rate for Parks and Recreation Purposes	.25
Tax rate for Library Purposes	.43
Tax rate for Ambulance Service Purposes	<u>.01</u>
TOTAL	4.203

SECTION 2. That for the expenses for the fiscal year 2017 the following amounts are hereby appropriated from the revenues available for the current year for the specific purposes set forth below, which amounts are more fully itemized in the Budget Form.

**GENERAL OPERATION FUNDS**  
Summary of Estimated Receipts

Total Estimated Receipts and Cash	38,026,723
Summary of Appropriations	
Administration	3,378,980
Debt Service	1,986,719
Police Protection	18,041,104
Library	2,482,004
Code Enforcement	1,043,759
Engineering Division	445,277
Public Works	3,920,585
Parks and Recreation	4,141,729
Fire Service	2,549,216
Ambulance Services	<u>37,350</u>
TOTAL Appropriations from General Operating Funds	38,026,723

SECTION 2. (Continued)

**SEWER FUND**

Summary of Estimated Receipts

Total Estimated Receipts of Cash 8,844,000

Summary of Appropriations

Operation and Maintenance 8,844,000

**REFUSE FUND**

Summary of Estimated Receipts

Total Estimated Receipts of Cash 5,782,381

Summary of Appropriations

Operation and Maintenance 5,782,381

**HIGHWAY AID FUND**

Summary of Estimated Receipts

Total Estimated Receipts and Cash 1,534,178

Summary of Appropriations

Operation and Maintenance 1,534,178

**WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND**

Summary of Estimated Receipts

Total Estimated Receipts and Cash 727,000

Summary of Appropriations

Operation and Maintenance 1,007,280

**RETIREE HEALTH COST FUND**

Summary of Estimated Receipts

Total Estimated Receipts and Cash 1,597,290

Summary of Appropriations

Operation and Maintenance 1,397,290



SECTION 2. (Continued)

**TUITION REIMBURSEMENT FUND**  
Summary of Estimated Receipts

Total Estimated Receipts and Cash 5,000

Summary of Appropriations

Operation and Maintenance 15,000

SECTION 3. An estimate of the specific items making up the amounts appropriated to the respective departments is on file in the Administrative Office of the Township of Abington, Abington, Pennsylvania.

SECTION 4. That any ordinance, or part of ordinance, conflicting with this ordinance be and the same is hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this ordinance.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be effective as of January 1, 2017.

ADOPTED this 15th day of December, A.D., 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

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Wayne C. Luker, President  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Michael LeFevre, Secretary

Capital Program:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve 2017 Capital Improvement Program (includes Street Overlay Program) as listed in attached documents from the following funding sources:

General Fund transfer:			
Use of Capital Fund Balance		\$836,700	
Transfer from Fire		85,000	
2016 In-Lieu-Of		505,000	
Reallocated Funds		<u>86,000</u>	1,512,700
Sewer Operation Retained Earnings			470,000
Sewer Capital Retained Earnings			1,117,000
Refuse Retained Earnings			<u>374,000</u>
			3,473,700

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

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

2017 Capital Program

**PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT FUND**

Administration	Township Buildings	50,000	
	Replace Camera's system	25,000	
	Basement Water Damage and Repair	30,000	
	Grant Support	250,000	355,000
Information Technology	Finance Update	25,000	
	Network Server	80,000	
	Large Scanner Replacement	15,000	120,000
Economic Dev.	Business Maintenance Program	75,000	
	Keswick District	5,000	
	Township Line	5,000	
	Noble Station	5,000	
	Old York Road	5,000	
	Roslyn Valley District	5,000	
	Decorative Street Poles	15,000	115,000
Police	In-Car Video Replacement	25,000	
	Police Vehicle Digital Systems	15,000	
	Body Cameras	10,000	
	Taser Program Upgrade	11,000	
	Tactical Equipment / Patrol Rapid Response	21,500	
	Prisoner Holding Facility Repairs	10,000	92,500
Engineering	MS4 - State storm management requirements	70,000	
	Stream Maintenance	20,000	
	Bridge Repair	40,000	
	Sump Pump Connections	20,000	
	Scanning - Storm sewer records	5,000	155,000
Public Works	Overlay	200,000	
	Tire Machine	13,000	
	Rehab milling and paving equipment	28,000	
	Leaf Machine	46,000	
	Enclosed Trailer	6,500	
	John Deere 4X4 Gator for Briar Bush Paladin Preparator Rock Hound	9,400 8,800	311,700
Fire	Fire Training Facility Burn Building Repairs	25,000.00	
	Radio Replacement Project	60,000.00	85,000
Library	Air Conditioner Replacement	100,000	100,000
Parks	Repave Crestmont basketball court	45,000	
	Color coat Penbryn Park tennis courts	20,000	
	Replace cross members on light poles in Alverthorpe Park	20,000	
	Facility wide tree maintenance	35,000	
	Repair driveway for Woodland Road house and Penbryn house	13,000	
	Briar Bush Nature Center	23,000	
	Replace train activity item in Adventurethorpe	20,000	
	USDA goose round up Alverthorpe	2,500	178,500
			1,512,700

**2017 Capital Program (continued)**

Refuse	Yard Rear Loader Trash Truck	129,000	
	Purchase one (1) New Fully Automated Side Loader	245,000	374,000

**SEWER OPERATIONS**

Wastewater	Influent Pump Station Backup Power System Installation	40,000	
	Server & Collection System Computer Replacements	10,000	
	Fire Monitoring & Suppression System for Garage	78,000	
	Clarifier, Return & Waste Sludge Flowmeter Replacements	25,000	
	Digester T36 Sludge Pump No. 14 Replacement	15,000	
	Pump Stations 2, 3 & 4 Replace Valves & Actuators	40,000	
	Lime Slurry Transfer Pump No. 2	24,000	
	Exterior/Interior Florescent Lighting Replacement (PECO Grant)	13,000	
	Building Basement Confined Space Air Monitoring Analyzers	10,000	
	Electrical Circuitry Power Factor Stabilization Panels	90,000	
	Pump Station 4 Replace Abandoned Pump for TMDL	20,000	
	Replace Influent Flow Meter	7,000	
	Motor, Hydraulic & Gear Oil Drum Containment Rack System	8,000	
	Aeration Tanks Dissolved Oxygen meter & Probe Replacements	38,000	
	Mechanical and Electrical Equipment Transport Vehicle	12,000	
	Aquafilter Cloth Media Upgrade for Permit & TMDL Compliance	20,000	
	Plant Upgrades for Permit & TMDL Compliance	20,000	470,000

**SEWER CAPITAL**

Wastewater	Old Welsh Road Phase 2 of new sanitary sewer system	550,000	
	Sewer System I&I Rehabilitation	200,000	
	Replace Utility Trucks No. 521 with Utility Crane Service Truck	125,000	
	Lateral Sewer inspection camera & winch	12,000	
	Cardinal Pump Station Pump & Valve Replacements	75,000	
	Rydal Pump Station Pump & Valve Replacements	155,000	1,117,000

**CAPITAL FUNDING SOURCES SUMMARY**

Use of Capital Fund Balance	836,700	
Transfer from Fire	85,000	
2015 In-Lieu-Of	505,000	
Reallocated Funds	86,000	
Total General Fund		1,512,700
Sewer Operation Retained Earnings		470,000
Sewer Capital Retained Earnings		1,117,000
Refuse Fund Retained Earnings		<u>374,000</u>

**Total Capital Improvements 2017** **3,473,700**

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**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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*Approved  
1-12-2017*