

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**April 13, 2017
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 LIVINGOOD
Finance Director BARRON
Township Engineer POWERS
Director of Code Enforcement MATTEO
Director of Parks & Recreation OLES
Director of Public Works MICCIOLO
Director of W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY
Fire Marshal CLARK
Community Development Director STROTHER**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION

**Presentation from the Helping Hand Foundation to both PAL AND CAPT
Call on Jay Blumenthal**

SWEARING IN

**Swearing in of three New Police Officers by District Justice John D.
Kessler**

**Officer Adrian DeAngelo
Officer Nico Belardo
Officer Christopher Petras
Call on Chief Livingood**

**PROCLAMATION – “ARBOR DAY OBSERVANCE” – April 22, 2017
Call on Commissioner Sanchez**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Commissioners Meeting of March 9, 2017

APPOINTMENT

Motion to appoint Valerie Odele Ward to serve as an alternate member to the Civil Service Commission through December 31, 2020.

APPOINTMENTS – Human Relations Commission

Motion to appoint John Carne as a member of the Human Relations Commission for a three-year term expiring December 31, 2019.

Motion to appoint Amy Gold McDonald to the Human Relations Commission for a two-year term expiring December 31, 2018.

Motion to appoint Rosemary Jenkins to fill the unexpired term through December 31, 2017.

APPOINTMENT – Township Manager

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

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(2) PUBLIC WORKS

PW1. Resolution No. 17-012 - Washington Lane Sidewalk Enhancements - Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-012 approving Abington Township to submit an application to Montgomery County for the Montco 2040 Implementation Grant Program. The grant submission will support sidewalk and crosswalks along Washington Lane.

PW2. Account Transfer Authorization

Motion to authorize a transfer of \$20,000 from 2017 Sump Pump Connections Expense Account No. 07-07-566-7516 to 2017 Stream Maintenance Expense Account No. 07-07-566-7514.

PW3. Jenkintown Borough Street - Light and Traffic Signal Agreement

Motion to have the proper officials enter into an Inter-Municipal Agreement for maintenance of Traffic Signals and Street Lights located in Jenkintown Borough.

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

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(1) CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

CE1. Subdivision and Land Development LD-16-06 – Steven Kozlowski – 1235 Meinel Road

Motion to approve the Subdivision and Land Development application of Steven Kozlowski, applicant for the property located at 1235 Meinel Road, Abington Township. The applicant proposes to subdivide the existing property of 3.52 acres in size into six parcels. The proposed new properties will be served by a new cul-de-sac style roadway. The proposed properties range in size from 15,900 square feet to 29,180 square feet in lot area. The proposed new single-family dwellings will be served by public water, sanitary sewer, gas and electric. Each of the proposed new parcels will contain on-site rain gardens as well as a public storm water management system that is plotted to be located below the proposed new roadway. The properties are zoned in the (R-2) Residential District in Ward No. 2 of the Township of Abington.

This motion is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Sanitary sewer service is available for this development. An Act 537 Exemption Application has been submitted and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission. The applicant is required to submit a DEP approval letter prior to the recording of the final plan.**
- 2. The items listed within the Staff Review letter dated January 10, 2017 are to be a condition of the approval of this application.**
- 3. The applicant is required to submit a minimum of four paper copies, four Mylar copies and one PDF Formatted Disk of the final plan at the time the plans are submitted for Township signatures.**
- 4. The Township is required to provide the owners of the proposed new single-family dwellings with a copy of the best management practice maintenance requirements for the care of the private rain gardens.**

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.**
- 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.**

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.**
4. **Waiver from Section 146-11.G – Utility Plan – The application has been submitted; however the plan is incomplete as it does not plot the location of the required street lights, proposed gas lines, telephone lines and provide a street name.**
5. **Waiver from Section 146-11.H – Landscape Plan – The applicant is required to submit a plan that clearly identifies the size, type and location of all materials and vegetation proposed to be removed and all proposed vegetation proposed to be added to the site.**

With the condition that the applicant submit a plan for the required street trees that include the type, size and location of the required trees to the Township for review and approval.

6. **Waiver from Section 146-11.1 – Phasing Plan – A phasing plan is required to be submitted that details the proposed timeline for construction.**
7. **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.**
8. **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. The applicant has requested approval to plant the street trees within the front yard setback area.**
9. **Waiver from Section 146-9.B – Plan Categories – This Section of the Ordinance required a two stage approval process. The applicant has submitted the application as a preliminary as final Land Development Plan.**

CE2. Public Hearing – Ordinance No. 2131 – Chapter 162 – “Zoning” Article III “Establishment of Zoning Districts” related to the Medical Marijuana Dispensary and Medical Marijuana Grow Facility

Call on Staff: Solicitor Michael Clarke

Comments: Commissioners

Comments: Public

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2131, Amending Chapter 162 – “Zoning,” Article III – “Establishment of Zoning Districts,” related to the Medical Marijuana Dispensary and Medical Marijuana Grow Facility.

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

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(3) PUBLIC SAFETY

PS1. Ordinance No. 2137 – To Amend Chapter 156 (“Vehicles and Traffic”), Article III “Parking Regulations” Section 25 “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2137 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic), Article III (Parking Regulations), Section 25 – (Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing).

PS2. Ordinance No. 2138 – 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 advertise Ordinance No. 2138 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 – (Stop Intersections) and Article III (Parking Regulations) Section 25 – (Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on May 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

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

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(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PA1. Bid Award – Community Facility at Crestmont Park

Motion to accept the lowest Responsible Bidder and enter into a contract with L. J. Paoella Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,545,571.00 to construct a new community facility at Crestmont Park.

PA2. Funding of the Community Facility at Crestmont Park

Motion to authorize the use of funds from BB&T Account Number 1390000740639 in the amount of \$119,027.62 (as of 01/31/2017) to fund the construction of the new community facility at Crestmont Park. This account was established on August 31, 1990 for affordable housing purposes that has been replaced by funding from HUD and DCED.

PA3. Grant Award Acceptance for TAP Grant Trail Development

Motion to accept the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant from PA Department of Transportation in the amount of \$450,000.00. The grant will support the construction costs for phase one of the bicycle plan.

PA4. Grant Award Acceptance for DCNR Grant For Design and Engineering for Bike Lane Implementation

Motion to accept the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant in the amount of \$90,000.00. The grant will support the design and engineering expenses to implement phase one of the bicycle plan.

PA5. Proposal Acceptance for Professional Services – Abington Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Trail

Motion to accept the proposal from the team of Simone Collins Landscape Architecture to prepare the construction documents through the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for the Abington Trail Project at a cost not to exceed \$65,348.00.

PA6. Old York Road Historical Society Lease – Alverthorpe Manor

Motion to approve a Lease Addendum effective December 1, 2017, extending the Old York Road Historical Society lease at Alverthorpe Manor ten additional years and increasing the total leased area by 927 square feet. The annual rent obligation including utilities will increase to \$15,183.36 effective December 1, 2017.

PA7. Bid Condenser Replacement Project

Motion to advertise bid for the Condenser Replacement Project at the Abington Library.

PA8. Resolution No. 17-013 – Authorizing the Disposition of Certain Human Resources Records

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-013 authorizing the disposition of certain Human Resources records as set forth in Exhibit “A”.

**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. Investments

Motion to approve investments for the month of February as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$150,000.00. Interest rate yields was 1.050%.

FC2. Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the February expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$1,757,658.29 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,874,223.13.**
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of May 2017.**

(Motion and Roll Call)

FC3. Training and Conference Expenses

Motion to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for February 2017 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$1,839.23 respectively.

Two-month expenses totaled \$3,011.29.

FC4. 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 2017 were \$712.06 and (\$108.81), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of February 2017 were \$1,500.00 and (\$9,970.00) respectively.