

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

February 18, 2010
8:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL **WACHTER, SCHREIBER, RING, GILLESPIE, KLINE, LUKER,
LYNOTT, ZAPPONE, PEACOCK, CARLIN, BENZAK, O'CONNOR
JAY, O'CONNOR MICHAEL, MYERS, DiJOSEPH**

Township Manager **CONWAY**
Township Treasurer **BLUMENTHAL**
Assistant Manager **LAHAZA**
Township Solicitor **HERDER**
Chief of Police **KELLY**
Finance Director **MATIZA**
Township Engineer **POWERS**
Director of Code Enforcement **MATTEO**
Director of Parks & Recreation **WENDELL**
Director of Public Works **MICCIOLO**
Superintendent of W.W.T.P. **LEBER**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENTATION – Glenside Patriotic Association
Call on Commissioner Gillespie.

ANNOUNCEMENT

An Executive Session was held on Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 9:30 p.m. on matters of litigation.

An Executive Session was held on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. on personnel and litigation matters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Commissioners Meeting of January 14, 2010.

Board of Commissioners Organization Meeting of January 4, 2010.

Board of Commissioners Final Budget Meeting of December 17, 2009.

VOLUNTEER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board President to accept nominations from the Board of Commissioners for vacancies on the Township's Volunteer Boards and Commissions.

Robert Wachter, Director
Jay O'Connor, Asst. Director
Les Benzak
Steven Kline
Carol Gillespie

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(1) PUBLIC WORKS

PW1. Huntingdon Pike – Traffic Signal Upgrade

Motion to accept the lowest responsible bid and enter into contract with Bruce-Merriless Electric Company in the amount of \$1,156,975.59 for the Huntingdon Pike Traffic Signal Upgrade Project to be funded from transportation grant and fund balance.

PW2. Susquehanna Road (S.R. 2017) Over Sandy Run Creek Project

Motion to extend Stantec's contract for the Susquehanna Road (SR 2017) over Sandy Run Creek Project for the final design portion of the contract to October 1, 2010.

PW3. Resolution No. 10-005 – Mill Road Bridge – Between PennDOT and Abington Township

Motion to approve Resolution No. 10-005 for the Bridge Replacement and Transfer Agreement No. 164103 for Mill Road over Meadowbrook Creek (SR 2068/Section MMB).

PW4. Budget Transfer – Highway Aid Fund

Motion to transfer \$85,000.00 from Highway Aid Fund balance to Account No. 03-13-140-5041 entitled overtime and \$35,000.00 from Highway Aid Fund balance to Account No. 03-13-140-5325 entitled Materials and Supplies Road.

Jay O'Connor, Director
Michael O'Connor, Asst. Director
Ernie Peacock
Robert Wachter
Dennis Zappone

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(2) CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

CE1. DELETED

CE2. Subdivision Plan SD-09-05 – Irvin G. Schorsch III and Victor L. Johnson – 1579 and 1585 Warner Road

Motion to approve the subdivision plan of Irvin G. Schorsch III and Victor L. Johnson, as prepared by TEI Consulting Engineers, Inc., Registered Professional Engineers, date revised, January 27, 2010. The applicants propose to relocate the existing lot lines and decrease the size of proposed Lot No. 2 to 2.054 acres and increase proposed Lot No. 1 to 7.217 acres. No construction is proposed with this subdivision request. 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 install concrete monuments at the corners for each of the lots involved in this application.
2. The applicants are required to provide a new deed for each of the lots at the time the plan is submitted for recording. This is not a deed description, but a signed and sealed recordable deed.
3. A minimum of four Mylar and four paper copies of the plans must be submitted for recording. In addition a PDF, formatted CD must also be submitted.
4. Deed Restricted Area Lot 2 will be created to prevent the owner of Lot 2 from making any changes or improvements within the limits of the deed restricted area.

5. The owners of Lot No. 2 will be granted the right by the owner of Lot 1 to allow all existing utility services to remain in place and to allow and to maintenance activities necessary to keep the utility services functional.

This motion is subject to the following waivers:

1. Waiver from Section 146-11.A.4 – Property identification
2. Waiver from Section 146-11.B.7 – Existing Features Plan
3. Waiver from Section 146-11.C.10 – Proposed Layout Plan
4. Waiver from Section 146-11-D – Grading Plan

William J. Lynott, Director
James Ring, Asst. Director
John Carlin
Lori Schreiber
Wayne Luker

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(3) PUBLIC SAFETY

PS1. DELETED

PS2. No Parking Here to Corner – Edgley Avenue

Motion to install two *No Parking Here to Corner* signs on Edgley Avenue.

1. One sign on the east side of Edgley Avenue 30 feet of the stop sign at Jenkintown Road;
2. One sign on the west side of Edgley Avenue three (3) feet north of the driveway for 2104 Jenkintown Road.

James Ring, Director
Peggy Myers, Asst. Director
Les Benzak
Lori Schreiber
Steven Kline

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(4) PUBLIC AFFAIRS

PA1. DELETED

PA2. DELETED

PA3. USTA Tennis Grant

Motion to approve the acceptance of a \$700.00 grant from the USTA for the development of a recreational tennis program.

PA4. Resolution of Support – Medical Mission Sisters

Motion to approve Resolution 10-007 demonstrating Township support to DCED for a grant application proposal by the Medical Mission Sisters for elderly housing units.

Wayne C. Luker, Director
Peggy Myers, Asst. Director
Jay O'Connor
Michael O'Connor
Ernie Peacock

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(5) FINANCE COMMITTEE

Treasurer's Report: Call on Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal.

FC1. Investments

Motion to approve the investments for the month of December 2009 as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$4,218,000. Interest rate yield ranged from 0.60% to 4.125%.

FC2. Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the December expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$2,536,629.50 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$2,462,572.27.
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of March, 2010.

(Motion and Roll Call)

FC3. Training and Conference Expenses

Motion to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for December 2009 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$240.00 and \$1,623.47 respectively.

Twelve-month expenses totaled \$54,370.76.

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 December as previously circulated to the Board.

Petty Cash balances were approved as per Finance Committee Report.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of December 2009 were \$316.07 and (\$0.00), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of December 2009 were \$4,661.00 and (\$6,280.62), respectively.

FC5. Disposition/Destruction of Township Records

Motion to authorize the disposal/destruction of records of the Public Works and Vehicle Maintenance Department as listed on the attached sheet.

Robert A. Wachter
John J. Carlin
Les J. Benzak

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(6) PENSION COMMITTEE

PENS1. Resolution No. 08-027 – Reducing/Eliminating Police Pension Plan Contributions for the Year 2009

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 08-027 affirming the reduction/elimination of police officer contributions to the Police Pension Plan unless and until they are needed to keep the plan fully funded.

PENS2. Adding Black Rock Global Allocation Fund Family for Police and Non-Uniformed Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Motion to authorize Finance Director, following review by Aon Investment Consulting, to enter into any such agreements which must be executed in order to diversity pension plan (Police and Non-Uniformed) assets into Black Rock Global Allocation Fund per modified allocation, and to update asset allocation in investment policy to reflect model presented.