

The stated Reorganization meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Township Manager Michael LeFevre at 7:01 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Township Manager LeFevre introduced Honorable Steven C. Tolliver, Montgomery County 38th Judicial District Judge of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to administer oaths of office to the following incoming Commissioners.

Honorable Steven C. Tolliver administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner John L. Spiegelman representing Ward 11 of the Township of Abington on this 4th day of January, 2016.

Honorable Steven C. Tolliver administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Benjamin V. Sanchez representing Ward 7 of the Township of Abington on this 4th day of January, 2016.

Honorable Steven C. Tolliver administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Thomas Bowman representing Ward 15 of the Township of Abington on this 4th day of January, 2016.

Honorable Steven C. Tolliver administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Steven N. Kline representing Ward 1 of the Township of Abington on this 4th day of January, 2016.

Honorable Steven C. Tolliver administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Dennis C. Zappone representing Ward 9 of the Township of Abington on this 4th day of January, 2016.

Honorable Steven C. Tolliver administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Wayne C. Luker representing Ward 5 of the Township of Abington on this 4th day of January, 2016.

Honorable Steven C. Tolliver administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Drew Rothman representing Ward 3 of the Township of Abington on this 4th day of January, 2016.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Boy Scout Troop 72 of Overlook Hills from Ward 10 led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Manager LeFevre stated that the first order of business is the election of officers to serve the Board for the ensuing term (two years). Pursuant to the Code of the Township of Abington and the First Class Township Code, in the even-numbered years, the Board will elect a President, Vice President and appoint Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Solicitor, Treasurer, Engineer and Chairman of the Vacancy Board ensuing term (one year).

NOMINATIONS for the Office of PRESIDENT:

Commissioner Kline nominated Commissioner Wayne C. Luker, Ward 5 as President of the Board of the Commissioners for a two-year term, seconded by Commissioner Markman.

Manager LeFevre asked for any other nominations. There were none.

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to close nominations.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

By a unanimous vote, Commissioner Wayne C. Luker of Ward 5 was appointed President of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington for a two-year term on this 4th day of January, 2016.

NOMINATIONS for the Office of VICE PRESIDENT:

Commissioner Schreiber nominated Commissioner Steven N. Kline of Ward 1 as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners for a two-year term, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman.

President Luker asked for any other nominations.

Commissioner Myers nominated Commissioner Stephen J. Kalinoski of Ward 6 as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners for a two-year term, because of his integrity, his love of Township and community. Stephen is selfless and would never abuse his power of position and he is always respectful to residents, colleagues and staff, seconded by Commissioner Zappone.

President Luker asked for any other nominations. There were none.

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to close nominations.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

By majority vote, Commissioner Steven N. Kline of Ward 1 was appointed Vice President of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington for a two-year term on this 4th day of January, 2016.

SECRETARY/ASSISTANT SECRETARY:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to appoint Michael LeFevre for the Office of Secretary and MOTION to appoint Kevin Barron for the Office of Assistant Secretary and adoption of Resolution No. 16-004.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-004

**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY
TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

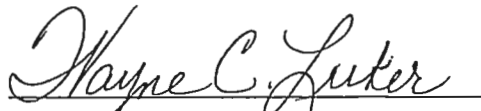
WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code prescribes that the Board of Commissioners appoint a Secretary; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Abington Township have determined the necessity to appoint an Assistant Secretary;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township does hereby appoint Michael LeFevre to serve as Secretary and Kevin Barron to serve as Assistant Secretary to the Board of Commissioners for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017.

ADOPTED this 4th day of January, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

SOLICITOR:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Vice President Kline to appoint Michael P. Clarke, of the Law Firm Rudolph Clarke, LLC, as Township Solicitor, and to set the annual retainer of the Solicitor at \$105,000, payable in monthly installments of \$8,750 for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017. This fixed annual retainer will cover attendance at meetings of the Board of Commissioners, all four Committees, and all legal work including litigation customarily performed by the Office of the Solicitor.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

TREASURER:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Vice President Kline to appoint Jay W. Blumenthal to the position of Treasurer for a period of two-years commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2017.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

TOWNSHIP ENGINEER:

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to appoint Michael Powers to the position of Township Engineer for a one-year period commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

CHAIRMAN- VACANCY BOARD

President Luker made a MOTION, seconded by Spiegelman to appoint D. Gregory Holt to the position of Chairman of the Vacancy Board for a one-year period commencing January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016 and adoption of Resolution No. 16-005.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-005

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF THE VACANCY BOARD
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

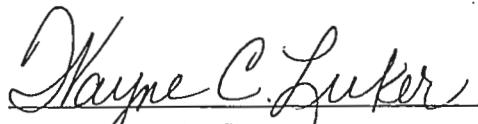
WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code prescribes that a registered elector of the Township shall act as Chairman of the Vacancy Board, which Board shall consist of the members of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the First Class Township Code prescribes that said Chairman shall be appointed by the Board of Township Commissioners at the Board's first meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township does hereby appoint D. Gregory Holt to the position of Chairman of the Vacancy Board of the Township of Abington for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

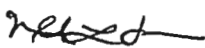
ADOPTED this 4th day of January, 2016.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:



Michael LeFevre, Secretary

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Rothman thanked his parents and his wife for their support and for believing in him, and he also thanked those who voted for him. "It is not about me, it is about us," and he looks forward to serving with the rest of the Board and doing great things for Abington.

President Luker thanked his family, friends and those who were in attendance this evening for making this a very memorable occasion especially for Commissioner Drew Rothman.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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*Approved
January 11, 2016*

