

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
(3) PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 2, 2016
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

**ROLL CALL: SCHREIBER – DiPLACIDO – BOWMAN – SPIEGELMAN,
 KALINOSKI**

Township Manager LEFEVRE
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Fire Marshal CLARK
Chief of Police KELLY
Traffic Safety Officer FREED

MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2016 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Police Department – Call on Chief Kelly

PS1. Ordinance No. 2114 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article III “Parking Regulations” Section 9.2 “No Left Turn”, and Section 11 “Turns at Intersections”

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2114 (attached) amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article III (Parking Regulations) Section 9.2 – (No Left Turn) and Section 11 – (Turns at Intersections) at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on March 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

PS2. Ordinance No. 2115 – To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicles and Traffic” Article II “Traffic Regulations” Section 14 “Stop Intersection”

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2115 (attached) amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 (Stop Intersection) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on April 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

**PS3. Resolution No. 16-014 – In opposition to Senate Bill 1055
(Legalizing Fireworks)**

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-014 expressing opposition to Senate Bill 1055 expanding the sale, usage, and storage of consumer fireworks in Pennsylvania.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
BOARD ACTION REQUEST**

March 2, 2016

Date

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Agenda Item Number

Department

Agenda Item

Township Manager

Police

John for WSK

Ordinance No. 2114
To Amend Chapter 156
"Vehicles and Traffic"

Article III "Parking Regulations"
Section 9.2 "No Left Turn", and
Section 11 "Turns at Intersections"

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Previous Action

On February 11, 2016 at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved a motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2114 for adoption on March 10, 2016

Recommend Board Action

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2114 (attached) amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article III (Parking Regulations) Section 9.2 – (No Left Turn) and Section 11 – (Turns at Intersections) at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on March 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Comments

Ordinance No. 2114 (attached) will **establish**:

No Left Turn on Highland Avenue at Pine Tree Road, Monday-Friday 7-9 a.m. and 3-5 p.m.

And **repeal**:

All turns Prohibited from Pine Tree Road onto Highland Avenue, Monday-Friday 7-9 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. (added 8-12-99 by Ord. #1846)

- Approved by Commissioner Spiegelman (Ward 11) and the Administration

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2114

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 – “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,”
ARTICLE II – “TRAFFIC REGULATIONS”
SECTION 9.2 – “NO LEFT TURN,” AND
SECTION 11 – “TURNS AT INTERSECTIONS”**

WHEREAS, the Township of Abington is a Township of the First Class, duly organized and existing pursuant to the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.44 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56544, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to enact and amend provisions of the Abington Township Code (“Code”) at any time it deems necessary for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.10 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56510, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to take all needful means for securing the safety of persons or property within the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.49 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56549, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to regulate parking; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic Regulations,” Section 9.2 “No Left Turn,” and Section 11 “Turns at Intersections” should be amended for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington does hereby ENACT and ORDAIN as follows:

1. Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic Regulations,” Section 9.2 – “No Left Turn,” shall be amended to add the following restrictions:

Name of Highway	Hours	Location
Highland Avenue	Mon-Fri 7-9 a.m. and 3-5 p.m.	at Pine Tree Road

2. Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic Regulations,” Section 11 – “Turns at Intersections,” shall be amended to repeal the following restrictions:

Name of Highway	Prohibited Turn	Hours	Location
Pine Tree Road [Added 8-12-99 by Ord. No.1846]	All	“No Turns – Mon-Fri 7-9 a.m. and 3-5 p.m.	at Highland Avenue

3. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

4. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: _____
Wayne Luker, President

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

BOARD ACTION REQUEST

March 2, 2016

Date

PS 2

Agenda Item Number

Department

Agenda Item

Township Manager

Police



For WJK

Ordinance No. 2115
To Amend Chapter 156
"Vehicles and Traffic"
Article II "Traffic Regulations"
Section 14 "Stop Intersection"



Previous Action

None

Recommend Board Action

Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2115 (attached) amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 14 – (Stop Intersection) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on April 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Comments

Ordinance No. 2115 (attached) will **establish** the following:

Stop Sign on Boxwood Road (eastbound) at Crosswicks Road

- Approved by Commissioner Rothman (Ward 3) and the Administration

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2115

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 – “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,”
ARTICLE II – “TRAFFIC REGULATIONS”
SECTION 14 – “STOP INTERSECTIONS”**

WHEREAS, the Township of Abington is a Township of the First Class, duly organized and existing pursuant to the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.44 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56544, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to enact and amend provisions of the Abington Township Code (“Code”) at any time it deems necessary for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.10 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56510, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to take all needful means for securing the safety of persons or property within the Township; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1502.49 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56549, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to regulate parking; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic Regulations,” Section 14 “Stop Intersections” should be amended for the health, safety, morals, general welfare, cleanliness, beauty, convenience and comfort of the Township and the inhabitants thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington does hereby **ENACT** and **ORDAIN** as follows:

1. Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic Regulations,” Section 14 – “Stop Intersections,” shall be amended to **add** the following restrictions:

Stop Sign On	Direction of Travel	At Intersection Of
Boxwood Road	East	Crosswicks Road

2. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

3. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

Michael LeFevre, Secretary

By: _____
Wayne Luker, President

BOARD ACTION REQUEST

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

March 2, 2016

DATE

PS 3

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER

DEPARTMENT

AGENDA ITEM

TOWNSHIP MANAGER

Fire Company

Resolution No. 16-014
In opposition to Senate Bill 1055
(Legalizing Fireworks)

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PREVIOUS ACTIONS

None

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-014 expressing opposition to Senate Bill 1055 expanding the sale, usage, and storage of consumer fireworks in Pennsylvania.

COMMENTS

The Fire Company believes that enactment of Senate Bill 1055 will be detrimental to the proper management, care and control of the Township and to the safety of persons or property within the Township, as well as to the necessary and proper functioning and safety of the fire prevention entities and volunteers within the Township.

The Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute, the Pennsylvania Career Fire Chiefs, the Pennsylvania Legislative Federation, the Fireman's Association of the State of Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Burn Prevention Network American Burn Association, and numerous County Fire and EMS organizations have registered their opposition to the proposed legislation.

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 16-014**

**A RESOLUTION OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP,
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
EXPRESSING THE OPPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO
SENATE BILL 1055**

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (the “Commonwealth”) is considering legislation, known as S.B. 1055, amending the act of May 13, 1939 (P.L. 134, No. 65), in order to permit the licensing and use of consumer fireworks; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington (the “Board”) is empowered by the laws of the Commonwealth to take all actions not inconsistent with or restrained by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth as may be deemed expedient or necessary for the proper management, care and control of the Township and the maintenance of the welfare of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board is empowered to take all needful means for securing the safety of persons or property in the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that enactment of S.B. 1055 will be detrimental to the proper management, care and control of the Township and to the safety of persons or property within the Township, as well as to the necessary and proper functioning and safety of the fire prevention entities and volunteers within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Fire and Emergency Services Institute, the Pennsylvania Career Fire Chiefs, the Pennsylvania Legislative Federation, the Fireman's Association of the State of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Burn Prevention Network American Burn

Association, and numerous County Fire and EMS organizations have registered their opposition to the proposed legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Board, by official action, desires to join the above-named organizations and to express its opposition to S.B. 1055, urging the General Assembly to reject this proposed legislation in order to protect the fire- fighting community and the citizens of the Commonwealth from the inherent dangers and risks associated with the sale and use of consumer fireworks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington hereby stands in opposition to S.B. 1055 and recommends that the General Assembly refrain from its adoption.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution was adopted by Abington Township at its public meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2016.

ATTEST:

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

Michael LeFevre
Township Secretary

Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners