

The stated meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Schreiber presiding.

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

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Commissioners SCHREIBER, DiPLACIDO, BOWMAN, SPIEGELMAN, KALINOSKI

Township Manager LEFEVRE  
Township Solicitor CLARKE  
Fire Marshal CLARK  
Chief of Police KELLY  
Lieutenant MALLOY  
Community Director STROTHER

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, KLINE, SANCHEZ, MYERS, GILLESPIE, ROTHMAN

**MINUTES:** Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2016 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Police Department Report:

Chief Kelly announced that on May 6, 2016 will be the Police Memorial Ceremony at the Montgomery County Court House. On May 21, 2016, will be the 24-Relay Challenge, and in July, will be CALEA Conference held in Baltimore, MD., where Abington Police Department will receive its re-accreditation.

At a recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, his colleagues from across the state were kind enough to elect him as Chairman of the Commission for the next two years, and he was very much honored. Abington Police Department was the first police department in the state to be accredited back in 2002, and have continued to be re-accredited.

Lt. Pat Malloy said on behalf of Traffic Safety Officer Freed, who could not be here this evening, the Traffic Safety Blitz begins in June and the new signs will be available on May 15<sup>th</sup> thru Traffic Safety Officer Freed's office.

Chief Kelly reported that crashes have increased, so the traffic safety blitz provides additional enforcement and conscientiousness-raising to drive more safely in our town.

Commissioner Schreiber acknowledged Rich Garrett, Second Alarmers, who was present this evening to answer any questions by the Board.

Resolution No. 16-020 – A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington Granting Authority to the Township Manager to Apply and Sign Forms Required by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) for Snow Removal Costs Associated with Winter Storm Jonas in January, 2016 (FEMA-4267-DR-PA)

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt Resolution No. 16-020 authorizing and directing the Township Manager to apply and sign forms required by FEMA for snow removal costs associated with Winter Storm Jonas in January 2016.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Ordinance No. 2118 – 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

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2118 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) at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on May 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Ordinance No. 2119 – 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”

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to advertise Ordinance No. 2119 amending 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) for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on June 9, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any general comments relating to Public Safety.

Commissioner DiPlacido announced that Narcan is now available at ACME at the Save-On Pharmacy in Jenkintown.

Commissioner Kalinoski announced that he will be having a fundraiser on May 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-6 p.m. for the shooting victim who was shot at the 7-Eleven, and everyone is welcome.

Also, the Boyle family of Edge Hill Road suffered a devastating fire to their home that was a total loss and the Boyle family has four children. Michael Boyle is a 23-year Veteran who served in two wars and has hearing loss and their mother home-schools the children. If anyone is interested in making a donation, please contact him, and he appreciates those who have already done a lot for the Boyle family.

Commissioner Spiegelman commended and thanked Commissioner Kalinoski for all of the information that he posted on social media about both of those cases.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that the firefighters do an amazing job keeping us safe. Her concern is that she feels “both police and fire personnel are asking for donations and then send out emergency cards to residents. Why is the emergency card necessary if they already have our information? Also, she thought we were fairly generous with our police and fire pensions and this particular police pension association drive is also for spouses of deceased police officers.”

Manager LeFevre clarified that in regards to pensions; our five fire companies all fully staffed by volunteers, so they are not paid and do not receive a pension from the Township. The fulltime police officers who do receive a pension by the Township are in accordance with State law.

Raymond Bell, 2076 Parkview Avenue, commented that he participated in the 2016 Citizens and Police Academy Program. He thanked Commissioner Myers and Officers Gillespie and Warner for generating his interest in participating in that program. There were 17 presentations in two hour sessions each week for nine weeks by 17 police officers, who were knowledgeable in their respective subjects, and none of them received any monetary compensation for their time.

One of the things he took away from this program was that there is much more to realize, respect and appreciate from the Abington Police Department. He gave a special thanks to those who participated in this program as well as to Chief Kelly.

Commissioner Myers asked Chief Kelly that when residents receive notice of the ability to contribute to the pension and the emergency card is enclosed with it, if they just return the emergency card, there are no contingencies with that. Is that correct?

Chief Kelly replied yes, that is true. We are only trying to provide a service to save on the cost of mail by sending out a card in case there are any changes with their information, and there is no correlation between the two.

Commissioner Kline commented that the fundraiser is for the Police Association Union Pension. Is that correct?

Chief Kelly replied yes, it is a separate pension. It is a private pension fund that is run by citizens and the money is used for those who retired long ago and who are living on a small pension that does not increase with the cost of living. It is completely unrelated to the Township's Police Pension Fund as it is a private organization run by private citizens.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael LeFevre, Township Manager

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