

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with President Luker presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m.

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

Township Manager/Secretary MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Tax Collector BLUMENTHAL
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Chief of Police LIVINGOOD
Finance Director BARRON
Township Engineer POWERS
Director of Parks & Recreation OLES
Director of W.W.T.P. WRIGLEY
Assistant Fire Marshal ROHRER
Community Development Director STROTHER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTION – TOWNSHIP MANAGER

President Luker introduced Abington Township’s new Township Manager/Secretary, Mr. Richard J. Manfredi.

PRESENTATION:

Presentation to Jan Harris, a Victim Advocate in Montgomery County, to receive the PA Blue Ribbon Champion for Kids Award:

Sergeant Roger Gillespie said on April 5, 2017, Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance held their first Pennsylvania Blue Ribbon Champion Awards at the Capital Building in Harrisburg. The ceremony kicked off “Child Abuse Prevention” month to raise awareness and honor those who work tirelessly to improve the lives of others, often without recognition.

Abington's Jan Harris was selected from dozens of nominees from across the State of Pennsylvania as only one of three volunteers who were recognized for their efforts in the community.

In 1993 after Jan experienced a violent crime, she began a journey to advocate for all crime victims. Then Governor Ridge appointed her to the Victim Services Advisory Committee of the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency in 1995 where she served for eight years.

In 2001, Jan became the Coordinator for Abington Township Police Department's Volunteer Victims Liaison Unit, and in this capacity, she supported crime victims making them aware of resources to aide in their physical, emotional and financial recovery. The program's philosophy is that "every victim and witness should be treated with dignity, compassion and respect in the aftermath of a crime."

Last year, the Victims Liaison Unit contacted 798 crime victims, and already this year, Jan and the volunteers she works with have assisted 280 victims.

Abington Township Police Department is one of the only departments in Montgomery County to offer this invaluable service to the community. Jan also volunteers with PAL (Police Athletic League) and helps bring "Love is Not Abuse" and "Darkness to Light" to our PAL Center. In addition to her volunteer work in Abington, Jan currently volunteers with the Victim's Service Center of Montgomery County.

Commissioner Schreiber presented a plaque to Jan Harris in recognition of her countless hours of volunteering and dedication to helping victims of crime in Abington Township and in Montgomery County before the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington on this 11th day of May, 2017.

PRESENTATION:

Presentation to Jenna Lancaster, Penn State Scholarship Recipient:

Commissioner Kalinoski said Jenna Lancaster recently graduated from Penn State Abington, Valedictorian Magna Cum Laude, in which she is the highest achieving student of the Class of 2017. Jenna was also one of the recipients of the Abington Penn State Scholarship Fund, which is what the Board of Commissioners offer every year.

Commissioners Kalinoski and Hecker presented Jenna Lancaster with a plaque in recognition of her outstanding educational contributions and in honor of her achievement to graduate as a communications major and a business minor, and on behalf of the Abington Township Board of Commissioners, Montgomery County, we wish to commend Jenna on her accomplishments and congratulations on this milestone on this 11th day of May, 2017.

State Representative Madeleine Dean presented Jenna Lancaster with a Citation on behalf of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in recognition of her achievement as Valedictorian at the 2017 Penn State Abington Commencement Ceremony. Jenna graduated from Penn State Abington on May 5, 2017 with a Magna Cum Laude Degree in Corporate Communications.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of April 13, 2017.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Rebecca Landau, 739 Baeder Road, commented that Pennsylvania Legislature draws district lines for voting and “those lines are not created with citizens in mind, but the legislature’s interest to keep themselves in power.” Two bipartisan Bills have been proposed; State Senate Bill 22 and the other is State House Bill 722 to create an independent Citizen’s Commission in charge of both legislative and congressional redistricting. A constitutional amendment needs to be enacted and it must be initiated and approved by two successive legislative sessions and then voters must approve it at a public referendum.

This must be done prior to the 2020 Census, and as of last week, 56 municipalities in the Commonwealth wrote resolutions to the Pennsylvania Legislature to create the momentum for the Pennsylvania Legislature to act. She asked that a redistricting resolution be passed by Abington Township letting our legislature know that we want them to move forward on this important issue.

Suzanne Franks, 2435 Edgecomb Avenue, commented that she is in favor of this resolution as fair districts are important making every citizen’s vote count.

Jim Sharp, 2073 Oakdale Avenue, commented that this is an issue that everyone agrees with as the “current system is just wrong.” He asked that Abington Township take the lead to support this resolution, so we can have impartial, transparent and accountable redistricting.

Nina Bisbee, 160 Woodpecker Road, commented that redistricting is very important to our democracy and we need to address this issue as soon as possible.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 17-015 – To Apply for a Watershed Restoration and Protection Program Grant

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to adopt Resolution No. 17-015 – authorizing the Township of Abington to submit an application formally requesting a grant of funds from the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program for 2017.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Watershed Restoration and Protection Program Grant

RESOLUTION NO. 17-015

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FORMALLY REQUESTING A GRANT OF FUNDS FROM THE WATERSHED RESTORATION AND PROTECTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Act 13 of 2012 established the Marcellus Legacy Fund that allocates funds to the Commonwealth Financing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Financing Authority has authorized grants for stream projects to reduce sediment loading with a cost of not less than \$30,000 and not more than \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, eligible applicants for the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program Grant must be a Municipality, including townships; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Abington conforms to the eligibility requirements as a township; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

That the Township of Abington of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania hereby requests a Watershed Restoration and Protection Program Grant of \$300,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for creek stabilization to reduce siltation caused by stream bank erosion.

Be it **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Applicant does hereby designate Wayne C. Luker, President and Richard Manfredi, Secretary as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Township of Abington and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Richard J. Manfredi, duly qualified Secretary of the Township of Abington, of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington at a regular meeting held on May 11, 2017 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Township of Abington and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Township of
Abington this 11th day of May, 2017.

Wayne C Luker Wayne C. Luker, President, Board of Commissioners
Name of Applicant

County

Richard J. Manfredi Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager
Secretary

2017 Capital/Phase I – Storm Sewer Projects

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to approve and enter into contract with Almeida & Hudak Contractors, LLC for the 2017 Capital/Phase I Storm Sewer Projects, in the amount of \$1,014,885.00; to be funded from Account Number 07-00-967-7200.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

DELETED – Abington Township MS4 Stormwater Plan

Commissioner Hecker announced that this item was deleted. However, there was a presentation held at last week's Public Works Committee meeting by Township Engineer Mr. Powers regarding the Township's MS4 Stormwater Management Plan. We are in the midst of a 30-day comment period and a copy of the presentation is posted on Township website.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Sanchez announced that the committee had no business at this time. Also, he commended the Board of Commissioners for their work on passing the new zoning ordinance on April 27th. He thanked Vice President Kline, Township staff and County Planner, Mr. Narcowich for their hard work involved with that process.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

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).

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt 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 At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here to Corner; Parking Prohibited Except Certain Hours; No Stopping Or Standing).

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2138

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

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” and Article III – “Parking Regulations,” and 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” 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:

- 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
Rodman Avenue	Eastbound and westbound	Upland Avenue

- 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,” shall be amended to **add** the following restrictions:

Name of Highway	Side	Location
Ray Street	North	60 feet east of Rena Street
Tulpehocken Avenue	West	30 feet south of Township Line Road
Woodrow Avenue	North	30 feet east of Garfield Avenue

- 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 11th day of May, 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:


Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary

By: 
Wayne C. Luker, President

First Conditional Promotion to the Rank of Lieutenant

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to promote Sergeant Christopher Porter to the rank of Probationary Lieutenant effective May 12, 2017 providing he successfully completes the remaining portions of the promotional process.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Second Conditional Promotion to the Rank of Lieutenant

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to promote Sergeant Steven Fink to the rank of Probationary Lieutenant effective May 12, 2017 providing he successfully completes the remaining portions of the promotional process.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Third Conditional Promotion to the Rank of Lieutenant

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to promote Sergeant Edward Quinn to the rank of Probationary Lieutenant effective May 12, 2017 providing he successfully completes the remaining portions of the promotional process.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Datacenter Upgrade

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski authorizing proper Township officials to contract with MJM Systems, Inc. for a five (5) year term in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.00 for the Datacenter Upgrade. Funds will be drawn from Capital Accounts reserved for this purpose.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Resolution No. 17-016 – Authorizing the Disposition of Certain Administrative Office Records

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Resolution No. 17-016, authorizing the disposition of Right-To-Know requests dated April 2015 and prior.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 17-016

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
ABINGTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE
DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE RECORDS**

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution No. 11-009, adopted March 10, 2011, the Township of Abington declared its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008, and,

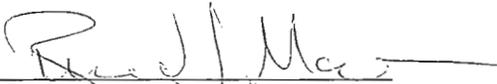
WHEREAS, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968 each individual act of disposition shall be approved by resolution of the governing body of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 11th day of May 2017, that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above-cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the following records:

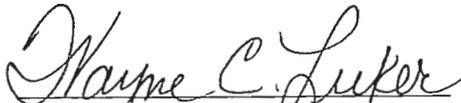
- Right to Know Requests dated April 2015 and prior.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Attest:


Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary

By:


Wayne C. Luker, President
Board of Commissioners

Resolution No. 17-017 – Gerrymandering of Districts

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Resolution No. 17-017 in support of a Citizen’s Commission for Legislative and Congressional redistricting.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Farren commented that he is voting for this tonight as he has done some research on it and because we are passing a resolution, but not actually writing the law. However, he is frustrated with the chronological order of the process as last week the committee was presented with the resolution; then the Board is being asked to vote on it and then invited to a meeting following the vote. He worries about it being rushed through and wonders why.

Even when it seems to be a positive thing such as this, it still deserves more investigation, some research and conversation because that conversation may clarify how we choose to move forward in a way that is beneficial for all. He recommended that as Fair Districts PA moves forward and, if they are requesting a vote from a municipality and then invites them to a meeting that it is done in chronological order.

Commissioner Spiegelman thanked members of the Public Affairs Committee for passing this through so it can be voted on tonight. He thanked all residents who came out to make their voices heard as well as those from Fair Districts PA throughout our Commonwealth as it is really a movement to change the way redistricting happens in Pennsylvania that will benefit everyone. He also thanked Commissioner Sanchez for his assistance on this resolution.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-017**

**A RESOLUTION OF ABINGTON TOWNSHIP,
COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
IN SUPPORT OF A CITIZEN’S COMMISSION FOR LEGISLATIVE AND
CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING**

WHEREAS, the citizens of the Township of Abington and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania deserve a fair, fully transparent, impartial and depoliticized process of the decennial drawing of state legislature and congressional districts of near equal population; and

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting has often resulted in the gerrymandering of districts to favor one political party or the other; and

WHEREAS, such gerrymandering of legislative and congressional districts has worked at times to the detriment of our representative democracy by impeding action on critical issues of importance to the people; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a truly independent citizens redistricting commission devoid of political motivation or partisanship will help to ensure a fair and accurate legislative and congressional redistricting process that respects political subdivisions, will prohibit districts from being drawn to favor or discriminate against a political party or candidate, will promote transparency, the use of impartial and sound methodology when setting district boundaries, and allow for public input, and will fully comply with the constitutional requirement that “no county, city, incorporated town, borough, township or ward” be divided “unless absolutely necessary,” and

WHEREAS, recent legislation has been introduced in the current legislative session to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to reform the decennial legislative and congressional redistricting process with the intent of using fairness and sound methodology in a non-partisan fashion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Abington Township does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action to make a constitutional amendment that would, among other reforms, assign the decennial task of both

legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens redistricting commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon all those elected officials in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania who represent the citizens of Abington Township (see list) to publicly announce their support of and commitment to work towards passage of such legislative efforts, and that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each of them:

Governor Tom Wolf
Lieutenant Governor Mike Stack
Attorney General Josh Shapiro
United States Senator Bob Casey
United States Senator Pat Toomey
United States Representative Brendon Boyle
Pennsylvania Senator Art Haywood
Pennsylvania Representative Madeleine Dean
Valerie A. Arkoosh, MD, MPH, County Commissioner
Kenneth E. Lawrence Jr., County Commissioner
Joseph C. Gale, Commissioner

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Resolution was adopted by Abington Township at its public meeting held on the 11th day of May, 2017.

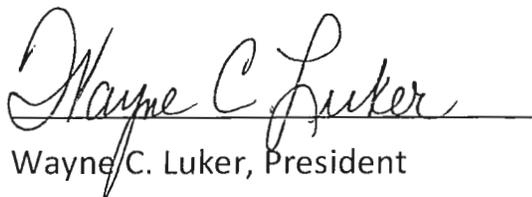
ATTEST:



Richard J. Manfredi

Township Secretary

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP



Wayne C. Luker, President

Board of Commissioners

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal reported for the month of April 2017, monies received from various departments deposited into Republic Bank were in the amount of \$20,053,501 as compared to last year in the amount of \$17,058,195 representing an increase of \$2,995,306; YTD \$37,542,664 as compared to last year in the amount of \$36,136,314 representing an increase of \$1,404,350. Real Estate Taxes collected in April 2017 were in the amount of \$14,416,968 as compared to last year of \$12,268,449 representing an increase of \$2,148,519; YTD \$23,333,008; balance to be collected \$3,776,787.

Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the March expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$2,520,974.43 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$2,745,905.61.
- (B) Authorize the property officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of June 2017.

Roll call resulted in motion being passed 14-0. Commissioner Rothman was absent during roll call.

Training and Conference Expenses

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for March 2017 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$1,570.90, respectively.

Three-month expenses totaled \$4,582.19.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Clearing Fund/Deferred Revenue and Expense/Petty Cash

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to approve the Clearing Fund, the Deferred Revenue/Expense activity and Petty Cash balances for the month of March as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of March 2017 were \$860.95 and (\$211.11), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of March 2017 were \$904.50 and (\$0.00), respectively.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Tree Work on Township-Owned Properties

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to authorize up to \$30,000.00 to be expensed from 2017 Contingency Expense Account Number 01-01-002-5299 for the removal and/or maintenance of trees on Township-owned properties.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Bowman announced that Roslyn's Second Annual Community Day will be held at Roslyn Park on Saturday, June 3, 2017.

Commissioner DiPlacido welcomed new Township Manager, Mr. Manfredi. Also, "when driving through Abington, please drive like your kids live here."

Commissioner Farren welcomed Mr. Manfredi to Abington Township. He encouraged everyone to sign up for the "Run with Pride 5K" in June that supports the "Kevin From Heaven" Foundation. He thanked Chief Livingood and members of the police department for their assistance with long-term issues in his ward.

Summer is an additional opportune time to engage your children in education as Philadelphia has one of the largest concentrations of higher educational institutions in the country that is within a 50-mile radius.

He also thanked Mr. Micciolo as Item FC4 will be very beneficial for those in his ward as well as the Commissioners. He echoed Commissioner Spiegelman's concept and thanked the residents of Fair Districts PA as it is very much appreciated.

Commissioner Gillespie mentioned that Dino's, a local Abington restaurant was on the news. Also, she welcomed new Township Manager, Mr. Manfredi.

Commissioner Hecker welcomed new Township Manager, Mr. Manfredi. He wished everyone a "Happy Mother's Day."

Commissioner Kalinoski welcomed new Township Manager, Mr. Manfredi. Also, the 24-Hour Relay will be held on May 20th-21st and we need volunteers, and Chief Livingood will be one of our keynote speakers. He congratulated Jenna Lancaster and Class of 2017. He wished everyone a "Happy Mother's Day."

Vice President Kline announced that there will be closure of Susquehanna-Washington Lane Bridge on May 24th for water-main connection work that will be done from 9-3 p.m. There will also be gas main work on Washington Lane.

Commissioner Zappone reminded his residents that the Third Annual Ardsley Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, June 3rd from 8-1 p.m. Also, he welcomed new Township Manager, Mr. Manfredi.

Commissioner Spiegelman welcomed new Township Manager, Mr. Manfredi. He congratulated Jan Harris for her exceptional work and Jenna Lancaster on her outstanding achievement. He gave a shout out and congratulated Lillie Saul, who is Ward 11's senior high and Highland Elementary Alumni National Merit Scholar. Also, the Fair Districts PA meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17th from 7-9 p.m. at the Abington Friends Meetinghouse, 520 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, and on that same night, there is a Facebook chat on Abington Police Department's Facebook page hosted by Traffic Safety Officer Freed from 7-8 p.m.

Commissioner Sanchez welcomed new Township Manager, Mr. Manfredi.

Commissioner Myers welcomed new Township Manager, Mr. Manfredi, and she is committed to his success as his success is our success.

Commissioner Markman welcomed new Township Manager, Mr. Manfredi.

Commissioner Schreiber congratulated our newly promoted Police Lieutenants. Also, on May 29th will be our Annual Memorial Day Parade; June 3rd is Roslyn Community Day and on June 10th will be the Roslyn Pet Fair. Briar Bush Nature Center was also on television recently and was mentioned in the newspaper as one of the 10 best day trips in Pennsylvania.

President Luker sent best wishes to new Township Manager, Mr. Manfredi and thanked him for taking the position. He congratulated Jan Harris and Jenna Lancaster on their awards tonight. He also gave kudos to Vice President Kline, Commissioner Sanchez, Mr. Matteo, Mr. Penecale and Mr. Narcowich, County Planner and all who were involved with the rewrite of the Township's Zoning Ordinance.

Also, there will be a Symposium conducted on Saturday, May 13th from 12-3 p.m. to be held at the First Baptist Church of Crestmont hosted by Abington Police Athletic League (PAL) and the Dream Builders Optimist Club of Lower Montco for teenagers 13 years and older who are invited to participate.

He also gave a special kudos to Sergeant Roger Gillespie for his intervention on a delicate matter that occurred in his ward.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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*Approved
June 8, 2017*