

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON**

**(3) PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**September 6, 2017  
7:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**Township Manager MANFREDI  
Township Solicitor CLARKE  
Chief of Police LIVINGOOD**

**MINUTES:**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2017 Public Safety Committee Meeting.**

**Police Department – Call on Chief Livingood to address Agenda Items PS1 and PS2.**

**PS1. Ordinance No. 2140 To Amend Chapter 156 “Vehicle and Traffic” Article II “Traffic Regulations” Section 10 “U-Turns and 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” and Section 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones”**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2140 amending Chapter 156 (Vehicle and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 10 (U-Turns) and 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) and Section 28 (Special Purpose Parking Zones) at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners on September 14, 2017.**

**PS2. Continuation of Automated Red Light Enforcement Systems (ARLE) Program**

**Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2142 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 155 – (Traffic Control) Article I (Automated Light Enforcement Systems) Section 155-17 (Expiration).**

**Note:**

**Unfinished Business:**

**As previously discussed and considered by the Board of Commissioners the Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit is tentatively scheduled for the Wednesday, October 4, 2017 Committee Meeting to provide the Fire Companies appropriate time to finalize recommendations.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
BOARD ACTION REQUEST**

September 6, 2017

PS1

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**Date**

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**Agenda Item Number**

**Department**

**Agenda Item**

**Township Manager**

Police  
John A. Livingood

Ordinance No. 2140  
To Amend Chapter 156  
"Vehicles and Traffic"  
Article II "Traffic Regulations" Section  
10 "U-Turns and 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" and Section 28 "Special  
Purpose Parking Zones"

Richard J. Manfredi

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**Previous Action**

On July 13, 2017 at a regularly scheduled meeting, the Board of Commissioners approved a motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2140 for adoption on September 14, 2017.

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**Recommend Board Action**

Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2140 (attached) amending Chapter 156 (Vehicles and Traffic) Article II (Traffic Regulations) Section 10 – (U-Turns) and 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) and Section 28 – (Special Purpose Parking Zones) for at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

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**Comments**

Ordinance No. 2140 (attached) will **establish** the following:

*No U-Turns* at the intersection of Keswick Avenue and Menlo Avenue.

- Approved by Commissioner Farren (Ward 12) and the Administration

*Stop Signs* 4-way on Central Avenue and Pine Avenue

- Approved by Commissioner Kalinoski (Ward 6) and the Administration

*Stop Signs* 4-way at Rydal Road and Upland Avenue

- Approved by Commissioner Sanchez (Ward 7) and the Administration

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*Stop Signs on Spear Avenue at Central Avenue*

- Approved by Commissioner Zappone (Ward 9) and the Administration

*No Parking Anytime* on the south side of the 2000 block of Parkdale Avenue.

*No Parking Anytime* on the north side of the 2100 block of Parkdale Avenue.

- Approved by Commissioner Farren (Ward 12) and the Administration

*No Parking Anytime* on the north side of Old Welsh Road from the driveway at 2923 Old Welsh Road west to Kimball Avenue

- Approved by Commissioner Myers (Ward 8) and the Administration

*No Parking Here to Corner* on the east side of Garfield Avenue 30 feet north of Woodrow Avenue.

- Approved by Commissioner Zappone (Ward 9) and the Administration

*Handicapped Parking* in front of 206 Osceola Avenue

- Approved by Commissioner DiPlacido (Ward 4) and the Administration

Ordinance No. 2140 will **repeal** the following:

*Handicapped Parking* in front of 2115 Curtis Avenue

- Approved by Commissioner Schreiber (Ward 14) and the Administration

*Handicapped Parking* in front of 210 Osceola Avenue

- Approved by Commissioner DiPlacido (Ward 4) and the Administration

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2140**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 156 – “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC,”  
ARTICLE II – “TRAFFIC REGULATIONS”  
SECTION 10 – “U-TURNS”  
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”  
SECTION 28 – “SPECIAL PURPOSE PARKING ZONES”**

**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 10 “U-Turns,” and 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,” and Section 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones” 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 10 – “U-Turns,” shall be amended to **add** the following restriction:

<b>Name of Highway</b>	<b>Location</b>
Keswick Avenue and Menlo Avenue	At Intersection

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

<b>Stop Sign On</b>	<b>Direction of Travel</b>	<b>At Intersection of</b>
Central Avenue	4-way	Pine Avenue
Rydal Road	4-way	Upland Avenue
Spear Avenue	Both	Central Avenue

3. 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:

<b>Name of Highway</b>	<b>Side</b>	<b>Location</b>
Garfield Avenue	East	30 feet north of Woodrow Avenue
Parkdale Avenue	South	2000 Block Parkdale Avenue
Parkdale Avenue	North	2100 Block Parkdale Avenue
Old Welsh Road	East	from the driveway at 2923 Old Welsh Road west to Kimball Avenue

4. Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III, “Parking Regulations,” Section 28 – Special Purpose Parking Zones” shall be amended to **add** the following restriction:

<b>Name of Highway</b>	<b>Authorized Purpose of Vehicle</b>	<b>Location</b>
Osecola Avenue	Handicapped Parking	in front of 206 Osceola Avenue

5. Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III, “Parking Regulations,” Section 28 – Special Purpose Parking Zones” shall be amended to **repeal** the following restriction:

<b>Name of Highway</b>	<b>Authorized Purpose of</b>	<b>Vehicle Location</b>
Curtis Avenue [Added 9/10/1998 Ord No 1824]	Handicapped Parking	in front of 2115 Curtis Avenue
Osecola Avenue [Added 6/11/2009 Ord No 1980]	Handicapped Parking	in front of 210 Osceola Avenue

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

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

**ORDAINED AND ENACTED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

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Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne C. Luker, President



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
BOARD ACTION REQUEST**

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September 6, 2017

**Date**

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PS2

**Agenda Item Number**

**Department**

**Agenda Item**

**Township Manager**

Police  
John A. Livingood

Continuation of Automated Red Light  
Enforcement Systems (ARLE)  
Program

Richard J. Manfredi

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**Previous Action**

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**Recommend Board Action**

Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 2142 – An Ordinance amending Chapter 155- (Traffic Control) Article I (Automated Light Enforcement Systems) Section 155-17 (Expiration)

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**Comments**

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2142**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 155 – “TRAFFIC CONTROL,”  
ARTICLE I – “AUTOMATED RED LIGHT ENFORCEMENT SYSTEMS,”  
SECTION 155-17 – “EXPIRATION”**

**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 1502.5 of the First Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 53 P.S. §56505, the Board of Commissioners has the authority to define the duties of the police force; 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**, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that Chapter 155 – “Traffic Control,” Article I – “Automated Red Light Enforcement Systems,” Sections 155-17 – “Expiration,” 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 155 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article I – “Automated Red Light Enforcement,” Section 155-17 – “Expiration,” shall be **revised to read as follows**:

The effectiveness of this article shall be extended to coincide with the extension of the contract with the vendor of the automated red light enforcement system, and shall expire on November 30, 2020.

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:

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Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne Luker, President

The stated meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA., with Commissioner Schreiber presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:24 p.m.

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

Township Manager MANFREDI  
Township Solicitor CLARKE  
Chief of Police LIVINGOOD

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, HECKER, MYERS, ROTHMAN, SANCHEZ, MARKMAN, ZAPPONE, GILLESPIE

**MINUTES:** Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2017 Public Safety Committee Meeting.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

Police Department Report:

Chief Livingood mentioned that we had a very successful 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade/Fireworks.

Also, this afternoon, we had our 7<sup>th</sup> fatal drug overdose of the year, and although Narcan was administered along with other lifesaving measures, the victim did not survive. On Friday, a press release was sent to the Board from the District Attorney about the arrest made in the fatal overdose of a 58-year old female from Roslyn. As a result of the investigation, Abington Police along with Montgomery County Detectives made an arrest charge of a criminal homicide drug delivery resulting in death. A new policy has been implemented at the request of the District Attorney to work hand-in-hand as well as the DEA and social services to help individuals addicted to powerful drugs.

On July 1st, there was a robbery at the QDOBA Mexican Grill located at 261 Old York Road in which a press release was sent out and photos were released to the media in the hopes that someone will recognize something about it.

Commissioner Schreiber acknowledged Rich Garrett, Second Alarmers, who previously submitted a report.

Ordinance No. 2140 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” and Section 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones”

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to advertise Ordinance No. 2140 (attached) 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” and Section 28 “Special Purpose Parking Zones” for adoption at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Schreiber noted there is no date certain listed in the motion.

Manager Manfredi replied the date requested was the August Board voting meeting and that will be the date, but if there are other similar requests by the Commissioners, he asked for them to be sent to staff for review in advance and then we will compile them together for advertisement, which would be more cost-effective.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Zappone referred to the ordinance where it says, “Garfield Avenue - East – 30 feet north of Woodrow Avenue and clarified that the sign will be placed on Woodrow and not on Garfield. Is that correct?

Manager Manfredi replied this came to him from Officer Freed, so he assumes it is accurate.

Commissioner Zappone said the sign should be placed on Woodrow Avenue 30 feet back from the corner of Garfield Avenue, and he will speak to Officer Freed about it.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked for the motion to be amended to include the locations.

Manager Manfredi said the draft ordinance identifies what is taking place on this agenda and it will be on the agenda again in eight days, and when that is done, it will be advertised and there will be a public hearing on that ordinance.

Commissioner Schreiber clarified that Ms. Lehmann is asking for the name of the locations to be listed in the motion.

Manager Manfredi replied that is something that can be done.

Commissioner Spiegelman noted that when these items come up the Commissioners get the word out to the residents in their ward.

Raymond Bell, 2076 Parkview Avenue, asked if four Commissioners at different times send in requests does that mean constituents will need to wait until they are consolidated.

Manager Manfredi replied since there were several requests by Commissioners and not all were reviewed, he is requesting to put this off for two weeks, so all requests can be added, just this one time.

MOTION was ADOPTED 4-0.

3<sup>rd</sup> Conditional Appointment Probationary Police Officer

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to appoint candidate Kenneth Witter from the Certified Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided he successfully completes the Background, Physical and Psychological tests and all entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training. Appointment will be effective September 5, 2017.

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 4-0.

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

Commissioner Myers asked will the Board be revisiting the matter of the tax credits for volunteer emergency responders?

Manager Manfredi replied yes, Fire Marshal and Fire Department personnel are putting together the numbers for review, so it is anticipated that matter will back before the Board in August.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that she thought extra costs were paid so as to receive DNA testing results quicker.

Chief Livingood replied that every person who is arrested and convicted of a crime their DNA is tested and submitted to the Pennsylvania State Police Lab, and results take one year from the time it is submitted due to a huge back log. When the PSP submits DNA to the national database, there is no cost to taxpayers.

Public Safety Committee Meeting

July 5, 2017

**ADJOURNMENT:** 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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