

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, September 14, 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, ROTHMAN, MYERS, SCHREIBER, BOWMAN, DiPLACIDO, FARREN, GILLESPIE, HECKER, KALINOSKI, KLINE, LUKER

Township Manager/Secretary MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEHMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Township Tax Collector BLUMENTHAL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT:

President Luker announced that an Executive Session was held on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 following the Committee meetings at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters.

PRESENTATION:

Presentation to Twelve Abington Township Fire Department Fire Fighters 2017 BBFA FF-I Class

Assistant Fire Marshal John Rohrer said tonight, we will introduce some outstanding men and women who voluntarily joined the ranks of the Abington Fire Department carrying out our proud tradition of providing service to the constituents of Abington Township.

Dave Schramm, Fire Service Administrator, said students being honored tonight completed the Firefighter I Program, which is an entry-level program that requires 216 hours, over 45 sessions. Program began last February through the end of June and was conducted in all types of weather held at the Township's Fire Training facility.

Commissioner Schreiber presented Certificate of Commendations honoring the following students who completed the Firefighter I Program:

Dylan Barnett, Aubrey Brigidi, Mark Brown, Ryan Brown, Joshua Dolan., Aidan Gaab, Mackenzie Greiner, Philip Hagstotz, Jennifer Kingsberry, Thomas Kolonis, Mark Mills, Sidney Schwartz, and Jared Stevenson.

Presentation honoring Lawrence “Larry” Jackson:

Commissioner Schreiber introduced Larry Jackson’s wife Gwen to the Board. Larry Jackson was her friend as well as a member of the Township’s Human Relations Commission. She presented a Certificate of Commendation to Larry’s wife Gwen in recognition of Larry’s accomplishments and dedication of our neighbor Larry Jackson, a retired Pennsylvania State Trooper. Larry had a long list of career and community accomplishments that most recently including his five years as a member of the Abington Township Human Relations Commission. We, the Board of Commissioners, join his family, friends and neighbors in remembering and acknowledging his life, a life well-lived.

Joanne E. Kleiner, Esquire, Chairperson of the Human Relations Commission, commented that she had the pleasure and honor of meeting Larry Jackson five years ago. It meant a great deal to Larry to be a member of the HRC as he was immensely proud of it, and we are thrilled he is being honored tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of August 10, 2017.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked for it to be clarified that “end of meeting general comments” can be made prior if the Chairperson permits it.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Accept the Award of the Small Water and Sewer Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to accept the award of the Small Water and Sewer Grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority in the amount of \$100,000.00. The grant requires a match of 15% or \$15,000.00, which will be funded from the Wastewater Capital Account No. 17-10-851-7495.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Commissioner Sanchez announced that the Code Enforcement and Land Development Committee had no business at this time.

Unfinished Business:

Appointment:

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to appoint Commissioner Kenneth Brodsky to the Code Enforcement and Land Development Committee.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

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”

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No 2140 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.” The ordinance shall be amended to add parking restrictions to – Keswick Avenue and Menlo Avenue, Central Avenue, Rydal Road, Spear Avenue, Garfield Avenue, Parkdale Avenue, Old Welsh Road and Osceola Avenue, and to repeal parking restrictions at Curtis Avenue and Osceola Avenue.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**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:

- Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II, “Traffic Regulations,” Section 10 – “U-Turns,” shall be amended to **add** the following restriction:

Name of Highway	Location
Keswick Avenue and Menlo Avenue	At Intersection

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

Stop Sign On	Direction of Travel	At Intersection of
Central Avenue	4-way	Pine Avenue
Rydal Road	4-way	Upland Avenue
Spear Avenue	Both	Central 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
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:

Name of Highway	Authorized Purpose of Vehicle	Location
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:

Name of Highway	Authorized Purpose of	Vehicle Location
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 14th day of September, 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:


Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary

By: 
Wayne C. Luker, President

Continuation of Automated Red Light Enforcement Systems (ARLE) Program

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt Ordinance No. 2142 – an ordinance amending Chapter 155 – (Traffic Control) Article I (Automated Light Enforcement Systems) Section 155-7 (Expiration).

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 12-3. Commissioners Kline, Farren and DiPlacido opposed.

**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.

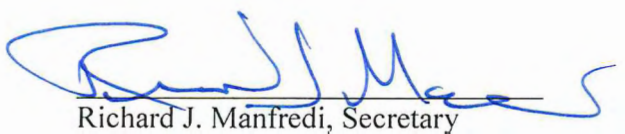
2. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

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

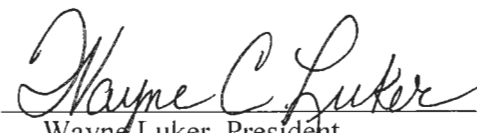
ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 14th day of September, 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:



Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary

By: 
Wayne Luker, President

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Ordinance No. 2141, Amending Chapter 8, “Economic Development Committee,”
Section 2, “Membership”

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2141, amending Chapter 8, “Economic Development Committee,” Section 2, “Membership.”

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2141

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8 – “ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE,” AT SECTION 2 – “MEMBERSHIP”**

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, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington has determined that Chapter 8 – “Economic Development Committee,” should be amended at Section 2 – “Membership,” 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 8 – “Economic Development Committee,” Section 2 – “Membership,” shall be amended to read as follows, with the underlined text indicating the revised portions of the code, and the stricken text indicating the deleted text:

“The Abington Township Economic Development Committee shall not exceed 16 individual members, each of whom shall be a resident of the Township, and/or the owner of a business located in the Township, and/or a representative of such business. At least 50% of the Committee membership shall at all times be comprised of business owners or business representatives. Five membership seats shall be reserved for one representative from each of the following major institutions in the Township: Abington Memorial Hospital, Abington Penn State, the Abington School District, the Eastern Montgomery County Chamber of

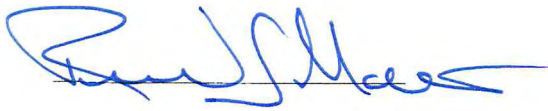
Commerce, ~~the Greater Glenside Chamber of Commerce~~, and the Abington Art Center. All appointed members shall be voting members of the Committee. In addition, a Board of Commissioners Liaison, who may be a voting member, and a Committee Secretary, who shall be a nonvoting member, shall be appointed. The number of Committee members and/or the composition of the Committee may hereafter be altered by the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township.”

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.

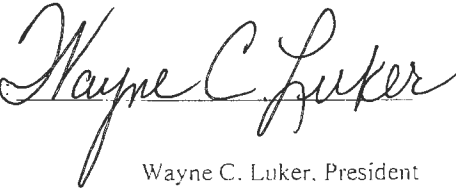
ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 14th day of September, 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:



Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary

BY 

Wayne C. Luker, President

Unfinished Business:

Appointment:

President Luker announced that the motion to appoint Michael Markman to the Township Economic Development Committee to fill a term expiring December 31, 2018 will be moved to the October Committee meeting as it will require further discussion on current rules and procedures for appointment, and voted on by the full Board at its meeting in October.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal reported monies deposited into Republic Bank from various Township departments for the month of August, 2017 was in the amount of \$3,006,860; YTD \$52,147,474. Real Estate taxes transferred to the Finance Department for the month of August 2017 was in the amount of \$37,261; YTD \$26,345,516. 97% has been collected leaving a balance of 3%.

Investments:

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to approve investments for the month of July as previously circulated to the Board. It was noted that investments for the month totaled \$1,020,000.00. Interest rate yields ranged from 1.250% to 1.500%.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the July expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$3,671,906.11 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,895,738.96.
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of October 2017.

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

Roll Call resulted in motion being passed 15-0.

Training and Conference Expenses

Commissioner Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Hecker to approve the Advance and Travel Expense activity for July 2017 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$2,274.21, respectively.

Seven-month expenses totaled \$17,879.09.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

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 July as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of July 2017 were \$859.13 and (\$2,441.62), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of July 2017 were \$948.13 and (\$322.12), respectively.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

PENSION COMMITTEE:

Resolution No. 17-025 – Minimum Municipal Obligation - Pension Plans

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to approve for adoption by the Board of Commissioners Resolution No. 17-025 recognizing that the Township's minimum municipal funding obligation for the calendar year 2018 with respect to the Municipal Non-Uniformed Employee, Police and Non-Uniformed Employee Defined Contribution Pension Plans, is \$552,359, \$1,818,362 and \$27,687, respectively.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-025

MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION

WHEREAS, the Township of Abington does maintain three pension plans;

WHEREAS, said plans are known as the Township of Abington Municipal Non-Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan, the Township of Abington Police Pension Plan and the Township of Abington Non-Uniformed Employees' Defined Contribution Pension Plan;


WHEREAS, Act 205 of 1984 mandates that the governing body of said "plans" recognize their minimum obligation on or before September 30 of a given year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that based upon the following Actuarial Development of Pension Plan Funding Cost of the Abington Non-Uniformed Employees, Police and Non-Uniformed Employees' Defined Contribution Pension Plans of the Township of Abington, County of Montgomery, State of Pennsylvania, the Board of Commissioners acknowledges the funding requirements for the above mentioned plans to be \$552,359, \$1,818,362 and \$27,687, respectively. These actuarial costs have been submitted pursuant to an actuarial valuation completed as of January 1, 2017 by AON Consulting.

THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners recognizes these funding requirements and makes provisions for these costs as part of their budget for the year 2018.

RESOLVED, at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners this 14th day of September, 2017.

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: 
Wayne C. Luker, President

ATTEST:


Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary

PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, expressed concern that she feels “our monies are being squandered by people who are not being properly supervised resulting in safety issues.”

Nathan Shugerman, 1245 Meinel Road, commented that utility work will be done on the property next door to his at 1235 Meinel Road, and since there is an easement to come onto his property, he expressed concern about exposure and asked for the Township to indemnify him and his property.

Mr. Mike Powers, Township Engineer, replied there was a subdivision approved in Ward 2 and the Township maintains sanitary sewer line that runs through those properties. Also, the contractor is fully insured.

Manager Manfredi added that staff will be in contact with Mr. Shugerman for further discussion.

Arthur Kousombos, 1841 Nicholas Drive, commented that he had no association with the Facebook post, which was removed by Facebook for being fraudulent.

Bob Danielle, Boys Intramural Soccer Coordinator, Hunter Soccer Club, 280 Waverly Road, Wyncote, PA, said that a young man, Robert K. McIlvaine, who played for Hunter Soccer for many years, graduated from Princeton University and worked for Merrill Lynch in New York City. Unfortunately, Robert happened to be in the north tower on 9/11 and died in that terror attack. We have spoken with his parents and we have a bronze plaque that will be placed in our clubhouse. Also, he invited the Board to visit the clubhouse this coming Saturday at Penbryn Park.

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Bowman said next week is Roslyn’s Annual Fall Festival. Also, he gave a shout out to Chuck and Marie Rementer, owners of Nicks Barber Shop in Roslyn to keep up the good work.

Commissioner DiPlacido said “when driving through Abington Township and at all of the red light camera intersections, please drive like your kids live here.”

Commissioner Farren congratulated the new firefighters. Also, he reminded everyone about the October Festival at St. Paul’s this coming weekend. There is a substance abuse education program being held on September 19th at the New Life Church on Easton Road.

Commissioner Gillespie congratulated the new firefighters as we are so lucky to have five volunteer fire companies. Also, Keswick Village Fall Festival will be held on October 7th from noon-5 p.m.

Commissioner Hecker said “politics has no place in this boardroom and that goes for both parties. We were elected to represent our residents and advance the interests of the Township and we do better when we focus on that despite our divisions, our disagreements and the squabbles that inherently occur as we are trying to advance those interests. I hope we can double-down on our commitment for that to be the focus moving forward and not on the nonsense that occurs outside of this boardroom.”

Commissioner Kalinoski thanked the residents of Ward 6, the Abington Police Department including Officer Freed, Officer Posey, Lt. Warner and Deputy Chief Pat Molloy for their assistance on a few traffic issues in his ward as they have done an outstanding job. Also, September 22nd is Drive-In Movie Night, which is a CAPT event and October 1st is a Motorcycle Run and BBQ Cookout at the VFW. Coach Bag Bingo is October 13th supporting women of law enforcement.

Also, “I truly believe that the controlling party should select a replacement and there should be no squabbling and allow the chips to fall on Election Day.”

Vice President Kline announced that on November 15th at 5 p.m., the Montgomery County Planning Commission will hold its 50th Montgomery Award, and this year, the Township’s Environmental Advisory Council has been awarded the Planning Advocacy Award, which designated Abington Township as a STAR Community. Congratulations to the EAC.

Commissioner Zappone thanked Bob Daniele of Hunter Soccer for getting his message out tonight to the Township. Also, Ardsley/North Hills Athletic Association will be having their opening day for soccer on October 7th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Conway Field. The Seventh Annual Ardsley Family Day will get underway on Saturday, October 21st from noon-5 p.m. at the Ardsley Community Center. Rain date is Sunday, October 22nd.

Commissioner Spiegelman announced that in this boardroom on Monday, September 25th at 7 p.m. will be the third and final public meeting for the Walk, Park, Train, Abington Plan. He congratulated the newest members of the all volunteer family of first responders that compose our Abington Township Fire Department.

In the last few weeks, there have been a few difficult situations that arose throughout Ward 11 requiring the intervention of the Abington Police Department. He expressed his deepest gratitude to the Police Department for handling all of the situations with sensitivity and in a professional manner. He joined Commissioner Schreiber in honoring the memory and service of Larry Jackson as a founding member of the HRC. He also thanked the HRC for the incredible work that they do.

Commissioner Rothman congratulated and thanked the volunteer firefighters. He also thanked Tim Clark for all of the work he has been doing helping residents in his ward. He is excited to be coaching two teams in Hunter Soccer and he is looking forward to seeing that wonderful plaque on many Saturdays to come.

Commissioner Myers reminded everyone that on Tuesday, October 10th will be the PAL Food Festival from 5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Philmont Country Club. This year, we will be honoring outgoing and founding President, Lou Klein as well as retired Lt. Tom McNamara. The theme is Fabulous 50's.

Commissioner Brodsky thanked all of the members of the Board who have helped ease his transition in this position as their guidance and thoughtfulness has been helpful and he appreciates it. He also thanked Commissioner Hecker for his comments. Also, school is in session, so please be careful as the safety of our children is very important.

Commissioner Schreiber congratulated the new firefighters. Also, the Roslyn Car Show/Fall Festival will be from 12-5 p.m. this year and streets will be closed at 10 a.m.

President Luker commented that Commissioners Hecker and Kalinoski statements were very well made this evening and he thanked them for it. Also, this past Saturday was Unity Day at Crestmont Park and the Willow Grove Branch of the NAACP had a good turnout and he thanked Mr. George Wrigley, David Mansinger as well as Mr. Van Strother for all of their support that day.

On August 18th, the Township completed its first Free Summer Meal Program for school-age children and there were over 150 meals provided at Crestmont Park, and he thanked State Representative Madeleine Dean's Office for staffing that activity; Commissioner Lori Schreiber, Commissioner Peggy Myers, Commissioner John Spiegelman, Commissioner Stephen Kalinoski and Township Manager Richard Manfredi for their support of that program.

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Also, the Summer Youth Camp at Crestmont Park had a record attendance this past summer with a waiting list before the summer program actually began. He thanked Parks and Recreation Director Andy Oles and Jessica Tholey, Recreation Superintendent for being flexible for operating in a temporary location. He also thanked Michael Gahagan, Camp Director; Lauren Perretti, Head Counselor, and Counselors Victoria Collins, Chris Daily, Sean Henry, Amber Slaweski, Josh Woods, and Brittany Yancey.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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Approved
October 12, 2017