

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, October 12, 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, HECKER, KALINOSKI, KLINE, LUKER
Excused: GILLESPIE

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice President Kline made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of September 14, 2017.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Scott Taitleman, 1407 Mill Road, commented that there needs to be speed humps to slow traffic down as there are children living in that area. Drivers have hit others coming down Moredon Road and it is not a safe intersection. Slowing down traffic is the first step that needs to be resolved and then address the issue with that intersection.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that the important part of the intersection at Moredon and Mill Roads is traffic cutting the corner, and although a Stop sign will calm things, it will not keep traffic from cutting the corner.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

PennDOT Master Agreement for Casting Adjustments 2017-2020

Commissioner Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Farren to adopt Resolution No. 17-026 authorizing the Township of Abington to execute the 2017-2020 PennDOT Master Agreement for Casting Adjustments and to authorize the Township Manager to sign the Master Agreement, Project Initiation Form and Change Order documents for the duration of the Agreement.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

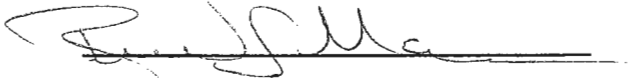
RESOLUTION NO. 17-026
PADOT 2017-2020 MASTER AGREEMENT FOR CASTING ADJUSTMENTS
TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

BE IT RESOLVED by the board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby resolved by the authority of the same, that the President of the Township of Abington Board of Commissioners be authorized and directed to execute the attached PaDOT Master Agreement For Casting Adjustments on its Behalf and the Secretary be authorized and directed to attest to the same.


BE IT ALSO RESOLVED by the authority of the same, that the Manager of the Township of Abington be authorized to execute the Project Initiation Form and Change Order documents for the duration of the Agreement.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

ATTEST:



**Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary
Township of Abington**

By: 

**Wayne C. Luker, President
Abington Board of Commissioners**

DATE: 10-19-17

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{SEAL}

I, Wayne C. Luker, President of the Township of Abington Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 17-026, that was duly adopted at the regularly scheduled public meeting of the Township of Abington Board of Commissioners held on the Twelfth day of October, 2017.

CODE ENFORCEMENT AND LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

Zoning Hearing Board Application 17-07 Baederwood Residential Partners, LLC

Commissioner Sanchez read agenda Item CE1 as follows:

Background: Baederwood Residential Partners, LLC filed a Zoning Hearing Board application for dimensional variances for the proposed residential development of Baederwood Shopping Center. This is a revised application from the Appeal from the Actions of the Zoning Officer denied in June of this year and the pending Conditional Use Application in which the Board had voted unanimously to oppose back in August 2016.

There are two questions before the Commissioners:

1. Does the Township want to oppose the Baederwood Zoning Hearing Application? His suggested answer was "yes" as the ward Commissioner.
2. Authorize the Township Solicitor to appear and opposed the application and approving the legal cost of opposition? His suggested answer was "yes."

Commissioner Sanchez made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kline to authorize the Township Solicitor to appear at the Zoning Hearing Board and to oppose the application of 17-07 Baederwood Residential Partners, LLC and to approve the legal cost of such opposition.

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

Commissioner Luker noted that since this item was not listed on the Code Enforcement and Land Development Committee meeting agenda, he will open Item CE1 for comments from the public.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, asked why this is coming for a vote right now and not being put the next committee meeting agenda?

Mark Penecale, Planning & Zoning Officer, replied that this item is on the agenda this evening because the hearing will be held on October 17th. The application has been filed and notices have been sent to all residents and the property has been posted. The ad ran three consecutive weeks in the Times Chronicle and there is proof of publication. The reason it is before the Board this evening is because it is time-sensitive, so Item CE1 was added to the Board's agenda this evening to provide opportunity for Commissioner Sanchez, who is the ward Commissioner as well as Chairman of the Code Enforcement and Land Development Committee, to bring it to full Board's attention to address the matter prior to the hearing.

Commissioner Sanchez added that he notified Ward 7 residents on his mailing list about the hearing date.

Commissioner Myers questioned whether Township Solicitor has enough time to get up to speed on this matter prior to next Tuesday.

Solicitor Clarke replied yes. This has been ongoing since last August when the original application was filed and he opposed it then and the ZHB rendered a decision that was appealed. He is prepared in anticipation that the Board authorized to oppose.

Commissioner Kalinoski asked Commissioner Sanchez and if residents are concerned about this matter.

Commissioner Sanchez replied yes. He received a lot of feedback from residents.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Consider Proposed Ordinance No. 2143 Creating Tax Incentives for Members of the Abington Township Fire Department and Montgomery County Second Alarmers (EMS) and Motion to Advertise New Ordinance

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to consider proposed Ordinance No. 2143 creating Tax Incentives for members of the Abington Township Fire Department and Montgomery County Second Alarmers (EMS) and Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2143 for adoption at the 12/14/2017 regular public meeting.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Myers said that Commissioner Gillespie (in her absence) asked for it to be relayed to everyone how much in favor she is of this motion.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Resolution No. 17-022 – Sobriety Checkpoint Grant

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to authorize Township officials to accept a grant award from the Bureau of Highway Safety and Traffic Engineering in the amount of \$55,000.00 with the Township's matching portion approximately \$480.00.

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

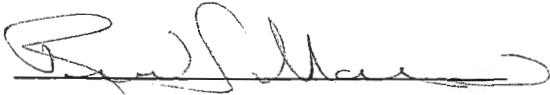
MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

RESOLUTION 17-022

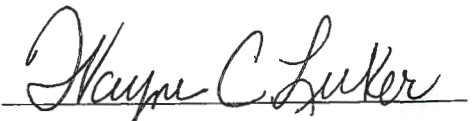
BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the President, Board of Commissioners of said Municipality be authorized and directed to sign the attached grant on its behalf.

ATTEST

Abington Township




Richard J. Manfredi
Secretary

By: 
Wayne Luker
President,
Board of Commissioners

(SEAL)

I, Wayne Luker, President, Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township held the 12th day of October, 2017.

DATE: October 12, 2017


Wayne Luker
President,
Board of Commissioners

Adopt Ordinance No. 2144:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to adopt Ordinance No. 2144 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) and Section 27 (Parking Time Limited). Ordinance No. 2144 will establish the following: Stop signs on Davidson Road at London Road northbound and southbound, Stop sign on Hemlock Circle northbound at Canterbury Road (east intersection), Stop sign on Hemlock Circle northbound at Canterbury Road (west intersection), Stop signs on Mill Road at Moredon Road both directions, 3-way Stop signs Sewell Lane at Cherry Lane, No Parking on the south side of Windsor Avenue from North Hills Avenue at 79 feet east of North Hills Avenue. Ordinance No. 2144 (attached) will repeal the following: Old York Road (old section) at Temple Beth Am – No Parking on Tuesday 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

Commissioner Kline commented that the speed on Moredon Road was discussed with members of the Police Department and a speed study was done on Moredon Road and the 85th percentile was 39 MPH, which is only four miles over the posted speed limit and does not constitute a speeding issue on that road. Also, the speed limit is 35 MPH and under regulations does not permit speed humps. Speed enforcement will be continued.

He met with some neighbors who brought the sight line distance public safety issue to him and he brought it to the Police Department. Measurements taken by the police department took as well as reviewing crash data both warrant Stop signs at all three of the roads at this intersection. This is a public safety issue and Stop signs are warranted, otherwise it would be a liability for the Township.

Also, he spoke with employees of the Streets Department about making a pure three-point intersection at Moredon and Mill to move the Stop sign up from Moredon closer to Mill Road.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

**TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2144

**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” AND
SECTION 27 – “PARKING TIME LIMITED”**

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

Name of Highway	Side	Location
Windsor Avenue	South	from North Hills Avenue to 79 feet east of North Hills Avenue

3. Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article III, “Parking Regulations,” Section 27 – “Parking Time Limited” shall be amended to repeal the following restriction:

Name of Highway

Old York Road (old section) [Added 10/14/1976 Ord No 1431]	at Temple Beth Am – No Parking on Tuesday – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to noon
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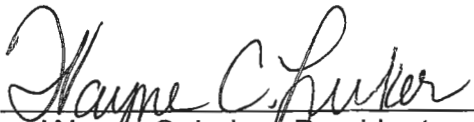
4. All other ordinances, portions of ordinances, or any section of the Code inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.
5. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after enactment.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED this 12th day of October, 2017.

TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Attest:


Richard J. Manfredi, Secretary

By: 
Wayne C. Luker, President

Disposal of Unclaimed Confiscated Bicycles

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to direct the Police Department to donate to the Bikes for Tykes Program, c/o Sussman Automotive, all unclaimed bicycles and bicycle parts which have been confiscated and are being held by the Department.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Frans Griet field naming request for Roslyn Park Soccer Field

Commissioner Spiegelman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Kalinoski to approve of the Mr. Frans Griet field naming request for Roslyn Park Soccer Field. It is the hope that this request will be approved as it has the support of Commissioner Thomas Bowman, Parks and Recreation Director Andrew Oles, over 800 former players, and past and current residents of the Roslyn Community. This request was brought forward by Roslyn Boys & Girls Club.

Commissioner Luker asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff.

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Treasurer's Report:

Township Treasurer Jay W. Blumenthal reported for the month of September 2017 deposits of real estate taxes and fees transferred to Finance Department were \$237,400 and this includes \$217,852 that was a collection of an interim bill from one of our large parcel holders. YTD was \$26,582,916 as compared to last year of an increase of \$206,457. Balance to be collected of \$526,879.

Monies received from various departments deposited into Republic Bank as of September 2017 was \$3,907,088 as compared to last year of \$4,517,454, which was a decrease of (\$610,366). YTD was \$56,054,562 representing a decrease over last year of \$75,749.

Expenditures/Salaries and Wages

Motion to:

- (A) Approve the August expenditures as previously circulated to the Board, in the amount of \$2,540,536.51 and salaries and wagers in the amount of 1,863,883.15.
- (B) Authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of November 2017.

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

Roll call resulted in motion being passed 14-0. Commissioner Gillespie 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 August 2017 as previously circulated to the Board. Advance and Travel Expense reports were \$0.00 and \$2,573.03, respectively.

Eight-month expenses totaled \$20,452.12.

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 August as previously circulated to the Board.

Clearing fund receipts and disbursements for the month of August 2017 were \$20,236.32 and (\$19,513.77), respectively.

Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of August 2017 were \$173,593.00 and (\$146,889.30), respectively.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY:

Scott Taitleman, 1407 Mill Road, asked when the decision will be made on the intersection of Mill and Moredon Roads, and he expressed concern about the 35 MPH speed limit posted on that roadway.

Commissioner Kline replied the Stop signs will be installed per the ordinance and further discussion will be needed about buses making that corner. Speed study was done over a nonstop three-day period of time by an electronic box mounted on a telephone poll monitoring traffic in both directions.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that she feels residents have the right to speak on any issue at the end of the meeting. Also, she feels residents should know about new traffic controls being installed.

REMARKS OF COMMISSIONERS:

Commissioner Zappone reminded all Abington Township residents that the 7th Annual Ardsley Family Day will get underway on Saturday, October 21st from noon-5 p.m. and he invited everyone to come out and enjoy food, entertainment and car show.

Commissioner Spiegelman reminded everyone that on Saturday, October 14th will be the County-sponsored Paper Shredding event at the Junior High School from 9 a.m.-noon. Next week is Township-wide cleanout week.

Commissioner Sanchez thanked all members of the Township's Shade Tree Commission who will be holding a Tree Give-A-Way on Saturday, October 14th in which they will plant 150 trees of large and medium-sized trees into the ground as part of the Arbor Day Foundation. He also thanked a resident of Jenkintown Manor, Mr. Chris Miller, who spearheaded getting 50 of the trees allocated for that section.

Also, there will be a Film event by filmmaker Andre Robert Lee of Philadelphia, who will be screening his film at the Highway Theater on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Rothman announced that on October 28th from 2-4 p.m. the Annual McKinley Halloween Parade will be held at Anna's Corner Deli at McKinley Market. Also, there is a new train at Alverthorpe Park, and he thanked Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Oles and Manager Manfredi as well as Commissioners Spiegelman and DiPlacido for their assistance.

Commissioner Myers thanked everyone who attended the Abington PAL Food Festival this past Tuesday night and she especially thanked all of the volunteers who helped put it together as well as there were many Abington restaurants that participated and made it a terrific event for a wonderful youth program in Abington.

Commissioner Brodsky wished everyone a “Happy Fall” and reminded everyone that school is in session and be mindful about not driving around school buses when their flashing red lights are on.

Commissioner DiPlacido announced that Ward 4 will have their first “Coffee with a Cop” event to be held at Anna’s Corner Deli at McKinley Market located at the corner of Cadwalader Avenue and Township Line Road on October 14th from 9-11 a.m. Also, “please drive like your kids live here.”

Commissioner Farren reminded everyone that the 24th Annual Halloween Festival will be held in Keswick on Saturday, October 28th from 3-5 p.m. Also, tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m. one of our residents has initiated a “Little Free Library,” which is a small house where you can drop off a book that will be located next to the bench at the unleashed dog park next to Hallowell Field. He thanked staff of Public Works Department for their patience and hard work at Glenside Weldon as well as officials of the School District for working with us along with those Commissioners involved and the Abington Police Department.

Tonight, is Weldon Fire Company’s Open House that is being held on the same night as the Board meeting in which he would like to find a way to work around that as it is a great event and he is very proud of the volunteers.

Commissioner Hecker announced that the Edge Hill Road Bridge reconstruction project is in its last stages, but before the end, there will be another round of lane closures beginning Sunday evening from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. and then again on Monday morning through Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and then again from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

He thanked Manager Manfredi, Traffic Safety Officer Freed and the Abington Police Department for their assistance with a traffic safety issue at London and Davidson Roads.

Commissioner Kalinoski announced that tomorrow night is Edge Hill Fire Company’s Open House, and on Sunday, October 15th, everyone is welcome to the annual Edge Hill Fire Company’s breakfast at the North Penn VFW at 9 a.m.

Board of Commissioners Meeting

October 12, 2017

President Luker announced that on Sunday, October 15th, the Willow Grove Chapter of the NAACP will hold its 43rd Annual Freedom Banquet at the North Hills Country Club beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Also, he thanked Commissioner Schreiber, Fire Marshal Ken Clark, Dave Schramm and Manager Manfredi for bringing to our attention and formulating Ordinance No. 2143, tax incentives for volunteer members of Fire Department and Second Alarmers, which is well-deserved.

He announced that there will be an Executive Session held following the conclusion of this meeting to discuss matters of real estate.

Vice President Kline reminded everyone that there will be a budget meeting held on Wednesday, October 18th at 7 p.m. in this boardroom.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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Approved
November 9, 2017