

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 2, 2024



ORGANIZATION MEETING



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A G E N D A

January 2, 2024

7:00 PM

There are three ways for the public to participate in the meeting: in-person, online or by phone. Residents who wish to attend in person can do so in the Abington Township Board Room located at 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001, 2nd Floor. Alternative means of public participation are offered for those who do not wish to or are unable to attend the meetings in person. Residents who wish to participate in the meeting remotely can access the meeting online by a computer, iPad, iPhone, or Android at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86057375272>. This link will enable residents to hear the meeting, see presentations, and ask questions. There will be no video interaction capabilities. Residents, who are unable to join online, can listen to and participate in the meeting by calling 1-929-436-2866 and entering the meeting ID number 860-5737-5272 when prompted.

CALL TO ORDER - Mr. Manfredi, Township Manager

OATH OF OFFICE - Township Manager Manfredi to call for the administration of the oaths of office to Commissioners.

1. Newly elected Commissioners
 1. Laney-Martin - Ward 5
 2. Browne - Ward 6
2. Re-elected Commissioners
 1. Hecker - Ward 1
 2. Rothman - Ward 3
 3. Winegrad - Ward 7
 4. Zappone - Ward 9
 5. Spiegelman - Ward 11
 6. Bole - Ward 13
 7. Bowman - Ward 15

ROLL CALL - Hecker, Brodsky, Rothman, DiPlacido, Laney-Martin, Browne, Winegrad, Henry, Zappone, Carswell, Spiegelman, Vahey, Bole, Schreiber, Bowman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Elections of Officers
 - 1. Nominations for the Office of President: *Mr. Manfredi*
 - 2. Nominations for the Office of Vice- President: *President*
- b. Approve Township Manager Employment Agreement
Motion to approve the agreement by and between Richard J. Manfredi and the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
- c. Appoint Township Secretary
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-001 appointing Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager to the Office of Township Secretary.
- d. Appoint Assistant Township Secretary
Motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-002 appointing Tara Wehmeyer, Assistant Township Manager and Chief Human Resource Officer to the Office of Township Secretary.
- e. Appoint Township Solicitor
Motion to appoint Rudolph Clarke, LLC. as Township Solicitor at the fee schedule and related scope of services as outlined as submitted on December 27, 2023.
- f. Appoint Township Treasurer
Motion to appoint Jay W. Blumenthal to the position of Township Treasurer.
- g. Appoint Township Engineer
Motion to appoint Pennoni Associates as Township Engineer at the fee for service schedule by letter dated December 6, 2023.
- h. Appoint Township Traffic Engineer
Motion to appoint Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. as Township Traffic Engineer at the fee for service schedule by letter dated December 18, 2023.
- i. Appoint Engineering Firms to perform Alternate, General, and Traffic Engineering Services
Motion to appoint WSP, Atlas Technical Consultants (formally BCM), Carroll Engineering and McMahon Associates, Inc. to perform Alternate, General and Traffic Engineering Services at the proposed rate schedules as submitted on December 20, 2023, December 11, 2023, December 6, 2023 and December 12, 2023.
- j. Appoint Alternate and General Planning and Landscape Architecture Services
Motion to appoint Simone Collins and WSP for Alternate and General Planning and Landscape Architecture Services at the proposed rate schedules as submitted on letters dated December 26, 2023 and December 20, 2023.

- k. Appoint Labor Counsel
Motion to appoint Campbell Durrant, P.C. as Township Labor Counsel at the proposed rate schedule as submitted on letter dated December 20, 2023.

- l. Appoint Special Counsel
Motion to appoint Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel, LLC. as Special Counsel and Counsel for Industrial and Economic Development, General Financing matter and other special legal services at the proposed rate schedule as submitted on letter dated November 27, 2023.

- m. Appoint Chair of the Township Vacancy Board
Motion to adopt Resolution 24-003 appointing _____ to the position of Chairman of the Vacancy Board.

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD POLICY ON PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

For Information Purposes Only

The Township shall conduct business in accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Laws governing the conduct of public meetings and only establish guidelines that shall govern public participation at meetings consistent with the law.

Each commenter shall:

- Direct their comments to the Presiding Officer;
- Speak from the podium or into a microphone designated by the presiding officer;
- State their name for the record;
- Either orally or in writing provide their address for the record;
- Have a maximum of three minutes to make their comments. Each commenter when speaking to a specific agenda item, is to keep their comments relative to that identified agenda item;
- Speak one time per agenda item;
- When commenting on non-agenda items, the commenter is to keep their comments related to matters of the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.
- State a question to the Presiding Officer after all commenters have spoken, and;
- Be seated after speaking or upon the request of the presiding officer;
- Not engage in debate, dialogue or discussion;
- Not disrupt the public meeting, and;
- Exercise restraint and sound judgement in avoiding the use of profane language, and the maligning of others.