

The stated Organization meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 via webinar and in-person at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Township Manager Manfredi called for the administration of the Oath of Office to Commissioners.

The Honorable Judge Gail Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Commissioner Ayanna Laney-Martin, Ward 5 to the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township on this 2nd day of January 2024.

The Honorable Judge Gail Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Commissioner Jeffrey Browne, Ward 6 to the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township on this 2nd day of January 2024.

The Honorable Judge Gail Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to reelected Commissioner Thomas Hecker, Ward 1 to the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township on this 2nd day of January 2024.

The Honorable Judge Gail Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to reelected Commissioner Drew Rothman, Ward 3 to the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township on this 2nd day of January 2024.

The Honorable Judge Gail Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to reelected Commissioner Stuart Winegrad, Ward 7 to the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township on this 2nd day of January 2024.

The Honorable Judge Gail Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to reelected Commissioner Dennis Zappone, Ward 9 to the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township on this 2nd day of January 2024.

The Honorable Judge Gail Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to reelected Commissioner John Spiegelman, Ward 11 to the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township on this 2nd day of January 2024.

The Honorable Judge Gail Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to reelected Commissioner Bill Bole, Ward 13 to the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township on this 2nd day of January 2024.

The Honorable Judge Gail Weilheimer administered the Oath of Office to reelected Commissioner Thomas Bowman, Ward 15 to the Board of Commissioners of Abington Township on this 2nd day of January 2024.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners 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 –

Sheila Laney, resident, commented that everyone has pledged to the Constitution of the United States, and due to the current situation, it is important to do that.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers –

Manager Manfredi opened the floor for nominations for the Office of President of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Zappone made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to nominate Commissioner Thomas Hecker for President of the Board of Commissioners.

Manager Manfredi asked for any other nominations. There were none.

Commissioner Thomas Hecker was appointed President of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington by unanimous vote of 15-0.

President Hecker opened the floor for nominations for the Office of Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Carswell made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Rothman to nominate Matthew Vahey for Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.

President Hecker asked for any other nominations. There were none.

Commissioner Matthew Vahey was appointed Vice President of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington by unanimous vote of 15-0.

Approve Township Manager Employment Agreement –

President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the agreement by and between Richard J. Manfredi and the Township of Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Appoint Township Secretary –

President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Vice President Vahey to adopt Resolution No. 24-001 appointing Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager to the Office of Township Secretary.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Appoint Assistant Township Secretary –

President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt Resolution No. 24-002 appointing Tara Wehmeyer, Assistant Township Secretary and Chief Human Resource Officer to the Office of Township Secretary.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Appoint Township Solicitor –

President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman 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.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Appoint Township Treasurer –

President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to appoint Jay W. Blumenthal to the position of Township Treasurer.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Appoint Township Engineer –

President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to appoint Pennoni Associates as Township Engineer at the fee for service schedule by letter dated December 6, 2023.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Appoint Township Traffic Engineer –

President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to appoint Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. as Township Traffic Engineer at the fee for service schedule by letter dated December 18, 2023.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Appoint Engineering Firms to perform Alternate, General, and Traffic Engineering Services –

President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Browne 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.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Appoint Alternate and General Planning and Landscape Architecture Services –

President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Bole to appoint Simone Collins and WSP for alternate and general planning and landscape architecture services at the proposed rate schedules as submitted in letters dated December 26, 2023 and December 20, 2023.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Appoint Labor Counsel –

President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to appoint Campbell Durrant, P.C. as Township Labor Counsel at the proposed rate schedule as submitted in letter dated December 20, 2023.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Appoint Special Counsel –

President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to appoint Obermayer Rebmman Maxwell & Hippel, LLC as Special Counsel and Counsel for Industrial and Economic Development, general financing matters and other special legal services at the proposed rate schedule as submitted in letter dated November 27, 2023.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

Appoint Chair of the Township Vacancy Board –

President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to adopt Resolution No. 24-003 appointing D. Gregory Holt to the position of Chairman of the Vacancy Board.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 15-0.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Minutes Secretary

The following resolutions were adopted by the Board of Commissioners on January 2, 2024:

Resolution No. 24-001

Resolution No. 24-002

Resolution No. 24-003