

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 11, 2024



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**



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A G E N D A **January 11, 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/88216803878>. 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 882-1680-3878 when prompted.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL, BRODSKY, ROTHMAN, DIPLACIDO, LANEY-MARTIN, BROWNE, WINEGRAD, HENRY, ZAPPONE, CARSWELL, SPIEGELMAN, BOLE, SCHREIBER, BOWMAN, VAHEY, HECKER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Motion to approve the Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of December 14, 2023.
- b. BOC-01-011124 Motion to reject the Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary Phase 2 Project Bids received in the amount of \$234,423.60, \$249,150.00, and \$296,992.50.
- c. BOC-02-011124 Ratify Melillo Consulting's Abington Township's IT Infrastructure Data Center Upgrade Project Change Order #1 resulting from a system failure and required mitigation work.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. BOC-03-011124 Motion to award the traffic signal improvements bid to Lenni Electric Corporation, Inc. in the amount of \$251,246.34 for the 2019 Green Light Go intersection improvement projects and authorize the Township Manager to execute the contract.
- b. BOC-04-011124 Motion to adopt Resolution 24-004 authorizing, empowering, and directing the proper officials of the Board of Commissioners to execute an agreement with Berkheimer whereunder Berkheimer is retained as the exclusive Tax Officer for the collection, administration, receipt and enforcement of the provisions of the respective tax enactment of the Board of Commissioners levying and assessing the Local Services Tax for the term herein defined, together with such extensions as may be agreed upon, said tax enactment having been adopted under and pursuant to the authority of the Pennsylvania Local Tax Enabling Act (act 511, P.L. 1257); and approving and adopting the rules and regulations prepared by Berkheimer to administer and enforce the Local Services Tax.
- c. BOC-05-011124 Motion to appoint members to the various Boards, Commissions, Committees and Councils as included in Exhibit A.
- d. BOC-06-011124 Motion to approve a settlement regarding the appeal of the Zoning Hearing Board decision regarding 974 Leopard Road and authorize the Solicitor to execute the Stipulation of Settlement and take all necessary steps to resolve the appeal.
- e. BOC-07-011124 Motion to adopt a Resolution No. 24-006 designating a depository for Abington Township funds.
- f. BOC-08-011124 Authorizing the drafting of and advertising of an Ordinance to reduce the number of Planning Commission members from nine to seven.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. FC-01-011124 Motion to approve the November 2023 expenditures in the amount of \$2,389,267.68 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$2,183,033.57 and authorizing the proper officials to sign and approve invoices and supporting documentation in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of February 2024. ([Click here to view supporting information for expenditures in November 2023](#))

(Motion and Roll Call)

- b. FC-02-011124 Motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-005 authorizing the finance director and his/her designate to invest Township funds in any and all such financial institutions as permitted by First Class Township Code.
- c. FC-03-011124 Motion to adopt Resolution No. 24-007 authorizing the disposition of certain Finance Office records as set forth in Exhibit "A".

PUBLIC COMMENT

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.