

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 14, 2021



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**



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A G E N D A

January 14, 2021

6:30 PM

There are two ways for the public to participate in the meeting. Residents can access the meeting online by a computer, iPad, iPhone, or Android at <https://zoom.us/j/91432826808>.

This link will enable residents to hear the meeting and see presentations. There will be no video capabilities. Residents, who are unable to join online, can listen to the meeting by calling 1-929-436-2866 and entering the meeting ID number 914-3282-6808 when prompted.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL THOMPSON, BRODSKY, BOLE, CARSWELL, ROTHMAN, VAUGHN, SCHREIBER, VAHEY, WINEGRAD, DiPLACIDO, MYERS, ZAPPONE, BOWMAN, HECKER, SPIEGELMAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Announcement honoring the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Service and adoption of Resolution No. 21-001.

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Motion to approve the Minutes from the Budget meeting and the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of December 10, 2020.
- b. BOC-01-011421 Consider a motion approving the request for the Township to subordinate the municipal lien under the Community Development Home Program for 205 North Hills Avenue.
- c. BOC-02-011421 Consider a motion to reapprove a five year lease agreement for 1220 Huntingdon Road between the Abington School District and Abington Township.

- d. LU-01-011421 Consider a motion authorizing the release of the performance security (escrow release) for Crest Commons, LLC and authorize the Township Manager to sign accordingly.
- e. FC-01-111220 Consider a motion to approve final payment in the amount of \$1000.00 to G&B Construction Group for the Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary Project.
- f. Statement of Conditions

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS NEW BUSINESS

- a. BOC-03-011421 Consider a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-002 ratifying the Declaration of Disaster and State of Emergency from December 17, 2020 to January 14, 2020 and approving the Declaration through January 21, 2020.
- b. BOC-04-011421 Consider a motion to appoint;
 - Michael O'Connor to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of five years ending on 12/31/2025
 - Ronald Rosen to the Planning Commission for a term of four years ending on 12/31/2024
 - Glenn Cooper to the Planning Commission for a term of four years ending on 12/31/2024
 - Lucy Strackhouse to the Planning Commission for a term of four years ending on 12/31/2024
- c. BOC-05-011421 Consider a motion to appoint Pennoni Associates as Township Engineer at the fees for services outlined in the proposal dated January 6, 2021.
- d. BOC-06-011421 Consider a motion to create a Vehicular and Pedestrian Safety Study Team.
- e. BOC-07-011421 Consider a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and General Mutual Release of all claims between O'Neill Consulting Corporation and Abington Township.

LAND USE COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS

- a. LU-02-011421 Consider a motion to refer the requested and submitted petition to amend the Township's Zoning Ordinance by PREIT to the Planning Commission as an agenda item for their January 26, 2021 meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS

- a. Receive Treasurer's Report: Township Treasurer, Jay W. Blumenthal

- b. FC-01-011421 Consider a motion to approve the November 2020 expenditures in the amount of \$3,339,169.47 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,858,083.74, and authorizing the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of February 2021.

(Motion & Roll Call)

- c. FC-02-011421 Consider a motion to approve the Clearing Fund, the Deferred Revenue/Expense activity and Petty Cash balances for the month of November 2020. Clearing Fund receipts and disbursements for the month of November 2020 were \$933.45 and (\$20,570.61) respectively. Deferred Revenue/Expense receipts and disbursements for the month of November 2020 were \$2,500.00 and (\$135.41) respectively.

- d. FC-03-011421 Consider a motion to approve the Travel Expense activity for November 2020. Travel Expenses were \$0.00 and the eleven-month expenses totaled \$9,266.13.

- e. FC-04-011421 Consider a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-003 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.

- f. FC-05-011421 Consider a motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-004 authorizing the disposition of certain Finance Office records as set forth in Exhibit "A".

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD POLICY ON AGENDA ITEMS

For Information Purposes Only

Board President Announcements

This item on the Board of Commissioners Agenda is reserved for the Board President to make announcements that are required under law for public disclosure, such as announcing executive sessions, or for matters of public notice.

Public Comment

Public Comment on Agenda Items is taken at the beginning of regularly scheduled Public Meetings prior to any votes being cast. When recognized by the presiding Officer, the commenter will have three minutes to comment on agenda items at this first public comment period. All other public comment(s) not specific to an agenda item, if any, are to be made near the end of the public meeting prior to adjournment. Public comment on agenda items at regularly scheduled Board of Commissioner Committee meetings will be after a matter has been moved and seconded and upon call of the Chair for public comment.

Presentations

Should the Board of Commissioners have an issue or entity that requires time to present an issue to the Board, that is more than an oral description relating to an agenda item under consideration, The Board may have that matter listed under Presentations. If nothing is listed under presentations, then there is no business to conduct in that manner.

Consent Agenda

Items of business and matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired by Board of Commissioner Members, that item is to be identified by the Board member and will be identified and removed from the Consent Agenda, and will be considered separately at the appropriate place on the Agenda.

Unfinished Business

Items for consideration as unfinished business are matters that have been considered for action at a public Board Meeting and have not been tabled to a date certain or voted upon.

New Business

Items for consideration as new business are matters that have been considered for action at the Board Committee Meeting. It is Board practice to not introduce new business at Board Committee Meetings.

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.