

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

FEBRUARY 13, 2025



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**



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A G E N D A **February 13, 2025** **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, YOUNG-GERTZ, SPIEGELMAN, BOLE, SCHREIBER, BOWMAN, VAHEY, HECKER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWEARING IN OF OFFICER MALIK WILLIAMS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Motion to approve the Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of January 9, 2025.
- b. BOC-01-021325 Motion to adopt Resolution 25-005 authorizing the destruction of certain Police Records.

- c. BOC-02-021325 Motion to authorize advertisement of a Traffic Safety Ordinance amending Chapter 156 - "Vehicles and Traffic," Article III – Section 25 “Parking Regulations,” – “No Parking Here to Corner” to add the following restrictions: No Parking Here to Corner on Rosemont Lane south end, South Side, 30 ft. east of Huntingdon Rd., Keswick Ave., East Side, Move existing sign from south of Oakdale Ave. to a point 70' south of Oakdale Ave., South Side 30' east from the intersection with Keswick Ave., and "Special Parking Zones" 1226 Hall Ave., "Handicapped Parking."
- d. BOC-03-021325 Motion to approve 2025 Tree City USA application and proclamation recognizing April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day.
- e. BOC-04-021325 Motion to Authorize the Township Manager to sell excess Township vehicles and equipment in accordance with Section 1501 of the First Class Township Code.
- f. BOC-05-021325 Motion to approve the revisions made to the following Sections of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations:
- Section 3.8 Public Notice;
 - Section 3.9 Recording and Filing Applications;
 - Section 4.3 (a) Notice of Examinations;
 - Section 4.4. Written Examination;
 - Section 5 (a) Physical Fitness Testing; and
 - Section 5.4 (1) Appointment.
- g. BOC-06-021325 Motion to reject the Ardsley Wildlife Sanctuary Phase 2 Project Bids as opened on December 9, 2024 and authorize rebidding of the project.
- h. BOC-07-021325 Motion to approve a contract time extension for MECO Constructors, Inc. through October 1, 2025 for the Inclusive Park and Playground.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- a. BOC-08-021325 Motion to approve the Preliminary/Final Major Subdivision and Land Development for LD-22-01 DJS Associates located at 1603 & 1617 Old York Road and adopt Resolution No. 25-006.

- b. BOC-09-021325 Motion to adopt Ordinance #2225 amending the Code of the Township of Abington at Part II [General Legislation], Chapter 162 [Zoning], by amending Article XXI [Use Regulations], Section 2103 [Categories of Permitted Uses] and the Comprehensive Use Matrix Appendix to Add Provisions for use C-40, Tobacco Store, Smoke Shop and Vape Shop.
- c. BOC-10-021325 Motion to adopt Ordinance #2226 for Single-Use Plastics and Expanded Polystyrene Foam Products.
- d. BOC-11-021325 Motion to recommend approval to enter into a three (3) year agreement with the County of Montgomery, beginning October 15, 2024 and ending September 31, 2027 for providing snow and ice clearance on County highways, bridges, sidewalks and approaches and adopt Resolution No. 25-007.
- e. BOC-12-021325 Motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-008 to appoint the following Tax Collection Committee (TCC): Primary voting delegate, Jeannette Hermann, First alternate voting delegate, Christopher S. Christman and Second alternate voting delegate, Monica Embery, effective February 14, 2025 due to the retirement of Richard J. Manfredi.
- f. BOC-13-021325 Motion to adopt Resolution No. 25-009 to appoint Christopher S. Christman as Chief Administrative Officer for the Township of Abington's Non-Uniformed and Police Pension Plans, effective the 13th day of February, 2025.
- g. BOC-14-021325 Motion to appoint Travis D'Onofrio to the Shade Tree Commission to fill a term ending 12/31/2028 and Peaches Cooper to the Environmental Advisory Council to serve a term ending 12/31/2027 as included in Exhibit A and as recommended by the Shade Tree Commission and Environmental Advisory Council.
- h. BOC-15-021325 Motion to approve Change Order #1 for AKRF, Inc for construction administration services for the Inclusive Park and Playground in the amount of \$11,000.
- i. BOC-16-021325 Motion to authorize contingency funding for the Inclusive Park and Playground project in the amount of \$50,000 for any unforeseen expenditures during construction.
- j. BOC-17-021325 Motion to adopt Resolution No. 25 -010 setting the compensation for the Abington Township Tax Collector for the period 2026 through 2029.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. FC-01-021325 Motion to approve the December 2024 expenditures in the amount of \$4,079,630.89 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$2,730,795.22 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 March 2025. ([Click here to view supporting information for expenditures in December 2024](#))

(Motion & Roll Call)

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.