

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA. on Thursday, July 8, 2021, with President Spiegelman presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners THOMPSON, BRODSKY, BOLE, CARSWELL (called in), ROTHMAN (called in), VAUGHN, MYERS, ZAPPONE, BOWMAN, WINEGRAD, VAHEY, SCHREIBER, HECKER, SPIEGELMAN
Excused: DiPLACIDO

Also Present: Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Legal Counsel GALLAGHER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Spiegelman announced that the Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session on July 7, 2021 to discuss legal matters.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Cakky Evans, 1132 Lindsay Lane, commented that the EAC is happy to see that the Climate Collaborative of Greater Philadelphia initiative is an agenda item tonight and she asked for unanimous support by the Board. Also, regarding the 1231 Susquehanna Road project, she requested that the minutes be amended to reflect that the developer “agreed to save the Pine Trees as well as other conditions.”

CONSENT AGENDA:

Vice President Hecker pulled the minutes from Consent Agenda and to vote upon the amendment as suggested by Ms. Evans under New Business.

Vice President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve Items b. – j. as listed under Consent Agenda as follows:

To approve the Building and Smokestack Lease Agreement between the Township of Abington and Cellco Partnership, d/b/a Verizon Wireless.

To adopt Resolution No. 21-018 authorizing the disposition of Public Works records as listed in the attached itemized report.

To approve the major subdivision application for 1231 Susquehanna Road, Rydal.

To approve an easement agreement for the Township-owned 20-foot parcel between 653-659 Hamel Avenue.

To approve LD-20-03 - Minor Land Development Plan – New Life Presbyterian Church.

To approve revisions made to the Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission Physical Fitness Testing Standards outlined in Section 4.5 of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

To approve Abington Jenkintown Connection Phase 5, Supplement 3 work authorization in the amount of \$64,900.

To approve the Owner-Occupied Home Rehabilitation Program Municipal Lien Policy.

To accept the Financial Reports for May 2021 including Investments; Clearing Fund; Deferred Revenue/Expense Activity; Petty Cash Balances; Travel Expenses and Statement of Conditions.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Vice President Hecker made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the amended minutes from the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of June 10, 2021 as suggested by Ms. Evans.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS:

Item PS-02-070821:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Vahey to appoint candidate Jakob Henze from the Civil Service Eligibility list to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided he successfully completes the Background, Physical, Psychological tests and all entry requirements for the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission Act 120 Training effective July 19, 2021.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

Item PS-03-070821:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Thompson to promote Officer Ryan Duntzee to the rank of Probationary Sergeant effective July 19, 2021.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS:

Item PA-01-070821:

Commissioner Bowman made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Myers to adopt Resolution No. 21-019 joining the Climate Collaborative of Greater Philadelphia (CCGP) an Initiative to Accelerate Effective Climate Actions.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 14-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS:

Receive Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Vahey announced that the Treasurer's report is attached to the agenda for review.

Item FC-01-070821:

Commissioner Vahey made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Winegrad to approve the May 2021 expenditures in the amount of \$3,349,160.38 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,947,418.24, and authorize the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of August 2021.

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

Roll call resulted in motion being passed – 14-0. Commissioner DiPlacido was absent during roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Minutes Secretary

Resolution No. 21-018 and 21-019 were adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 8, 2021.