

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**



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A G E N D A **September 9, 2021** **6:30 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 1776 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 THOMPSON, BRODSKY, BOLE, CARSWELL, ROTHMAN, VAUGHN, SCHREIBER, VAHEY, WINEGRAD, DiPLACIDO, MYERS, ZAPPONE, BOWMAN, HECKER, SPIEGELMAN

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Motion to approve the Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of August 12, 2021.
- b. LU-01-090921 Motion approve the release of Escrow No. 1 on the Land Development - LD-19-07 - Abington Terrace, LLC - Abington CHOP & YMCA Project located at 1059, 1067 and 1073 Old York Road.
- c. PS-01-090921 Motion to ratify the U.S. Department of Justice Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Emergency Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Grant Program

Agreement and adopt Resolution No. 21-025.

- d. PA-01-090921 Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-026 authorizing application to the PECO Green Region Open Space Program.
- e. Motion to accept the Financial Reports for July 2021: including Investments, Clearing Fund; Deferred Revenue/Expense Activity; Petty Cash Balances; Travel Expenses and Statement of Conditions.
- f. FC-02-090921 Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-023 recognizing that the Township's minimum municipal funding obligation for the calendar year 2022 with respect to the Municipal Non-Uniformed Employee, Police and Non-Uniformed Employee Defined Contribution Plans, is \$732,518, \$3,213,603, and \$190,000 respectively.
- g. FC-03-090921 Motion to adopt the Abington Township Fair Housing Resolution No. 21-024, and grant the authority to publicly advertise a Fair Housing Officer for the Township of Abington.
- h. FC-04-090921 Motion to approve a contract for a residential rehabilitation specialist, resulting from a request for proposals (RFP closed July 30, 2021).
- i. PC-01-090921 Motion to approve the Investment Advisory Agreements between the Township of Abington and PFM Asset Management LLC ("PFMAM")

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a. BOC-01-090921 Motion to approve the Stipulation to Settle the matter of Noble Town Center (new owner Paramount JSM) v. the Montgomery Assessment Appeals ET AL and authorizing Wisler Pearlstine to sign the stipulation on behalf of the Township of Abington. (*Ms. Wehmeyer*)
- b. BOC-02-090921 Motion to approve settlement agreement between Abington Township and Meinel Associates, LLC regarding Montgomery County Docket Number 2020-15440.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

- a. LU-02-090921 Motion to consider the request of Penn State University (PSU) for Enactment of Zoning Map and Text Amendments. (*Mr. Hecker*)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- a. PS-02-090921 Motion to appoint candidate Timothy Connelly 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 of the Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission Act120 Training effective October 15, 2021. (*Chief Molloy*)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

- b. FC-01-090921 Consider approving the July 2021 expenditures in the amount of \$1,961,462.43 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$3,072,806.91, and authorizing the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of October 2021.

(Motion and Roll Call)

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.