

ABINGTON TOWNSHIP

DECEMBER 9, 2021



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**



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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 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 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 November 10, 2021.
- b. PW-01-120921 Motion to adopt Ordinance 2190 an Ordinance vacating a public right of way over a portion of Parkview Avenue.
- c. Financial Reports for October 2021: including Investments, Clearing Fund; Deferred Revenue/Expense Activity; Petty Cash Balances; Travel Expenses and Statement of Conditions.

- d. FC-02-120921 Motion to authorize the Budget Transfers and supplemental appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2021.
- e. FC-03-120921 Motion to authorize an expenditure from Unallocated General Fund Balance (account #01-00-000-5999) in the amount of \$45,855.00 (2021 allotment) to be distributed equally (\$9,171.00) among the five volunteer fire companies serving Abington Township.
- f. FC-04-120921 Motion to release escrow for Abington Memorial Hospital Woodland Road Garage Project.
- g. FC-05-120921 Motion to release escrow #1 for Abington Senior High School project.
- h. FC-08-120921 Motion to authorize release of the Letter of Credit posted by Hunter Soccer Club as financial security associated with the land development plan identified as LU-02-021121, for construction of a new synthetic turf field at Penbryn Park, and associated stormwater management facilities and access drive, subject to release by the Lender, Ambler Savings Bank, to the Township the outstanding amount required for replenishment of the escrow account established in accordance with the Contract for Professional Services executed by the applicant, said amount to include final invoices submitted by the Township Solicitor and Township Engineer for charges associated with the final inspection and review of the approved improvements, and subject to the posting of maintenance security by the applicant as required by the Development Agreement.
- i. PC-01-120921 Motion to adopt Resolution No. 21-030 setting the Police Pension contribution rate for 2022 at five percent (5%) of compensation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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- a. BOC-02-090921 Motion to consider the agreement between Abington Township and Meinel Associates, LLC and authorization of Township Manager to execute the Agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

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- a. BOC-01-120921 Motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 annual Budget and the Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Levy and Appropriation Ordinance # 2189.

- b. BOC-02-120921 Motion to adopt Resolution 21-029 a Resolution Setting Forth the Policy and Procedures for Meetings of the Board of Commissioners and its Committees to be effective January 1, 2022.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. Receive Treasurer's Report: Township Treasurer, Jay W. Blumenthal
- b. FC-01-120921 Consider approving the October 2021 expenditures in the amount of \$4,286,771.90 and salaries and wages in the amount of \$1,973,404.78, and authorizing the proper officials to sign vouchers in payment of bills and contracts as they mature through the month of January 2022.

(Motion and Roll Call)
- c. FC-06-120921 Motion to approve the Change Order Request from Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions for the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan in the amount of \$36,029.
- d. FC-07-120921 Motion to enter into an energy supplier agreement for electric and natural gas at the lowest rate submitted by a reputable supplier through the bidding process.

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.