

The stated meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Thursday, July 23, 2026 via webinar and in-person at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA, with President Hecker presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners ROSENBAUM, ROTHMAN, DiPLACIDO, WINEGRAD, ZAPPONE, YOUNG-GERTZ, SPIEGELMAN, PURTELL, SCHREIBER, HECKER
Excused: Commissioners LANEY-MARTIN, BROWNE, HENRY BOWMAN, VAHEY

Also Present: Township Manager Christman
Township Solicitor Gallagher

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD PRESIDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Swearing in of New Police Officers – Conor Perdoch and Tyler Shewbridge:

President Hecker administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Police Officer Tyler Shewbridge of the Abington Township Police Department on this 23rd day of July 2026.

President Hecker administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Police Officer Conor Perdoch of the Abington Township Police Department on this 23rd day of July 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Ross Abel, resident, thanked Sergeant Coughlin and Chief Molloy for the Traffic Calming Policy as he and other residents have been asking for it for a long time. He suggested going further with the 85th percentile threshold; however, this policy will provide flexibility so we can get needed projects implemented in the Township as our residents deserve to feel safe walking and biking on the streets. He hopes this is just a first step and maybe we can get residents, staff and Commissioners to pass something like a commission that could make potential revisions to the policy in the future.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve Items a. and b. as listed under Consent Agenda as follows:

To approve the minutes from the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting of June 11, 2026.

To adopt Resolution 26-024 authorizing the disposition of Abington Township Police Department records.

MOTION was ADOPTED 10-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item BOC-03-072326:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt the Traffic Calming Policy.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner DiPlacido asked for a summary or a flyer about this policy for the Commissioner's newsletters.

Sergeant Coughlin replied we will produce something.

Commissioner Rothman thanked everyone involved including former Commissioners Jessica Carswell and Bill Bole who worked with him on this concept. He feels we will go further once we figure out the right way to get there. It's a great start, and for him personally and his goals in serving the community, this is one of the things at the heart of it. So, let's try it, and there will be things that need to be tweaked, but we are getting somewhere, and this will help multiple generations, especially the kids.

Commissioner Spiegelman said this is a hugely important first step. He spoke with Traffic Safety Officers Freed and Posey back in December 2011, the month before he was sworn into this position, about all the people who reached out to him regarding traffic calming devices. Through a lot of hard work, we have come a long way, and the door is now open, and if we need to adjust the hinges, tweak the locks, and cut a window, we can do that because the door is now open.

MOTION was ADOPTED 10-0.

Item BOC-04-072326:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Zappone to approve a lease extension through September 1, 2026, between the Township of Abington and Abington School District for the property located at 2828 Spear Avenue, Ardsley, PA 19038.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Rosenbaum clarified that this is an extension to afford the ability to negotiate some basic issues that remain outstanding and is there a summary of what that is?

Solicitor Gallagher replied we are in the process of negotiating with the Solicitor for the School District. We have not had a chance to connect with him directly; however, all major issues have been ironed out, and it is just legalese that need to be worked on.

Commissioner Zappone thanked everyone for their support. This community center is the jewel of Ardsley. Everyone uses it and it is mobbed. So, it is very important that this deal goes through and we are doing everything on our part to make sure it does, we are just waiting for the School District.

MOTION was ADOPTED 10-0.

Item BOC-05-072326:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to award the Abington Township Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations Project Bid to Armour & Sons in the amount of \$158,310.90 and authorize the Township Manager to execute the contract.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 10-0.

Item BOC-06-072326:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to adopt Resolution No. 26-025 authorizing an application for the DCED CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) Program in the amount of \$750,000 for the Keswick Village Streetscape Multimodal Pedestrian Safety Enhancements Project.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 10-0.

Item BOC-07-072326:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to authorize the advertisement of the Abington Tree Maintenance Bid conditioned upon final approval from the Township Solicitor.

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

MOTION was ADOPTED 10-0.

Item BOC-08-072326:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Spiegelman to approve the First Amendment of the Wastewater Service Agreement between the City of Philadelphia and Township of Abington.

President Hecker asked for any comments from Commissioners.

Commissioner Winegrad clarified that this agreement extends until September 30, 2026, and then it should come back to the Board to extend it again in October. Is that correct?

Manager Christman replied yes. There is a portion of the sanitary sewer system that flows to the City of Philadelphia. The original agreement the Township entered a number of years ago expired, so this is the first extension of that agreement to keep the terms and conditions the same until a new contract can be designed and accepted by both the Township and the City of Philadelphia.

Solicitor Gallagher added that it will be a ten-year agreement. The last agreement was for 10 years that expired a few years ago, and the Township has been operating under the old agreement. The City of Philadelphia wanted to have something in place while we negotiated a new agreement.

MOTION was ADOPTED 10-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Vile, Recording Secretary

Resolutions No. 26-024 and 26-025 were adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 23, 2026.