

The stated meeting of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Abington was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2019 at the Township Administration Building, Abington, PA, with Commissioner Schreiber presiding.

CALL TO ORDER: 7:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Commissioners SCHREIBER, DiPLACIDO, ROTHMAN, THOMPSON, VAHEY

Township Manager MANFREDI
Assistant Township Manager WEYMEYER
Township Solicitor CLARKE
Police Chief MOLLOY
Deputy Chief WARNER
Lieutenant PORTER
Traffic Safety Officer FREED
Fire Marshal ROHRER

Also Present: Commissioners LUKER, KLINE, BOWMAN, ZAPPONE, BRODSKY, CARSWELL, GILLESPIE, WINEGRAD, SPIEGELMAN, MYERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner Rothman to approve the Public Safety Committee Meeting minutes of May 1, 2019.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PRESENTATION: - Acknowledgement: Christopher Platz:

Commissioner Schreiber acknowledged Christopher Platz, Fire Inspector, who has been selected and appointed to the NFPA - National Fire Protection Association's Standards Technical Committee on portable fire extinguishers. The committee is appointed by the Standards Council of no more than 30 voting members representing a balance of interests.

Fire Marshal Rohrer introduced Christopher Platz, who is a 12-year member of the ATFD, and in February, Chris joined our staff as Fire Inspector. The Standards Technical Committee reviews, updates and recommends all changes for National Fire Code of the United States and Canada.

Rich Garrett of Second Alarmers previously submitted his monthly report.

Police Department Report:

Deputy Chief Kelley Warner reported that last night at around 9:40 p.m., Luke Oil located at York and Rockwell Roads was robbed at closing. At the banging on the door, the store clerk opened it and was surprised by a handgun pointed at him, and the clerk was kicked and punched and put to the floor. The suspect stole \$5,000 and cigarettes and a report came in from 9-1-1- that the suspect was last seen running on Rockwell Road. A very studious police officer saw a male somewhat matching the description of the suspect going north on Old York Road by the Kitchen Bar and stopped him and in close proximity was a bag full of cash, a handgun and gloves, so a career criminal was removed from the streets of Abington Township. The store clerk had minor injuries and the money was returned.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

Item PS-01-061319:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to adopt Ordinance No. 2165, amending Chapter 156 – “Vehicles and Traffic,” Article II – “Traffic Regulations,” Section 14 – “Stop Intersections” and Articles III – “Parking Regulations,” Section 25 - “Parking Prohibited At All Times; No Parking Between Signs; No Parking Here To Corner,” to add “Stop” intersections on Green Road, Eagle Road, Moredon Road, Pembroke Road, Upsal Road and Rubicam Avenue; add “No Parking Here To Corner” on Arbuda Road, Central Avenue and Montgomery Avenue.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Item PS-02-061319:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to appoint candidates Christine Worrell and Raymond Delossantos from the Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided they successfully complete the Background, Physical and Psychological tests and all entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training effective August 12, 2019, and to appoint Artese DeJesus from the Civil Service Eligibility List to the position of Probationary Police Officer provided he successfully completes the Background, Physical and Psychological tests and all entry requirements of the Municipal Police Officers’ Education and Training Commission for Act 120 Training effective September 9, 2019.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

Item PS-03-061319:

Commissioner Schreiber made a MOTION, seconded by Commissioner DiPlacido to adopt Resolution No. 19-021 the disposition of Abington Township Police Department records according to Township policy.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any comments from Commissioners or staff. There were none.

Commissioner Schreiber asked for any public comments. There were none.

MOTION was ADOPTED 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT – general matters relating to Public Safety.

Lora Lehmann, 1431 Bryant Lane, commented that, “the blood drive is important and taxpayers’ money should not be taken,” and she asked for a “full accounting of tax money spent on all nonprofits.” Also, “when action was taken on various blighted properties there was a letter written about the public safety involved and is there a path where that can be discussed?” She also asked for a “page to be put up on the Verizon hearing.”

ADJOURNMENT: 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager/Secretary

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