

Commissioners' Meeting Activity**January 21, 2013**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve Legislative Mtg Min-12-17-12 & Workshop Mtg Min-1-14-13	Comm Steup	Comm Gartner
Accept Public Safety Report	VP Beaman	Comm Steup
Accept Tax Collector's Report	VP Beaman	Pres Vescio
Accept Treasurer's Report	VP Beaman	Pres Vescio
Approve December Bill List-\$34,569.23; Ratify December Pre-Paid Bills-\$18,116.11 & Ratify December Payroll Transfers-\$23,079.06	Comm Schollaert	VP Beaman
Adopt 2013 Millage Rate Ordinance	Comm Gartner	Comm Schollaert
Accept Aleppo Township Authority Report	Comm Steup	Pres Vescio
Accept Ambulance Authority Report	Comm Gartner	Pres Vescio
Accept Public Works Report	VP Beaman	Comm Steup
Accept Solicitor's Report	Comm Schollaert	Pres Vescio
\$58,113.67 Used Out of Project Money	VP Beaman	Comm Gartner
Pay \$559,601.72 to Pay Requisitions for No. 11 Authorized by Wells Fargo	VP Beaman	Comm Steup
Adjournment	VP Beaman	Comm Steup

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

President Vescio called the meeting to order at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Those in attendance were Vice-President Beaman, Commissioners Joanne Schollaert, Clayton Steup, Rodney W. Gartner, Solicitor Harlan S. Stone and Manager Gwen Patterson. Secretary Martha B. Rogers was not in attendance.

MEETING MINUTES:

Commissioner Steup made one motion to approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2012 and of the Workshop Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2013. Commissioner Gartner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Ohio Township Officer Adam Beck gave the police report to the Board and the public. Vice-President Beaman made a motion to accept the Public Safety Report. Commissioner Steup seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPT:

NA.

PLANNING/ZONING:

NA.

TAX COLLECTOR:

Tax Collector Charlotte Pierce gave her report to the Board and the public. Vice-President Beaman made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report. President Vescio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Charlotte Pierce gave her report to the Board and the public. Vice-President Beaman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. President Vescio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE:

Commissioner Schollaert made one motion to approve the December bill list in the amount of \$34,569.23; Ratify December pre-paid bills in the amount of \$18,116.11 and Ratify December payroll transfers in the amount of \$23,079.06. Vice-President Beaman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Stone said because there has been a Countywide reassessment of assessed values of all properties in Allegheny County, there are new rules that we have had to adhere to by way of anti-windfall legislation that the State passed in conjunction with our assessments.

The Law now states that in any year following a countywide reassessment, the municipalities cannot collect more than 105 per cent of what they collected in the year before.

We did not have the total final assessed values for 2013 until the end of the year. Because we did not get the numbers until December, we could not set a millage rate that was either revenue neutral or which would have netted us 105 per cent of the prior year's collections. The Court said we did not have to have our millage set by the end of the year. They gave us time until we received the final numbers and the tax bills are mailed. If we go over, we will put that money aside and apply to a reduction in the following year's tax millage rate.

The Township passed an ordinance at the end of the year that said we would do one of those two things after we see the numbers. The numbers did come in at the end of December. He and Manager Patterson were able to calculate what would make the Township revenue neutral and what would give us 105 per cent.

At the last meeting, we decided we wanted to stay revenue neutral. The calculations on the final numbers that keeps the Township revenue neutral means we must adopt a millage rate of 4 mills.

Advertising of an ordinance was done that set the millage rate at 4 mills for 2013 which is what is in front of the Board this evening.

Commissioner Gartner made a motion to adopt the 2013 Millage Rate Ordinance. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

Vice-President Beaman reported the 79 North plant is still running. There is no trouble with the Sewickley Heights Manor plant. There are some incomplete and incorrect asphalt replacements on Rhodes Avenue. Lang is reimbursing the Authority money to get our contractor doing the asphalt for the sewers to make repairs. New rules and regulations are being put together. The budget is being worked on for next year. Sewer rates were recommended and passed in the Authority meeting. They have now been sent to this Board. The Authority is working on rates and tap-in rates.

President Vescio asked about the grinder pumps. Dave of KLH said they have been delivered to the Township. When people tie in, their contractor will come and get the pump. It is up to the residents at their cost to have the pumps installed. There are 32 or 33 to be installed.

Commissioner Steup made a motion to accept the Aleppo Township Authority Report. President Vescio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

QV/COG:

Commissioner Steup said he was unable to attend the meeting. Commissioner Schollaert sat in for him. She reported the majority of the meeting was an executive session discussing salaries and job descriptions. They restructured the organization. Commissioner Steup was elected as secretary again. She feels the people attending the meeting were questioning the value of the organization since there are so many municipalities that do not participate. Solicitor Stone said COGs have limited functions. Vice-President Beaman made a motion to accept the COG Report. Commissioner Gartner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Schollaert said there was no meeting for November and December. The January meeting is next week. Commissioner Gartner made a motion to accept the Ambulance Authority Report. President Vescio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Supervisor Mark Kerr gave his report to the Board and the public. Manager Patterson said she received a call from a resident complimenting the Public Works Department on their fine work during the last big snow storm. Vice-President Beaman made a motion to accept the Public Works Report. Commissioner Steup seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Stone said we received comments and requested changes from the McCoy's attorney, Rich Brandt. They have been passed on to Dave who incorporated those in the drawings. Dave got back to Solicitor Stone today with the revisions. He hopes to have this settled for the next meeting.

He passed on the authorized proposed settlement to both parties. The Manor found the settlement acceptable. Minnick's attorney called Solicitor Stone and said he thought the settlement would be acceptable. He had ideas on how to expedite the signing of the agreement. Solicitor Stone asked him to put the documents together and get them to him.

Solicitor Stone said the legislature has decided that the Tax Collector Law in the First Class Township Code needs to be improved. They passed an Act stating the Tax Collector will now be called the Elected Tax Collector. The Tax Collector will have to be elected and no longer appointed and goes into effect in 2014. The Tax Collector will have to run in 2013. It is still possible for the Treasurer and the Tax Collector to be one and the same. If no one runs for the Tax Collector position, the commissioners still have the power to appoint. The position will be on the ballot for 2013. An ordinance must be adopted no later than February 15, 2013. An advertisement has been done and it can be adopted at the Workshop Meeting in February.

Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to accept the Solicitor's Report. President Vescio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

537 PLAN:

Mr. Dave Coldren reported the sewage project is wrapping up. They are in the process of starting up both pump stations and taking the two existing treatment plants out of service. It should be completed by early next week. Connection notices can be issued by February 1. They will allow the customers 90 days to connect. The first bills will be sent out by June 1, 2013.

Requisition Number 11 has five or six items on it. It's a total of just over half a million dollars. Manager Patterson said we have two different options for this requisition. There is an invoice for paving that was done last Spring. It was voted to come out of the paving account because we weren't sure where it would come in under construction costs. We have come in slightly under what was budgeted, and there is an option of redoing the vote to take that money out of the Township paving account. It can be taken from project costs. The amount is \$58,113.67.

Vice-President Beaman made a motion that the \$58,113.67 be used out of project money. That's why the \$100,000.00 was put into the account. Commissioner Gartner seconded. Discussion-President Vescio asked what happened to the \$100,000.00. Vice-President said it was used for some other places. He wants it put back. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Coldren said KLH recommends approval of Requisition Number 11 in the amount of \$559,601.72. This includes six pay requests. Hoffman Construction-\$10,638.00; Graziani-\$92,363.07; D&M Contracting-\$237,555.24; D&M Contracting-Additional Paving-\$58,113.67; Tepco for the grinder pumps-\$133,658.60 and KLH Engineers-\$27,273.14 for a total of \$559,601.72. Vice-President Beaman made a motion to pay \$559,601.72 total to pay Pay Requisitions of Number 11 authorized by Wells Fargo to pay. Commissioner Steup seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NA.

NEW BUSINESS:

NA.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Fred Gregorich, 546 Glenfield Road said he was here a month or so ago. At that time, the engineer was to find out information on their area regarding sewage. They have not heard anything. Mr. Coldren said it is not included in the 537 Plan. President Vescio said they may be included at a later date. Vice-President Beaman said he will have John Mowry call him with an explanation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-President Beaman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Steup seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Rogers
Township Secretary