

Workshop Meeting Activity

April 10, 2017

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve Legislative Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2017	VP Jones	Comm. Schollaert
Adopt the oval logo for the letterhead and the bump out logo for the road signs seconded	Comm. Schollaert	Comm. Darragh
Have Manager Patterson ask the Sewickley Memorial Day Fund for clarification of the disconnect between use of public tax dollars in the statement in the solicitation letter saying that no tax dollars are used	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Table until next week authorizing Public Works to post No Parking signs as necessary on Weber Road	Pres. Doeblen	Comm. Williams
Respond to the request that the Township has no objection to the proposal providing the cost of installation and maintenance is borne by the resident at Sewickley Heights Manor to construct a small brick outline around the island at the entrance of the Sewickley Heights Manor	Comm. Darragh	VP Jones
Adjournment		

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

President Matthew Doebler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Those in attendance were Vice-President George Jones, Commissioner Joanne Schollaert, Commissioner Arthur Williams, Commissioner Daniel Darragh, Solicitor Christopher Lovato, Manager Gwen Patterson and Secretary Kimberly Koskey.

MINUTES:

Vice-President Jones made a motion to approve the corrected Legislative Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2017. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF ZONING OPTIONS WITH AJ SCHWARTZ OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND DESIGN:

Mr. AJ Schwartz of Environmental Planning and Design explained the Zoning in Aleppo Township including Townhomes, R-2, and PRD. He discussed the options outlined in Solicitor Stones memo regarding townhouses in R-2. He stated that the Zoning in Aleppo Township has been the same for a very long time. He also explained that there are no shared districts in the Township. He explained that Aleppo Township has very restricted environmental controls due to the hillsides and slopes which would keep several lots from developing. He explained that if the Board wanted to make changes to restrict townhouse development, it would be a very small area that would not be a significant change. Mr. Schwartz also stated that with the zoning changes there could be consequences regarding spot zoning and making developments non-conforming. He explained that repainting a strategic area to R-1 would be the least restrictive and cause the least problems for property owners in the future.

Manager Patterson explained that exact area that has been in question. Commissioner Schollaert questioned if this issue is worth changing. President Doebler stated that there are two residents that complained to change the zoning. Mr. Schwartz outlined an area that could possibly be changed to R-1 without causing too many problems. Solicitor Lovato also stated that changing some of the zoning could cause a lot of problems with spot zoning. Manager Patterson also explained that there is a lot of property in this area is Haysville which would not stop Townhouse development. She also explained that removing Townhouses from the areas in question does not eliminate multi-family development such as duplexes or garden apartments. President Doebler suggested adding this to the agenda for next week to finalize a motion regarding this issue.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Township Rebranding: President Doebler stated that there are new signs throughout the Township. Manager Patterson also explained that a new logo would be decided and included on all letterhead, envelopes, and official Township documents. She presented two options.

Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to adopt the oval logo for the letterhead and the bump out logo for the road signs. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. QVCOG Recycling Resolution:

Manager Patterson explained that the QVCOG would like the communities to join the recycling committee for the purpose of multi-municipal grants. The COG would apply for any ACT101 grants on behalf of the communities and return the funds back to the communities after subtracting the cost of the community recycling day. Manager Patterson stated that the COG is looking at future plans to create a Regional Recycling Center. President Doebler stated that the COG is trying to make select activities of the COG self-funded without increasing dues. President Doebler stated that this will be added to the agenda next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Sewickley Memorial Day Celebration Contribution: President Doebler explained that in the past Aleppo Township donated \$25.00 to the Sewickley Memorial Day Celebration Fund. He would like to raise the contribution. Vice President Jones questioned the statement in the request letter “No public tax dollars are used”.

Vice President Jones made a motion to have Manager Patterson ask the Sewickley Memorial Day Fund for clarification of the disconnect between use of public tax dollars in the statement in the solicitation letter saying that no tax dollars are used. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Pension Chief Administrative Officer Resolution: Manager Patterson stated this is a formality for the Non-Uniform Pension held at PSABMRT where they need to designate a Chief Administrative Officer who is the person that can deal with administrative costs and sign off on the plan. She would be the designated officer. She will add this to the agenda for next week.

C. Emergency Operations Plan Resolution: Manager Patterson stated that there is an updated Emergency Operations Plan submitted by Judy Haluka. There are small changes made including assigning Commissioners to different committees in case of an emergency. She stated this will be on the agenda next week to be adopted as the official plan.

D. No Parking Signs: Manager Patterson explained that she received a letter provided by Chief Micklos agreeing with No Parking signs at the bends on Weber Road.

President Doebler made a motion to table until next week authorizing Public Works to post No Parking signs as necessary on Weber Road. Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Manager Patterson stated that she received a letter from a resident at Sewickley Heights Manor to construct a small brick outline around the island at the entrance of the Sewickley Heights Manor.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to respond to the request that the Township has no objection to the proposal providing the cost of installation and maintenance is borne by the resident at Sewickley Heights Manor to construct a small brick outline around the island at the entrance of the Sewickley Heights Manor. Vice President seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Resident Sally Shipley addressed the deer population control issue. Manager Patterson stated that the organization that was invited to give a presentation declined to give the presentation. Commissioner Williams stated the possibility of demonstrations at Township building against the organization could have been an issue. Ms. Shipley stated the Sewickley Heights Manor Association had the North Area Game Commissioner at their annual meeting to discuss the deer population problem. She explained that he strongly discouraged feeding wildlife and he stated the deer population will double within two years. She will have more information for the Board at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 8:08 PM the Board moved into executive session to discuss legal claims and pending litigation and returned to regular session at 8:50 PM.

President Doebler adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Koskey
Township Secretary