

Workshop Meeting Activity

January 14, 2013

TITLE

MOTION

SECOND

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2013

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Steup brought an error on Page 4 and 6 to the attention of the Board, and the Secretary will make the necessary corrections.

WATER & SEWER RATE ORDINANCE:

Manager Patterson said the Board has the ordinance that backs up what the Authority did. The Authority adopted the rates at their meeting. The Township passes an ordinance to confirm the rates which then gives the Authority stronger power at the Magistrate's office as far as delinquencies, etc. The ordinance before the Board this evening is a one-page ordinance which adopts the rates that were approved as recommended by the Engineer to the Authority. The second page discusses the different minimums and cost per gallon.

2013 MILLAGE RATE ORDINANCE:

Manager Patterson said last month the Board adopted an ordinance saying we will set the millage once we get the assessed value. We have received that information. The ordinance sets the millage. As calculated, the millage will drop one whole mill to four mills based on the new valuation. There is a two-page summary showing how the millage was calculated and examples of the effect on different properties assessed at different levels.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Manager Patterson said we have received no letters of interest. There is a vacancy on the Planning Commission and one vacancy on the Water Authority Board.

537 PLAN REPORT:

Mr. John Mowry of KLH Engineers reported there is a requisition that needs to be approved. We are at the end of the project. Start-up procedures will be done this week at the 79 North pump station. It will hopefully be on line by Friday. The demo of the waste water plant will follow.

Start up at Sewickley Heights Manor will be done the following week. By the end of that week it will be on line. The demo will begin on that plant.

By the end of the month, the projects should be finished. They will come back in the Spring to finish restoration that was not completed before Winter.

Manager Patterson will be meeting with Dave at KLH and staff of the Authority to decide who will be sending out the connection notices to residents to begin tying in. The notices can go out anytime after February 1st. The grinder pumps have been delivered.

We will be approximately \$500,000.00 under bids. Extra paving was done. D&M Contracting has a bill for \$58,113.67 which will come out of the General Fund. Mr. Mowry and Manager Patterson will discuss with Janney Montgomery what the \$500,000.00 can be earmarked for. It cannot be used to reduce payments. They actually take it off the terms on the back end. The February meeting will be the last meeting Mr. Mowry will need to attend until Spring. The interconnect between here and Sewickley is done.

Commissioner Steup asked what is the first anticipated month that the debt service will kick in. Manager Patterson said we still need to work on that. It is based on when it needs to be paid back. It will be discussed this week along with billing and when it needs to go out in order for us to meet our payment schedule.

Mr. Mowry said Requisition Number 10 is \$961,219,90. Commissioner Gartner asked what is being done at the bottom of Red Gate Road. Manager Patterson said that is the interconnect. Rigid paving will be put in there for Winter. A tie-in has been made at the Bottom of Glen Mitchell Road and Beaver Road.

Commissioner Steup made a motion to approve Pay Requisition Number 10 authorizing Wells Fargo to pay \$98,337.60 to Hoffman Construction; \$490,723.31 to D&M Contracting; \$131,689.00 to Kukurin Contracting and \$216,112.93 to Graziani; \$24,357.06 to KLH for a total of \$961,219.90. Commissioner Gartner seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

NA.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Steup asked if there could be a brief executive session before adjournment.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mrs. Charlotte Pierce, Masonic Village asked if the rates have been set and if we can hear what they are. Manager Patterson said the Authority adopted the rates. The Board of Commissioners will adopt them next week. The minimum charge for residential is \$147.00 per quarter. The consumption charge is \$9.50 per 1,000 gallons. Mrs. Pierce asked if there is a minimum on consumption. Manager Patterson said no.

The minimum charge for commercial customers is \$450.00 per quarter. Consumption is billed at \$10.50 per 1,000.

The minimum charge for institutional customers is \$32,400.00 per quarter. The consumption rate is \$10.50 per 1,000.

Mrs. Pierce asked if the millage is at 4 mills Manager Patterson said yes.

Mr. John Seiforth of Masonic Village asked about the difference in consumption rate between residential and commercial. Mr. Mowry said it takes more to treat commercial and institutional waste than it does residential.

At 7:25 PM, the Board went into executive session and returned to regular session at 7:35 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Steup made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gartner seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Rogers
Township Secretary