

Workshop Meeting Activity

October 9, 2017

TITLE

MOTION

SECOND

Approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of
September 18, 2017

Comm. Williams

Comm. Darragh

Hold Aleppo's trick-or-treat on Halloween,
Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 6-8 pm

Pres. Doebler

Comm. Darragh

Adjournment

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 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 Arthur Williams, Commissioner Daniel Darragh, Commissioner Michelle Duplaga, Solicitor Christopher Lovato, Manager Gwen Patterson and Secretary Kimberly Koskey.

President Doebler announced that the meeting was being held at Masonic Village to give residents the opportunity to participate in the local government. He also announced that another Workshop Meeting will be held at the Aleppo Volunteer Fire Hall to give residents on the other side of Aleppo Township the same opportunity.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2017. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT NOVEMBER 13, 2017 WORKSHOP MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE ALEPPO FIRE HALL:

President Doebler announced that the November 13, 2017 Township Workshop meeting will be held at the Aleppo Fire Hall.

B. DISCUSSION OF BINGO LOTS:

Manager Patterson explained that the Township has a bunch of small residential lots that are too small to be develop but if put all together could make one large lot. She also explained that these lots are referred to as bingo lots because they are believed to have been acquired by winning the lots in bingo games around 1910. She stated the owners are long gone and taxes have not been paid in years. The past due taxes from the School, Township, and County would have to be paid or released by all parties involved before they could be purchased. She also believes getting these parcels back on the tax rolls would be a positive for the Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT DATE:

Manager Patterson stated that she checked with neighboring communities and most are holding trick-or-treat on Halloween.

President Doeblner made a motion to hold Aleppo's trick-or-treat on Halloween, Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 6-8 pm. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. DISCUSSION OF SEVEN SPRINGS CONFERENCE AND TOPICS:

President Doeblner stated that the Township Manager, Solicitor, and several of the Commissioners attended the Allegheny County and Western Pennsylvania Association of Township Commissioners Conference at Seven Springs last weekend. He reviewed a list of topics that may be considered in the future. These topics included: having honorary leaders for the Pledge of Allegiance; training for employees regarding ransomware; look at the job descriptions for Tom and Kim to decide whether an ethics form should be filled out by each of them; having a link on the website specifically for the Commissioners; speak with Chief Micklos regarding publicly recording the performance of the police officers; adopting a social media policy; discussing a medical marijuana policy; implementing the SAVY Citizen app which he is going to present to the COG to look into; having a link on our website for land development; MS4 compliance and annual training which Manager Patterson explained the Engineer will be reviewing; GIS mapping software; a system to submit anonymous complaints; reviewing the financial system within the office; reviewing the 2016 Audit, having an organization chart; and discussing the epidemic of Opioid addiction at a future Workshop meeting.

Vice-President Jones stated that he believed that Zoning at large should be reviewed at future meetings including solar building regulations, oil and gas, agriculture issues such as farm animals in Aleppo neighborhoods, financial controls between the Township and the Authority, and the liability of the Township regarding police actions.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Rod Gartner of Masonic Village announced the upcoming history committee meeting on October 19, 2017. Resident David Nimick asked when the 2016 Audit will be presented.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Koskey
Township Secretary