

**Commissioners' Meeting Activity**

**February 18, 2013**

<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>MOTION</u></b>	<b><u>SECOND</u></b>
Approve Legislative Mtg Min-1-21-13 & Workshop Mtg Min-2-11-13	VP Beaman	Comm Schollaert
Accept Police Report	VP Beaman	Comm Gartner
Accept Building Inspector/ Zoning Officer's Report	Comm Gartner	VP Beaman
Accept Tax Collector's Report	Comm Schollaert	Pres Vescio
Accept Treasurer's Report	VP Beaman	Comm Schollaert
Approve Jan Bill List-\$73,076.87; Ratify Jan Pre-Paid Bills-\$7,504.10 & Ratify Jan Payroll Transfers-\$16,528.60	VP Beaman	Comm Schollaert
Accept Township Authority Report	Comm Gartner	Pres Vescio
Accept Ambulance Authority Report	VP Beaman	Comm Gartner
Accept Public Works Report	Comm Gartner	VP Beaman
Table Sewer Rate Ordinance	VP Beaman	Pres Vescio
Authorize Pres or in Her Absence VP to Sign the Easement Agreement for work on McCoy Place	Comm Schollaert	Comm Gartner
Accept Solicitor's Report	VP Beaman	Pres Vescio
Approve Change Orders 3 & 4	VP Beaman	Comm Schollaert
Approve Pay Requisition Number 12	VP Beaman	Comm Schollaert
Accept 537 Plan Report	Comm Gartner	VP Beaman
Adjournment	Comm Schollaert	Pres Vescio

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

President Vescio announced there will be a brief executive session after the meeting tonight to discuss Township matters.

Also, on the agenda there is a motion for the sewer rate ordinance. That is tabled until the March meeting.

Solicitor Stone said both subjects are related. Since the last meeting, there has been an effort made by representatives of Masonic and the Township and legal counsel to resolve issues involving the new rate. As part of the discussions and negotiations, much were conducted in a closed door mediation which is highly confidential. This resulted in a decision to delay the implementation of the proposed rate ordinance. Since the negotiations are ongoing and part of a confidential mediation, the Board is not at liberty to discuss it or adopt the ordinance tonight. The ordinance will be readvertised for adoption at next month's meeting. The public will have an opportunity to address the Board regarding the rate ordinance. Solicitor Stone said the public is welcome to stay this evening.

**MINUTES:**

Vice-President Beaman made a motion to approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2013 and the Workshop Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2013. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:**

Ohio Township Chief of Police Norbert Miklos gave his report to the Board and the public. Vice-President Beaman made a motion to accept the Police Report. Commissioner Gartner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**FIRE DEPT:**

No report.

**PLANNING/ZONING:**

Manager Patterson reported there was one building permit issued for an antenna replacement on Hill Road. There were no Code complaints. Commissioner Gartner made a motion to accept the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer report. Vice-President Beaman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**TAX COLLECTOR:**

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

**TREASURER:**

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

**FINANCE:**

Vice-President Beaman made one motion to approve the January bill list in the amount of \$73,076.87; Ratify the January pre-paid bills in the amount of \$7,504.10 and Ratify January payroll transfers in the amount of \$16,528.60. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. Discussion-Commissioner Gartner asked for the correct amount of the Solicitor's Fee. Manager Patterson said \$2,887.50. The motion passed unanimously.

**TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:**

Vice-President Beaman reported the 79 North plant has been leveled. Everything from this area is now going to Sewickley. A meeting is scheduled with West View Water. Culligan reading is being checked. A few leaks have been taken care of. Reports that go to the State are being done. Billing for sewer and water is being discussed. There are three extra grinder pumps. The grinder pumps, etc. will be discussed at their meeting. Commissioner Gartner made a motion to accept the Aleppo Township Authority report. President Vescio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**QV/COG:**

No report.

**AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:**

Commissioner Schollaert reported the minutes from November, December and January were reviewed. They are doing fine financially. She needs a reappointment letter because her term is up. Vice-President Beaman said there were 353 ambulance calls to Masonic Village which were paid for by the Township. Commissioner Schollaert said the first alert program is being offered to Aleppo's Fire Department. There is some interest. Vice-President Beaman made a motion to accept the Ambulance Authority report. Commissioner Gartner seconded.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Public Works Supervisor Mark Kerr gave his report to the Board and the public. President Vescio complimented Mark and his crew on the good job being done on the roads. Commissioner Gartner made a motion to accept the Public Works report. Vice-President Beaman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**SOLICITOR:**

Solicitor Stone reported the drawings for McCoy place have been sent. The signed easement is being sent back to Solicitor Stone. President Vescio will have to be authorized to execute the agreement. It can then be notarized and sent to the County. We will try to get on the County's Spring work list.

Attorney Dave Nixon prepared an agreement for Minnock. Some changes have been made to the prior draft. He will present it to the Board at their next meeting for execution.

Interest has been expressed in purchasing some Township properties. He is working with Manager Patterson to develop the proper procedures under the First Class Township Code. We will need an appraisal. Advertising will be done pursuant to a public auction. There must be a bidding process.

Vice-President Beaman made a motion to legally table the sewer rate ordinance until March meeting. President Vescio seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to authorize the President or in her absence the Vice-President to sign the easement agreement for the work on McCoy Place. Commissioner Gartner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President Beaman made a motion to accept the Solicitor's report. President Vescio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**537 PLAN:**

Mr. John Mowry of KLH Engineers said the sewer project is complete. All sewers are in the ground. Connection notices have been sent out to the residents. The 79 North treatment plant has been demolished and graded. Sewickley Heights Manor treatment station is off line. The tanks have been pumped. The front two tanks must be demolished because the space is so tight. This will enable them to get into the back tank for demolition. Work is done for the Winter. D&M will restore paving in the Spring. They will deal with settlement and grass complaints.

Requisition 12 is up for approval this evening. There are two change orders for the 79 North treatment plant. One is a credit to the contract in the amount of \$11,266.14. The retaining wall in the back was eliminated resulting in the credit.

Change Order Number 4 is an increase in the contract of \$3,290.26. We are still approximately \$7,000.00 on the plus side. The Authority requested that we add one hoist to remove the pumps at both stations. They requested a second hoist. Manager Patterson approved. There is an extra hoist and the air release valves that were installed. They are plumbed to an internal discharge line as opposed to floor drains. He is asking for approval on Change Orders 3 and 4.

Vice-President Beaman made a motion to approve Change Orders 3 and 4. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Mowry said next month there will be one requisition - Number 13. It will be for Power Contracting. Invoices for the other two stations have been submitted.

Vice-President Beaman made a motion to approve Pay Requisition Number 12 to authorize Wells Fargo to pay \$55,939.90 to Hoffman Construction; \$103,673.45 to Graziano Construction; \$130,187.66 to D&M Contracting; \$10,319.94 to Power Contracting 79 North Station; \$7,319.97 to Power Contracting Manor Pump Station; \$11,485.50 to Kukurin Contracting and \$20,397.50 to KLH Engineering for a total of \$339,324.05 for the project. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Gartner made a motion to accept the 537 Plan report. Vice-President Beaman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

NA.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Schollaert said the litter and trash in the Township is horrible. When the weather breaks, she suggests heading up a clean-up committee. She will check with high school clubs, boy scout groups, etc. for assistance.

#### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Don Brainerd, a resident of Masonic Village of Sewickley spoke on behalf of the residents of Masonic Village. He said because the tap-in fee is being spread out over the residents of the Township, the highest costs are being put on Masonic Village residents. They feel new residents of Masonic Village should have to pay their fair share. On behalf of the residents of Masonic Village, they are asking for a tap-in fee which would be applied to new sewer customers.

Mr. Bob Lyons, 2443 Masonic Drive spoke about Masonic paying \$800,000.00 for the treatment plant on Deer Run Road which was equivalent to a tap-in fee to bring the community onto sewers 12 years ago. The Township has decommissioned the plant. They feel the Township should have considered the \$800,000.00 when setting the new sewer rates for the Township. The Residents of Masonic Village ask that the Township reconsider the new rates.

Solicitor Stone cautioned the Board not to respond in any way to matters that are currently part of the mediation.

Mr. Dave Von Kaenel, 780 Red Gate Road asked why the 90 days residents have to tie into the sewage is in the middle of the Winter. Solicitor Stone said it is 90 days from the completion. He asked if the date could be pushed back. Solicitor Stone said without looking at the ordinance, he cannot answer that question.

Mr. Mowry said bond payments are due. Revenue needs to be collected. Manager Patterson said if connections have not been made, bond payments will begin and need to be paid.

Mr. Len Kinter, 201 Sewickley Heights Drive asked if there is a reason why the people in the Manor are not included in negotiations with Masonic Village. Solicitor Stone said the negotiations were as a result of a request by Masonic representatives to have a mediator appointed to address their concerns. There is an issue of confidentiality.

Mr. Kinter said there have been efforts to discuss rates with the Township to no avail. Solicitor Stone said we have had discussions with Sally Shipley and with the Association concerning roads. He is not aware of anything involving rates.

Mr. Kinter asked if the Township is willing to negotiate rates with the Manor. President Vescio said we cannot do that at this time.

Ms. Yasmin Purohit, 505 Sewickley Heights Drive, is Vice-President of the Sewickley Heights Manor Board asked if it is okay to go back to her Board informing them that the

Township is in mediation with Masonic Village and is open to mediation with the Manor. President Vescio said she can tell the Board we are under mediation. President Vescio said the Township would be open to meeting with the Manor.

Solicitor Stone said a letter from Eric Gross was submitted to the Board. It is dated February 18, 2013 with a subject of Masonic Village of Sewickley sewer rate increase objection letter. Mr. Gross has asked that it be made part of the record for tonight's meeting minutes.

At 7:50 PM, the Board went into executive session and returned to regular session at 8:10 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. President Vescio seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Rogers  
Township Secretary