

Commissioners' Meeting Activity

May 18, 2015

TITLE

MOTION

SECOND

Approve Workshop Meeting Minutes of 5-11-15.

Comm. Jones

Comm. Lisanti

Motion to approve plan to shorten islands along Sewickley Heights Drive to improve the turning radius at intersecting streets as described by Commissioner Lisanti and to further approve pump station entrance road paving.

Comm. Jones

Comm. Schollaert

Motion to purchase 900 tons of road salt for 2015-2016 winter season.

Comm. Jones

Comm. Schollaert

Motion to approve April bill list in the amount of \$63,729.85.

VP Doebler

Comm. Jones

Motion to ratify April pre-paid bills in the amount of \$4,951.33.

Motion to ratify April payroll transfers in the amount of \$14,522.92.

VP Doebler

Comm. Jones

Motion to expend remaining proceeds of 2011 Bonds to be applied to 2015 Refunding.

Comm. Jones

VP Doebler

Motion to authorize the signing of the purchase agreement with the bond issuer Boenning & Scattergood.

Comm. Schollaert

Comm. Jones

Adjournment

Comm. Schollaert

Comm. Jones

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

President Rodney W. Gartner called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Those in attendance were Vice-President Matthew Doebler, Commissioner Joanne Schollaert, Commissioner George Jones, Commissioner Anthony Lisanti, Solicitor Harlan S. Stone, and Manager Gwen Patterson.

At 7:05 PM the Board moved into executive session to discuss legal claims and pending litigation and returned to regular session at 7:30 PM.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2015. Commissioner Lisanti seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President Gartner read an article regarding the history of Aleppo Township.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Ohio Township Chief of Police Norbert Micklos gave his report to the Board and the public. The report was accepted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Tom Jarvie gave his report to the Board and the public. This included edging and mulching at the Township building, planting trees, cutting back trees on the Township roads, cleaning up of the roads after the storm, and cutting the grass along the Township roads. He also stated that he met with the engineer from HRG several times regarding Overlook Drive and it was recommended that they are going to dig the whole road out before fully paving. They will have full-time flaggers onsite to control traffic. The report was accepted.

Commissioner Lisanti stated that he and Tom Jarvie met with the Sewickley Heights Manor representatives to discuss correcting the islands. The three areas are Woodcrest, Wood Hollow, and Timber Lane. They will be cut back approximately 7 feet and the islands will be curved and new asphalt curbs will be installed. Commissioner Lisanti believes the estimate will be about \$2,000.00. Public Works will also pave a small area near Shady Lake during the paving projects.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve plan to shorten islands along Sewickley Heights Drive to improve the turning radius at intersecting streets as described by Commissioner Lisanti and to further improve pump station entrance road paving. Commissioner Schollaert seconded.

Vice President Doebler questioned if Sally Shipley believed the questions were answered for anyone concerned. She believes they were. Vice President Doebler also read several emails from the public regarding their opinion on correcting the islands.

The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Jarvie explained that they are ordering more salt than last year due to the last winter and running out of salt. Commissioner Jones explained the early pricing and that there is storage room which will maximize the savings. Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to purchase 900 tons of road salt for 2015-2016 winter season. Commissioner Jones seconded.

Commissioner Lisanti questioned the pricing due to the purchase of the emergency salt supply from Ohio Township. Manager Patterson explained that Ohio Township belongs to a different COG which is why the pricing differs. She also explained that the Township cannot change COG's because they would have to be accepted by another COG which does not usually happen.

The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Schollaert questioned whether a letter to the residents has been sent out explaining the accomplishments of the Township. Manager Patterson does not recall if a letter was sent. They will work on getting a letter out to the residents.

PLANNING/ZONING:

No report.

TAX COLLECTOR:

Treasurer Charlotte Pierce gave her report to the Board and the public. The report was accepted.

TREASURER:

Charlotte Pierce reported to the Board and the public. The report was accepted.

FINANCE:

Vice President Doebler made a motion to approve April bill list in the amount of \$63,729.85. Vice President Doebler made a motion to ratify April pre-paid bills in the amount of \$4,951.33. Vice President Doebler made a motion to ratify April payroll transfers in the amount of \$14,522.92. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motions passed unanimously.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Lisanti reported that the sewer system finances are presently in good shape. The water financial report is still not good. Due to the landslide the water account lost \$25,000.00 through April 2015. \$77,000.00 has been spent from the \$100,000.00 AIM loan. The Authority is ready to go to bid for the new waterline. There is a meeting scheduled on Friday, May 15, 2015 with Allegheny County to request a grant for \$250,000.00 to pay a portion of the construction costs. Commissioner Lisanti stated that West View Water is increasing the Township's water rates by 31%. The engineer will give a new budget for 2016. He also stated that the new building is being paid for by a shared loan between the Water & Sewer Accounts.

Commissioner Schollaert asked if there is a reason that the Township could not advance the Authority money to cover some of the landslide costs. Commissioner Jones explained that the Township also needs money for the road repairs. Solicitor Stone will do the research and report on legally transferring money from the Township to the Authority.

QVCOG:

Vice President Doebler reported that the COG had a nice recycling day and it was very well attended. He also stated that he believes the QVCOG is in total disarray. There is no plan to replace the secretary that was terminated. Commissioner Jones questioned whether there are other COG's that the Township could switch to. Vice President Doebler explained that the two choices are stick with the COG or withdraw from the COG to be on our own. This report was accepted.

AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Schollaert reported that the Ambulance Authority is doing well and operating in the black. This report was accepted.

SEWER PROJECT:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to expend remaining proceeds of 2011 Bonds to be applied to 2015 Refunding. Vice President Doebler seconded. Manager Patterson explained that the amount is approximately \$390,000.00. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Stone stated that he has an additional document which is the purchase agreement with the bond issuer Boenning & Scattergood.

Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to authorize the signing of the purchase agreement with the bond issuer Boenning & Scattergood. Commissioner Jones seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager Patterson announced that she received the MRM dividend check of \$17,919.20. This is a return on the property and liability policy which gives almost half of the premium back.

President Gartner asked what the status of the Vesuvius property is. Solicitor Stone explained that they are approved and ready to go.

Vice President Doebler stated that he would like to have a discussion regarding sidewalks in Sewickley Heights Manor. Chief Micklos explained that if the islands are removed the speed would increase. The discussion included that sidewalks in the Manor would most likely be too expensive, and the rest of the Township does not have sidewalks.

Chief Micklos will do a speed study on outbound Sewickley Heights Drive.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Chief Micklos announced that there will be a fishing event at Christ Church Pond in Ohio Township on June 6, 2015. He will email Gwen the information.

Len Kinter stated that the islands at Sewickley Heights Manor are fine. He believes the only problem is the speed of the cars.

President Gartner announced that the Aleppo Township VFC had an open house event last week with about 150 in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Lisanti seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Koskey
Township Secretary