

Commissioners' Meeting Activity

September 16, 2013

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve Minutes-Aug. 19, 2013	VP Beaman	Pres Vescio
Add Amendment to Include Minutes of Aug. 26, 2013 Continuation Mtg.	VP Beaman	Comm Gartner
Accept Police Report	Comm Steup	Pres Vescio
Accept Tax Collector's Report	VP Beaman	Comm Steup
Accept Treasurer's Report	Comm Gartner	Comm Steup
Pay August Bills-\$25,991.56; ratify August Pre-Paid Bills-\$6,745.13 & Ratify August Payroll Transfers-\$16,689.67	VP Beaman	Comm Steup
Accept 2014 Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$8,000.00 for Non-Uniform Pension Plan and \$16,268.00 for the Police Pension	Comm Steup	Pres Vescio
Accept Township Authority Report	Comm Steup	Comm Gartner
Accept Public Works Report	Comm Steup	VP Beaman
Adopt Ordinance Accepting Rockledge Drive, Sewickley Ridge Drive and Sewickley Ridge Circle as Township roads and Authorizing the Appropriate Officials to Execute the Deed of Dedication and Authorizing Solicitor Stone to Record the Deed of Dedication.	Comm Steup	VP Beaman
Accept Solicitor's Report	VP Beaman	Comm Steup
Adjournment	VP Beaman	Comm Steup

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

CALL TO ORER:

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

MINUTES:

Vice-President Beaman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 19, 2013. President Vescio seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Vice-President Beaman amended the motion to include the minutes from the August 26, 2013 Continuation Meeting. Commissioner Gartner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Ohio Township Chief of Police Norbert Micklos gave his report to the Board and the public. Commissioner Steup made a motion to accept the Police Report. President Vescio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FIRE DEPT:

No report.

PLANNING/ZONING:

No report.

TAX COLLECTOR:

Tax Collector Charlotte Pierce gave her report to the Board and the audience. Vice-President Beaman made a motion to accept the Tax Collector's Report. Commissioner Steup seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER:

Treasurer Charlotte Pierce gave her report to the Board and the public. Commissioner Gartner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Steup seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE:

Vice-President Beaman made one motion to pay the August bill list in the amount of \$25,991.56; ratify August pre-paid bills in the amount of \$6,745.13 and ratify August payroll transfers in the amount of \$16,689.67. Commissioner Steup seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Steup made a motion to accept the 2014 Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$8,000.00 for the Non-Uniform Pension Plan and \$16,268.00 for the Police Pension Plan. President Vescio seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Our present millage rate is 4.0. There are no anticipated plans to raise it in 2014.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

Vice-President Beaman reported there have been discussions of cost for replacing a water line along with discussions regarding the debt service. When the Authority was putting lines down past open fields where there were designated properties, the taps were being installed. When requested, people would be paying either the rate or pay the tap-in which could range from \$1,500.00 to \$2,500.00.

Rules and regulations are being currently being discussed. The employee handbook is being updated. Family medical leave is being checked into. There have been no discussions with West View to date.

Commissioner Gartner asked about the water tower. Vice-President Beaman said it has not been addressed to date.

Commissioner Steup made a motion to accept the Township Authority Report. Commissioner Gartner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

QV/COG:

No report.

AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Supervisor Mark Kerr gave his report to the Board and the public. Commissioner Steup made a motion to accept the Public Works Report. Vice-President Beaman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Steup made a motion to adopt an ordinance accepting Rockledge Drive, Sewickley Ridge Drive and Sewickley Ridge Circle as Township roads and authorizing the appropriate officials to execute the deed of dedication and authorizing Solicitor Stone to record the deed of dedication. Vice-President Beaman seconded. Discussion-President Vescio reported this ordinance completes the agreement that was made earlier this year regarding these roads in the Ridge. The agreement has been signed and notarized by all parties. The Manor and Mr. Minnock have given the Township their financial contributions. Per this agreement, repairs to the roadway, catch basins, etc. will be taken care of by the Township. Adopting this ordinance is the final step in this process. Commissioner Gartner asked if money from the three parties involved has been received. Solicitor Stone said, yes. They will be deposited as soon as this issue is complete. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Stone reported he has nothing further to report at this time regarding the lawsuit with Masonic.

He has been working on creating a park with certain tax delinquent properties on Ingleside Drive. In the past, we got about two-thirds of the way through that project. Because of other items, it was put on hold. He and Manager Patterson will research the issue again and bring the discussion to the Board at a future date.

Commissioner Steup asked if there is any community involvement in creating the park. Solicitor Stone said he does not know. He believes it was started by Frank Bialek. Vice-President Beaman said there were three different pieces to the property. One was ours, one was from the School and one from the County. Solicitor Stone said there was a title issue on one of the properties. It did get resolved. We do own one parcel and could do what we want with it. The issue is with the second parcel. Commissioner Gartner asked if they are contiguous and Solicitor Stone said, no. In some of the correspondence with the County, it is referenced as being contiguous. One could be developed and not the other. Public Works Supervisor Kerr said he feels they are contiguous. It is quite a good sized area. He said he knows the Fire Department has shown some interest in being involved in the park. Vice-President Beaman made a motion to accept the Solicitor's Report. Commissioner Steup seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

537 PLAN:

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

President Vescio said the Steinour family came to the Board and wrote a letter asking to have their property rezoned from residential to commercial. Solicitor Stone sent a letter to the Steinour's stating we were not interested in doing that. She would like to revisit the issue and see why we can't rezone it for them. She asked Solicitor Stone if there is a legal reason why the Board could not change their mind. He said there are pros and cons to rezoning. He gave his legal advice in an executive session last month. At that time, his legal advice was no. Ultimately, it is a policy decision for the Board. Rezoning is a discretionary matter with the Board. The zoning ordinance would have to be amended. The zoning map would have to be changed and redistricted to conform with this request. There are some risks legally which he would prefer to address in executive session. This is more than a home occupation business. President Vescio said there are 12 full-time employees. They do have part-time employees that will come and go. We would have to get permission from Sewickley and Glen Osborne. They could seek a variance. They can also challenge the zoning we have.

We have heard nothing from the Steinours or their lawyer. President Vescio said we will leave everything as it is. Solicitor Stone said a request does not have to go to the Planning Commission. If the Board decides that they want to consider rezoning, the proposal goes to the Planning Commission and the amendment process which end up with the Board after a series of hearings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Steup asked if a contract was approved for paving of upper Sewickley Heights Drive. Mr. Kerr said we will be doing Sewickley Heights Drive, Sewickley Ridge Drive, Bixwood and Berdine and whatever the Authority wants done for the entrance to the pump stations. Bids were accepted and awarded and the work is to be completed prior to October 30, 2013. Vice-President Beaman said they will be finishing this end of Merriman Road also.

Commissioner Gartner asked about the bill for the cleaning and the table issue in the building. President Vescio said we haven't heard anything to date.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

NA.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-President Beaman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Steup seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Rogers
Township Secretary