

Commissioners' Meeting Activity**November 20, 2017**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2017	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Approve the October bill list in the amount of \$49,950.54	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Ratify the October pre-paid bills in the amount of \$29,151.67	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Ratify the October payroll transfers in the amount of \$25,726.17	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Amend Motion on Table: Refer a proposed amendment of the text of the Aleppo Township Zoning Ordinance to the Township Planning Commission and County, which adds a definition for a Children's Home and amends the definitions of a Continuing Care Retirement Community and Life Care Facility/Senior Living Community as specified in the letter dated October 19, 2017	Pres. Doeblner	Comm. Darragh
Postpone until after Masonic Village notifies the Board that they have more information	Pres. Doeblner	Comm. Darragh
Extend the period to review the second option	Comm. Duplaga	Comm. Darragh
Approve core sampling as specified in the October 13, 2017 letter	Pres. Doeblner	VP Jones
Schedule the legislative meeting for the third Tuesday of march	VP Jones	Pres. Doeblner
Authorize solicitor to grant extension for 30 days to negotiate the franchise agreement as requested by Verizon	Comm. Darragh	Comm. Duplaga
Re-approve the Trapizona Plan of Lots No. 5 due to prior approval expiration	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Adopt the ACT 172 Resolution	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Approve the Change Order #1 from Youngblood Paving for the School Street/Hill Road resurfacing project	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Adjournment		

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 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 Harlan Stone, Manager Gwen Patterson and Secretary Kimberly Koskey.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2017 as amended. Vice-President Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

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

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

President Doebler stated the he and Manager Patterson have been working on outfitting the Emergency Management cart with directions, keys, and information needed in case of an emergency. He also stated that he attended a breakfast at the Sewickley Borough where one of the major issues was the emergency preparedness. Centralizing efforts among area municipalities was discussed.

FIRE COMPANY:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Tom Jarvie gave the monthly report to the Board and the public. The report was accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Doebler reported that he received several emails regarding the Children's Home at Masonic Village. He also received an email from resident Dave Cranston regarding the Pennsylvania Gambling expansion. The email states that the Township can adopt a Resolution which has to be done and submitted by the end of the year. Solicitor Stone stated that he is preparing a letter with a recommendation for the local municipalities on

how to opt-in or opt-out of the gambling program. President Doebler also read two emails from residents Harry Muders and Shirley Hasson opposing the idea of hiring an outside agency to enforce property maintenance issues.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

No report.

TAX COLLECTOR:

Clayton Steup gave his report for the month of October. The report was accepted.

TREASURER:

Clayton Steup gave his report for the month of October. The report was accepted.

FINANCE:

Vice-President Jones made a motion to approve the October bill list in the amount of \$49,950.54.

Vice-President Jones made a motion to ratify the October pre-paid bills in the amount of \$29,151.67.

Vice-President Jones made a motion to ratify the October payroll transfers in the amount of \$25,726.17.

Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motions passed unanimously.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Williams reported on the Culligan Water issue. He stated that Culligan has installed 2 pH testers inside the plant and will send reports to the Authority. It was also discussed at the last Authority meeting to install a pH tester upstream from Culligan to prove there is nobody else contributing to this situation.

Commissioner Williams also reported on the issues at the pump station on Deer Run Road. He explained that an engineering study was done on the entire operating systems to find out what the problem is. A conclusion was made that the two German manufactured pumps are not the correct pumps. He stated the outlook is to remove the current pumps, remove about 30 feet of piping, and install two new dry running pumps. He also explained the control panel is not wired properly which is creating false alarms within the system. A system integrating engineer inspected the operation and the control panel will be rewired when the pumps are replaced. He also stated that there is only one working pump and the system will be repaired as soon as late fall or early winter.

Residents Vince Ferry and Art Capuzzi expressed their concerns regarding the warranty for the pumps and if the engineers that installed the defective system would be held responsible. Solicitor Stone explained that the Township is currently in court with the company responsible for designing and installing the defective pumps. He also stated that because of this litigation the Board cannot comment on the lawsuit.

QVCOG:

President Doebler reported on the COG meeting. He stated the 2018 Budget was discussed which does not include an increase in dues. He also stated the COG budget does include new revenue sources. The COG submitted a 904 recycling performance grant application.

He explained the COG held its annual dinner in October. Manager Patterson stated Commissioner Schollaert was recognized at the dinner for her retirement after 9 1/2 years of service.

AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

Manager Patterson reported for Mary Carolyn Nash. Ms. Nash attended the Ambulance Authority meeting in October 2017. She reported the number of calls increased in September. She reported the Quaker Valley Ambulance Service, along with 6 other ambulance services will participate in a pilot program with Highmark called Treat/No Transport where the ambulance service would be reimbursed \$500 /call for patient treatment when the patient refused to be transported to the hospital if the patient is a Highmark subscriber. She also stated donation requests were mailed to residents and \$9,500.00 was already received.

MS4:

Manager Patterson reported the Public Works Department is keeping the catch basins clean along with keeping the leaves away from the catch basins.

SOLICITOR:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. MASONIC CHILDREN'S HOME:

President Doebler stated there was a presentation given at last week's meeting by Masonic Village asking for an amendment to the Aleppo Township Zoning Ordinance. President Doebler read several emails from residents concerned about the idea of the Children's Home. Please see attached letters. President Doebler explained that this process will be transparent. The Board will keep the public informed during the entire process. He also stated this subject will be available in every digest, it will be discussed at every meeting, and it will not be discussed behind closed doors or outside of the meeting room privately. The Township will completely follow the law when it comes to notice. He encouraged the public to come to every meeting. Commissioner Darragh explained the Board has a responsibility to make an informed decision regarding this subject. The Board will listen to Masonic Village and need to hear from the residents of Aleppo Township before making any decisions. Solicitor Stone also explained the motions that are on the table are to initiate a process which would lead to more public hearings and open meetings regarding this subject. President Doebler also received a letter from Masonic Village asking not to vote on these motions until they have more information for the Board to review.

Residents Vincent Ferry, Barbara Steinour, Barb Black, Art Capuzzi, Cathleen Davidson and Sandy Moore expressed their concerns which included the location of the two houses, zoning issues, further information on the subject, traffic patterns, public hearings, and property values.

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Care Facility/Senior Living Community as specified in the letter dated October 19, 2017. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to postpone until after Masonic Village notifies the Board that they have more information. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Duplaga made a motion to extend the period to review the second option. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B: MOTION TO APPROVE CORE SAMPLING AS SPECIFIED IN THE OCTOBER 13, 2017 LETTER:

This motion was tabled from the Workshop Meeting on November 13, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

C. MOTION TO SCHEDULE THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING FOR THE THIRD TUESDAY OF MARCH:

This motion was tabled from the Workshop Meeting on November 13, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

D. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SOLICITOR TO GRANT EXTENSION FOR 30 DAYS TO NEGOTIATE THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AS REQUESTED BY VERIZON:

This motion was tabled from the Workshop Meeting on November 13, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

E. MOTION TO RE-APPROVE TRAPIZONA PLAN OF LOTS NO. 5 DUE TO PRIOR APPROVAL EXPIRATION:

Vice-President Jones made a motion to re-approve the Trapizona Plan of Lots No. 5 due to prior approval expiration. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

F. MOTION TO ADOPT ACT 172 RESOLUTION:

Vice-President Jones made a motion to adopt the ACT 172 Resolution. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. CHANGE ORDER #1 FROM YOUNGBLOOD PAVING FOR SCHOOL STREET/HILL ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT:

Vice-President Jones made a motion to approve the Change Order #1 from Youngblood Paving for the School Street/Hill Road resurfacing project. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2018 BUDGET DRAFT:

Manager Patterson presented the Budget Draft for 2018. She explained specific highlights of the budget, and asked the Board to review and provide her with comments. She also explained that there is no tax increase proposed for the new year. She stated it will be voted on at the December Legislative Meeting and must be voted on before December 31, 2017.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Resident Don Black expressed his gratitude and commendation to the Ohio Township Police Department for their continued job well done. Resident Vincent Ferry also expressed his concerns regarding the paving of School Street & Hill Road. Resident Art Capuzzi expressed his concerns regarding the issues at Culligan.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Doebler adjourned the meeting at 9:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Koskey
Township Secretary