

**Commissioners' Meeting Activity**

**March 25, 2013**

| <b><u>TITLE</u></b>   | <b><u>MOTION</u></b> | <b><u>SECOND</u></b> |
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| Approve Strategy Meeting Min-2-11-13; Legislative Meeting Min-2-18-13 & Special Meeting Min-3-7-13                                | VP Beaman            | Comm Schollaert      |
| Accept Police Report  | Comm Gartner         | VP Beaman            |
| Accept Tax Collector Report   | VP Beaman            | Pres Vescio          |
| Accept Treasurer's Report   | Comm Schollaert      | Pres Vescio          |
| Approve February Bill List-\$55,867.38; Ratify February Pre-Paid Bills-\$7,257.14 & Ratify February Payroll Transfers-\$17,592.16 | VP Beaman            | Comm Schollaert      |
| Accept Aleppo Township Authority Report   | Comm Gartner         | Pres Vescio          |
| Accept QV/COG Report  | VP Beaman            | Comm Schollaert      |
| Accept Public Works Report  | VP Beaman            | Pres Vescio          |
| Pay Change Order Under Contract 2011-3 With Kukurin Contracting-\$8,902.00  | VP Beaman            | Comm Gartner         |
| Approve Requisition Number 13-Kukurin Pmt Req #8-\$42,099.25; KLH Engineers-\$3,991.10-Total on Requisition Number 13-\$46,090.35 | VP Beaman            | Pres Vescio          |
| Township Purchase Grinder Pump-2 Pump Stations-\$12,896.00 Plus \$150.00-Freight  | VP Beaman            | Comm Schollaert      |
| Adopt 2013 Sewer Rate Ord.  | VP Beaman            | Comm Schollaert      |
| Table Sewer Rate Ord.   | Comm Gartner         | Comm Steup           |
| Friendly Amendment to the Motion to Table Until April 15, 2013  | Comm Schollaert      | Comm Steup           |
| Adjournment   | VP Beaman            | Comm Schollaert      |

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**MARCH 25, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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 Joanne Schollaert, Clayton Steup via phone, Rodney W. Gartner, Solicitor Harlan S. Stone, Manager Gwen Patterson and Secretary Martha B. Rogers.

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Vice-President Beaman made one motion to approve the Strategy Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2013; the Legislative Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2013 and Special Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2013. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS:**

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

**TREASURER:**

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

**FINANCE:**

Vice-President Beaman made one motion to approve the February bill list in the amount of \$55,867.38; Ratify February pre-paid bills in the amount of \$7,257.14 and Ratify February payroll transfers in the amount of \$17,592.16. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

**ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:**

Vice-President Beaman reported the Authority has met with West View Water Authority. Their contract will be up with them in approximately one year. A 20-year plan is being discussed along with a cap on rates. They would like to have a 3 to 5 per cent cap each year. The Authority is also in negotiations with West View to finance a 500 thousand to a million gallon tank. There is an area in the Industrial Park where it can be placed. It will give us a better price on rates and better flow for safety. They received permission from Sewickley to install water down on Ferry Road. They are working on their water allocations with West View.

President Vescio asked after they receive permission for the tank what happens next. Vice-President Beaman said if they can get backers, they will put it through Planning and the County for approval. It will enable a more stable price on water. Also, there is a constant flow to fire equipment. The Authority would like West View to partner with them. It would help with the price. Also, the Authority would like to see what could be done with positive water pressure in Ohio Township.

Commissioner Gartner made a motion to accept the Aleppo Township Authority report. President Vescio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**QV/COG:**

Commissioner Steup reported Recycling Day will be Saturday, May 4, 2013 from 9 AM to 12 PM at Avalon Borough Public Works. Vice-President Beaman made a motion to accept the QV/COG report. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:**

No report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Public Works Supervisor Mark Kerr gave his report to the Board and the public. President Vescio asked how many loads of salt have been used to date. Mr. Kerr said approximately 650 tons. Our estimated number was 600 tons for the year. Vice-President Beaman made a motion to accept the Public Works report. President Vescio seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**SOLICITOR:**

No report.

**537 PLAN:**

Mr. Dave Coldren of KLH reported a change order under Contract 2011-3 with Kukurin Contracting, Sewickley Heights Manor Pump Station. The amount is \$8,902.00 to dispose of an additional 16,000 gallons of sludge. Vice-President Beaman made a motion to pay the change order in the amount of \$8,902.00. Commissioner Gartner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

KLH has requisition Number 13 to the project fund account. It has two invoices. The first is a payment to Kukurin Contracting, Payment Request Number 8 in the amount of \$42,099.25. Also, an invoice to KLH Engineers for inspection and as-built services in the amount of \$3,991.10 for a total amount on Requisition Number 13 to \$46,090.35. Vice-President Beaman made a motion that the requisition is approved for \$46,090.35. President Vescio seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Coldren reported as part of the sewer project, two new pump stations were built. One pump station has a total of four pumps and the second pump station has a total of two pumps. The Aleppo Township Authority has asked that the Township one spare pump that can be used at either pump station. The Township has a letter from the Authority requesting the spare pump in the amount of \$12,896.00 plus \$150.00 in freight. Manager Patterson said it can be purchased with project funds. Vice-President Beaman made a motion that the Township buys the grinder pump which can be used for both stations for a total of \$12,896.00. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The project has approximately 30 residents on grinder pumps. Originally, there was discussion that the Aleppo Township owning and maintaining the pumps. After further review by the Authority, they would ask that the individual residents own and maintain the individual grinder pumps. The pumps come with a two-year warranty from the manufacturer. The Authority is asking that the Township provide extended warranties for a total of five years on each pump. The cost is \$300.00 per grinder pump or \$9,000.00 for 30 pumps. President Vescio asked if that would be paid from additional funding. Manager Patterson said she is waiting for a call to find out if the Township can purchase through the contract. President Vescio asked that that issue is tabled until we get that answer.

Commissioner Schollaert asked what the life span is of a grinder pump. Mr. Coldren said it is based on use. Properly used, they can last 15 to 20 years. The cost to the Township was approximately \$4,000.00 for the entire unit. A replacement pump is approximately \$1,500.00. Other components should not need to be replaced.

President Vescio asked who installs the pumps. Mr. Coldren said the resident would have to hire their own plumber. In the future, the owner would call TEPCO for a service call.

Solicitor Stone said we do have public bidding requirements which are followed.

Mr. Coldren said the Morrow family live at 2 Rhodes Avenue. They were provided with a grinder pump as part of the sewer project. The Morrows do not have basement sewer service. They have an internal grinder pump which pumps up to their first floor and into their septic tank. They have asked the Authority to assist them in eliminating the grinder pump and removing their pressure service connection and providing them with a gravity sewer connection. This would require their contractor and the Township's contractor to remove the pressure sewer connection and install a gravity service connection for them. The Authority estimates the cost of materials to be approximately \$4,000.00. The Authority is requesting the Township consider this as part of their project.

Vice-President Beaman said it is on their agenda tomorrow. He said the Authority would do the labor part for them and they pay for the material. They felt there should be a reimbursement on the grinder pump. There is no reimbursement on something that you have not paid for or hasn't been installed. Mr. Coldren said TEPCO is willing to take the spare grinder pump back. The Board will wait until the Authority deals with this tomorrow evening at their meeting.

Vice-President Beaman made a motion to adopt the 2013 Sewer Rate Ordinance as advertised. Commissioner Schollaert seconded.

**Transcript of the public hearing is attached to these minutes.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

NA.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

NA.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Russell Morrow, 2 Rhodes Avenue, is here this evening to get permission to tap into the manhole in front of his property. Also, he said Vice-President Beaman did say the Authority would do the actual construction of gravity feed. He asks that the pump that was bought with those construction funds for his property be returned. The money that was going to be credited to the construction project for that grinder pump be used to pay for the materials to put the sanitary sewer in for the gravity feed which he feels his home should have had in the first place. President Vescio said he will have to work with the Authority.

Mr. Coldren said he thinks the Authority would allow him to connect in by gravity. He doubts they are willing to pay for the materials.

Vice-President Beaman said, no, there were so many pumps bought for so many areas. Mrs. Morrow said that should have been written in paperwork.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice-President Beaman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Rogers  
Township Secretary