

Workshop Meeting Activity

August 11,2014

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve July 21, 2014 Leg. Mtg. Min.	Comm Schollaert	Comm Seifarth
Approve July 28, 2014 Spec. Mtg. Min.	Comm Seifarth	Comm Schollaert
Adjournment	Comm Schollaert	Comm Seifarth

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS'
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner George Jones called the meeting to order at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Those in attendance were Commissioners Joanne Schollaert, John Seifarth, Solicitor Christopher Lovato, Township Manager Gwen Patterson and Secretary Martha B. Rogers. President Rodney Gartner and Vice-President Matthew Doebler were not in attendance.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to approve the July 21, 2014 Legislative Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Seifarth seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Seifarth made a motion to approve the July 28, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL ADVISORS:

Manager Patterson has contacted three financial advisors - PLGIT, PNC Bank and Merrill Lynch to ask them if they would be willing to come and give a presentation to the Board regarding investment options. Commissioner Jones feels it would be good to have a written proposal submitted first. He feels Manager Patterson can review the information submitted and make a recommendation to the Board.

SALT BID:

Manager Patterson said we received a letter from SHACOG that we do our salt bidding through. The salt bid we got this year is \$79.29 which is an increase from last year of approximately \$25.00 a ton. We are obligated to purchase 80 per cent of the 700 tons that we put in as our estimate. We will be obligated to purchase a minimum of \$44,402.00 of salt. We may go over that depending on the winter. \$40,000.00 was budgeted. She said they are recommending that we accept this as soon as possible. Commissioner Jones asked Manager Patterson to provide the total spent last year in tonnage and dollars for the Legislative Meeting.

TREES-SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS MANOR:

Manager Patterson said there are residents at the back of Sewickley Heights Drive where there is a large loop and island. Residents want permission to plant new trees in that area. The Township has not planted any new trees when trees had to be removed on the islands in the Manor. This is a much bigger island and the roots will not be of concern for the roadway. They have asked for Township assistance in digging holes. Commissioner Jones said this is Township property. Solicitor Lovato suggested this would be approved by vote. Bids are being reviewed. Commissioner Jones said they will make a motion at the meeting next week. Solicitor Lovato suggested he should recuse himself because of his involvement.

2011-2013 PENSION AUDIT:

Manager Patterson said we are audited by the State every couple of years. This audit was for 2011 through 2013. Our actuary determines our MMO, minimum municipal obligation, that is owed to our pension fund. State Aid is not received until the following year. An employee went from full time to part time status after the September MMO was calculated. When the money was due the following September, the amount was paid in error. We received approximately \$1,800.00 in State Aid which needs to be returned to the State. Our actuary is to determine the procedure for getting the money and how we pay it back with interest. The transaction should be approved at the Legislative Meeting next week.

MENDICINO PLAN NO. 1 REVISED:

Manager Patterson said this came to the Planning Commission. It is a lot consolidation plan. It is property on Crescent Avenue Extension. The property owner owns four parcels which he would like to consolidate into one parcel. This can be voted on next week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Manager Patterson said there will be two ordinances up for approval next week. They are the sewer rate ordinance to reduce Masonic's consumption rate and their debt service rate and the floodplain ordinance.

Commissioner Jones asked what the next step is with the Masonic lawsuit. Solicitor Lovato said Solicitor Stone has scheduled a follow-up meeting for September to reopen negotiations. Commissioner Jones asked if we have heard anything from the E&O insurance attorney. Solicitor Lovato said, no.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Jones said the newly appointed members of the Authority have done an outstanding job.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

NA.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Seifarth seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Rogers
Township Secretary