

Commissioners' Meeting Activity

September 15, 2014

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve Vesuvius USA's Conditional Use Applic.	Comm Jones	Comm Schollaert
Approve Earl & Judith Seiler's Applic. for Conditional Use	Comm Schollaert	Comm Lisanti
Approve Workshop Mtg. Min. 9-8-14	Comm Schollaert	Comm Jones
Approve Aug. Bill List-\$28,582.98	Com Schollaert	Comm Jones
Ratify Aug. Pre-Paid Bills-\$9,155.10	Comm Jones	Comm Schollaert
Ratify Aug. Payroll Trans-\$16,369.57	Comm Jones	Comm Schollaert
Accept 2015 Min Mun Oblig-\$9,500.00-Non-Uniform Pension Plan & \$9,228.00-Police Pension Plan	Comm Jones	Comm Lisanti
Adjourn Into Exec. Session	Comm Jones	Comm Schollaert

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

President Rodney W. Gartner called the meeting to order at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Those in attendance were Commissioners Joanne Schollaert, George Jones, Anthony Lisanti, Solicitor Harlan S. Stone and Township Manager Gwen Patterson. Vice-President Matthew Doebler and Secretary Martha B. Rogers were not in attendance. This meeting was held at Masonic Village at Sewickley.

VESUVIUS USA'S CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve Vesuvius USA's Conditional Use application to develop a research and testing facility at 200 Deer Run Road subject to the two conditions agreed to in the hearing. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVE WEBER'S CORNER PLAN OF LOTS SUBDIVISION PLAN:

Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to approve Earl and Judith Seiler's application for conditional use subject to the conditions that we discussed prior and that Mr. Seiler accepted. Commissioner Lisanti seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to approve the minutes of the Workshop Meeting of September 8, 2014. Commissioner 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. The report was accepted.

FIRE DEPT:

No report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No report.

PLANNING/ZONING:

No report.

TAX COLLECTOR:

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

TREASURER:

Treasurer Charlotte Pierce gave her report to the Board and the public. President Gartner asked Treasurer Pierce if we will be on the positive side at the end of the year. Treasurer Pierce said yes. The report was accepted.

FINANCE:

Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to approve the August bill list in the amount of \$28,582.98. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to ratify the August pre-paid bills in the amount of \$9,155.10. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to ratify the August payroll transfers in the amount of \$16,369.57. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligations of \$9,500.00 for Non-Uniform Pension Plan and \$9,228.00 for Police Pension Plan. Commissioner Lisanti seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Lisanti said John Seifarth is now the Chairman of the Aleppo Township Authority. Mr. Lisanti is now a Commissioner. As his final act as Chairman of the Water Authority, he prepared a commissioner's status report which indicated what was found as Chairman of the Authority, what they accomplished and what tasks still remain to be done. The report is on the Township web site on the resources page under

Authority information. The blue link can be clicked to see the report. Mr. John Seifarth, Tom St. Clair and Len Kinter from Sewickley Heights Manor have been very helpful.

President Gartner asked him to explain the relationship between the Township and the Authority. Commissioner Lisanti said the Township issued sewer revenue bonds in the amount of 8.4 million and another 7 million in principal. The obligation in bonds is approximately 16 million dollars. It was turned over to the Authority to administer the payment of those bonds. The Authority's rates must be sufficient to include the debt service plus all the operating costs. The debt service the Authority collects is turned over to the Township quarterly.

Commissioner Lisanti said the Authority is being run as a business. A new auditor has been brought in to inform everyone how the Authority is running. He will turn over the audit to the Commissioners today.

It was necessary to recognize the need to evaluate past and future revenue sources, expenses and capital expenditures. A new consulting engineer, Bankson Engineers, has been appointed for the Authority.

The rate for Masonic Village has been \$10.50 per 1,000 gallons. The rest of the Township pays \$9.50. The Authority recommended that the Board of Commissioners reduce the rate for Masonic Village to \$9.50 per 1,000 gallons. The Commissioners approved the reduction.

At the September Authority meeting, the audit was approved. Last month, a demand letter was sent to Sewickley. Two meters reading sewage going to Sewickley were inaccurate. The manufacturer recertified and recalibrated the meters. Sewickley charged us for excess sewage flow beginning in July, 2013 until the meters were changed. Sewickley offered to pay us 50 per cent. The Authority declined. Sewickley has enacted a new tap-in fee for all new connections to the sewer system. The majority of the tap-in fees will occur in Aleppo. A rate consultant feels Sewickley was double charging. We will also contest that.

The landslide is totaling approximately \$30,000.00 to date. They have authorized the installation of a pressure system which will instantly let the Authority know if that pipe ruptures. The line can then be shut off. Also, they are checking to see if another line could be built. There will be a meeting on Wednesday with Senator Smith to see if funds from the State can be obtained.

Bankson has been authorized to apply for two low-interest loans that are issued by Allegheny County Authority for improvement to municipalities called AIM. The loans stand at 1.34 per cent. The maximum loan is \$100,000.00 per application. One loan will be to help pay for the new line and the other is pay for the extension of the Authority garage.

The new water line has been installed on South McCoy Place. The report was accepted.

QVCOG:

President Gartner informed the audience that COG is used for large purchases of salt. No report.

AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Public Works Foreman, Thomas Jarvie gave his report to the Board and the public. The report was accepted.

SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Harlan Stone said there will be an executive session at the end of the meeting to update the Board on various matters involving litigation.

537 PLAN:

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

ACTION ITEMS:

Manager Patterson said these items are recommendations from the audit. The Commissioners have asked that they remain on the agenda as a reminder.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Marvin Wedeen, Masonic Village asked if the interest rate for the sewage system can be renegotiated in five years? President Gartner said yes. We have contacted our bond counsel. She has presented us with an action we can take. Commissioner Jones said after the budget is complete, in 2015, discussions will begin again. Mr. Wedeen asked about a total for payroll and how the Ohio Township Police fee is paid. Manager Patterson said Ohio Township is a separate line item in the budget.

President Gartner thanked everyone for their attendance.

At 8:10 PM, Commissioner Jones made a motion to adjourn into executive session. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:30 PM, the Board returned to regular session and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha B. Rogers
Township Secretary