

Legislative Meeting Activity**November 19, 2018**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve the November 12, 2018 Workshop Meeting Minutes	Comm. Darragh	VP Jones
Approve the Act 172 Volunteer Tax Credit Program roster list of eligible resident Aleppo Township Volunteer Fire Company volunteers as shown on the listing included in the minutes dated November 16, 2018	Comm. Darragh	Comm. Duplaga
Purchase a new pickup/utility body truck, spreader, and snowplow assembly from Woltz & Wind Ford for \$80,640.00	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Adopt the Stormwater Management Ordinance	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Approve Pay Request No. 1 from Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$404,463.94 for paving of Sewickley Heights Drive	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Approve the revised landscape plan from Masonic Village	Comm. Darragh	Comm. Williams
Approve the Sewickley Heights Manor Land Development Plan for garage replacement with the following condition: the two lots upon which the garage will be located must be consolidated prior to final occupancy being granted	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Appoint Commissioner Dan Darragh to the Aleppo Township Water Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of William Barnes	VP Jones	Comm. Williams
Defer for one month	Pres. Doeblner	VP Jones
Approve the October bill list in the amount of \$67,873.64a Ratify the October pre-paid bills in the amount of \$15,822.59 Ratify the October payroll transfers in the amount of \$22,460.22	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh

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Adopt the Solicitation Ordinance Amendment

VP Jones

Comm. Williams

Have Manager Patterson send the letter to PennDOT

Pres. Doeblen

VP Jones

Adjournment

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO**LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES****November 19, 2018****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 November 12, 2018 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Vice President Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY – J.R. HENRY PRESENTATION:

J.R. Henry from the Valley/Quaker Valley Ambulance Authority gave a presentation on the public safety services that the ambulance authority offers. He explained that Valley Ambulance was developed in 1972, the Quaker Valley Ambulance was developed in 1974 and the two joined together to offer an intergovernmental ambulance service. He also explained Valley Ambulance supplies the employees and Quaker Valley Ambulance supplies their own equipment. There are 6 ambulance crews scheduled during the day and 2 crews scheduled at night. He stated they provide emergency ambulance service and non-emergency transport service, wheel chair services and community training programs. He also stated there are 7 ambulances, 3 wheel chair vans and the ALS response vehicle. He reported they do about 22 ambulance calls a day. He explained that Aleppo Township has the most calls in the Quaker Valley area coming mostly from Masonic Village. Mr. Henry reported that Valley Ambulance/Quaker Valley Ambulance provides CPR, AED and stop-the-bleed training to the local police officers. The ambulance service also offers fire-fighter rehab to the local fire departments during a fire in the area.

Mr. Henry reported on the funding to support the Ambulance Authority. He stated the Board of Directors sets the budget which is about \$1,000,000.00 for Quaker Valley which equals about \$9.00 per person for this year's assessment. The ambulance authority is asking the municipalities to add that on to their budget through their municipal taxing ability. This will generate about \$126,000 of subsidy for the ambulance authority. He explained this is only 10% of the authority's budget. The other 90% is raised by medical billing, grants, donations and the wheel chair services. Mr. Henry explained the majority of the budget goes back to Valley Ambulance because that is where the major costs are including paid personnel available 24 hours a day. He also stated it is becoming harder to balance the budget due to the rising costs of healthcare. The expenses keep going up and the revenue keeps going down. He stated they used to collect 62% of what was billed but now they only collect about 40% from the insurance companies. He explained Quaker Valley residents are not billed the remaining balance on their ambulance bills because of the \$9.00 per-capita collected from the municipality taxes collected. He also explained the Valley Ambulance residents pay a voluntary membership fee and receive 50% off of the billable amount after insurance has paid.

AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

Mary Carolyn Nash reported that Valley Ambulance and Quaker Valley Ambulance is transitioning to the new 911 Center in Moon Township and all dispatch will be run by the County. It should be up and running by the end of the year. Valley Ambulance has had to purchase some updates for the building to accommodate the changes. Valley/Quaker Valley has also received a Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival Award. She reported the volume of calls was slightly down.

ASO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE – CAROLYN YAGLE PRESENTATION:

Carolyn Yagle from EPD reported she met with the Planning Commission regarding their discussions of the ASO Comprehensive Plan. She also reported the overall draft will go back to the Planning Commission and back to the Board of Commissioners for the Legislative meeting in December. She explained several highlights including the balance of land use and housing, the types of considerations within the Zoning Ordinance and the Land Development Ordinance should be. An analysis associated with the single family and multifamily discussions will be done. She explained the uses are shared with the other two municipalities. There are also considerations for different types of housing in the discussions including short-term rentals. Another consideration included in the discussions are recreation and right of way possibilities. She explained an example for recreation could be the Ingleside parcel. Another consideration was having an evaluation of the drainage culvert under Weber Road and Glen Mitchell Road. A discussion of the feasibility of a potential secondary access road to Sewickley Heights Manor Road was also a consideration by the steering committee. Ms. Yagle reported the drafted Plan will be available for 45 days for public review and comment in January. She also reported there will be an update of the current sewer system status and a projected future status will also be included in the Plan.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Ohio Township Chief Joseph Hanny gave his report to the Board and the public for the month of October. He also reported the “No-Knock” list is available on the Ohio Township website for residents who wish to refuse solicitation. He explained the list is maintained for two years and residents will have to re-register every two years. The report was accepted.

FIRE:

Manager Patterson explained the Act 172 credits for the volunteer fire fighters. She also stated the fire company residents have to meet the rules and minimum participation requirements in the by-laws of the Aleppo Township Fire Company to be eligible for the tax credits.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the Act 172 Volunteer Tax Credit Program roster list of eligible resident Aleppo Township Volunteer Fire Company volunteers as shown on the listing included in the minutes dated November 16, 2018. Commissioner Duplaga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Commissioner Williams reported that he met with the Ohio Township Police Chief to review ideas regarding the Police and Aleppo Township. The report was accepted.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Vice President Jones made a motion to purchase a new pickup/utility body truck, spreader, and snowplow assembly from Woltz & Wind Ford for \$80,640.00. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Tom Jarvie gave the report for the month of October. The report was accepted.

ENGINEERING:

Ben Gilberti of HRG Engineers reported on the County's Act 167 Storm Water Ordinance. He explained the County has been working on this for about three years to have municipalities more uniform to match regulations within the County. He also explained the new Ordinance will contain a set of design standards for development within the Township.

Vice President Jones made a motion to adopt the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gilberti stated the contractor submitted the first pay request. There is still a retainage of \$19,000.00 for items on the contract that have not been completed including seeding, catch basin tops, curbs and drainage issues.

Mr. Gilberti also explained there is a drainage correction needed on Sewickley Heights Drive. The estimate for a perforated drain to correct this specific drainage issue is about \$15,000.00. This repair would have to be done in warmer weather. Vice President Jones explained the project is about 12% over budget and will be about 15% over budget with the drainage correction.

Vice President Jones made a motion to approve Pay Request No. 1 from Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$404,463.94 for paving of Sewickley Heights Drive. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Doebler read an email from resident Julia Tebetz regarding possible development on Weber Road. He also read an email from resident Carolyn Smith regarding the parked trucks and cars on Merriman Road. He read an email from Don Black regarding the sound issue on the video and idea of a community park area on Ingleside Dr. He also read another email from Carolyn Smith regarding the parked trucks on Merriman and the signs posted by Amazon.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

Manager Patterson explained a nearby resident requested a modification to Masonic Village's landscape plan. Masonic Village submitted a new plan to the engineer. The Planning Commission recommended the plan for approval.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the revised landscape plan from Masonic Village. Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Jones made a motion to approve the Sewickley Heights Manor Land Development Plan for garage replacement with the following condition: the two lots upon which the garage will be located must be consolidated prior to final occupancy being granted. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TAX COLLECTOR:

Manager Patterson gave the report for the month of October. The report was accepted.

TREASURER:

Manager Patterson gave the report for the month of October. The report was accepted.

QVCOG:

President Doebler reported the COG had their annual dinner this year at Masonic Village. He also reported the COG meeting was being held tonight.

FINANCE:

Vice President Jones made a motion to approve the October bill list in the amount of \$67,873.64.

Vice President Jones made a motion to ratify the October pre-paid bills in the amount of \$17,381.02.

Vice President Jones made a motion to ratify the October payroll transfers in the amount of \$22,460.22.

Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motions passed unanimously.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Darragh stated that at the last Authority meeting the engineer reported the estimate to repair the basins damaged by the Culligan caustic discharges will be about \$60,000.00. He also stated the Authority is working on its 2019 Budget. If the repairs are done in 2019 there will have to be an increase in the sewer rates. Commissioner Darragh reported that Bill Barnes resigned from the Water Authority Board which leaves a vacancy on the Board. Commissioner Darragh volunteered to fill the vacancy.

Vice President Jones made a motion to appoint Commissioner Dan Darragh to the Aleppo Township Water Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of William Barnes. Commissioner Williams seconded.

President Doebler made a motion to defer for one month. Vice President Jones seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed 4-1. Commissioner Darragh abstained because it involved himself.

SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Stone gave an update on situation on Merriman Road where the trucks are parked in the lot. The Township had received several complaints regarding this lot. Solicitor Stone looked at the current Zoning Ordinance and found the owner was operating a commercial business storing the trucks on a residential lot. Solicitor Stone sent a standard notice of violation to the property owner and asked to immediately cease and

desist from operating and/or using the property as a truck rental/storage facility. Solicitor Stone received a call from the property owners lawyer directing him to an Ordinance that was passed in 1978 amending the then Zoning Ordinance to create a C1 district for several properties in that neighborhood including the one where the trucks are located. Manager Patterson and Solicitor Stone researched the amendment and found the property owner's lawyer was correct, the amendment was advertised and adopted. The question is now is the use a violation of the new Ordinance. The property owner's attorney maintains the property is grandfathered and has been operating for commercial purposes and was never abandoned. Solicitor Stone stated there are other things that have to happen to be in compliance such as buffering, lighting and covering the storage. The property owner's lawyer contacted Solicitor Stone and stated they are willing to comply with any reasonable restrictions or conditions placed on this use. Solicitor Stone recommended coming up with a set of requirements and meeting with the property owner to come to an agreement to eliminate the "eyesore", but not violate his right to the nonconforming use.

President Doebler would like Solicitor Stone to review the sign ordinance to see if Amazon is in compliance when posting their signs on Deer Run Road and North Drive. Solicitor Stone will review the Ordinance and have a report for the December meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTION TO ADOPT SOLICITATION ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

Vice President Jones made a motion to adopt the Solicitation Ordinance Amendment. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SEWICKLEY BOROUGH LOT ON GLEN MITCHELL ROAD:

Commissioner Darragh suggested the application document require and disclose what has been and what is being stored on the lot to develop appropriate license conditions for this storage lot.

LOT 422-G-351:

Manager Patterson reported that the Solicitor has not heard back from the County. Solicitor Stone stated he has had no response from the County. He also stated the Diemerts should be responsible for getting an answer from the County. No action will be taken until the County confirms they are proceeding with the sale of this parcel.

INGLESIDE PARK PLANS/PUBLIC OUTREACH:

President Doebler questioned the Board on ideas to notify the public for input on the idea of a park at Ingleside Drive. Manager Patterson and President Doebler will discuss some ideas before any public outreach decisions are made.

LETTER TO PENNDOT REGARDING REDGATE ROAD SLIDES:

Manager Patterson drafted a letter to send to PennDOT to get an update on the Redgate Road slides.

President Doebler made a motion to have Manager Patterson send the letter to PennDOT. Vice President Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously

2019 BUDGET:

Manager Patterson reviewed the draft for the 2019 Budget with the Board. The main points are the property tax is steady and anticipated to remain the same for 2019. The earned income tax is steady. The local services tax is budgeted to increase by \$6,000.00. Interest earnings similar from 2018, but way up from a couple of years ago. There is an addition of \$197,000.00 which is the underbudget spending in 2017 per the audit, which is being added back to the 2019 budget. She explained there are no large paving projects for 2019. There are some increases in legal costs. Most line items are staying the same. Manager Patterson asked the Board to look over the Budget draft for any questions. The Budget will be advertised and ready to be voted on at the December Legislative meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:**COLUMBIA GAS CUSTOMER PROGRAMS – SHIRLEY HASSON PRESENTATION:**

Shirley Hasson gave a presentation on the importance of safety being the number one priority for Columbia Gas. She also reported on the locations and size of the customer base of Columbia Gas. She explained some of the pipe replacements in Aleppo Township. She reported that Columbia Gas offers training to the workers, contractors and emergency responders throughout Pennsylvania. She also reviewed several low income programs offered by Columbia Gas. She left information for the Township to distribute to residents as needed. Mrs. Hasson reviewed the importance of the Call Before You Dig 811 Program. She explained the PA Public Utility Commission just took over the policing of line hits and there is now stronger enforcement, penalties and fines. She also reviewed the Choice Program where customers can choose who their gas supplier is.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Doeblar adjourned the meeting at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Koskey
Township Secretary