

Commissioners' Meeting Activity

March 21, 2016

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve Legislative Meeting Minutes of 2-15-2016	Comm. Williams	Comm. Schollaert
Approve the February bill list in the amount of \$46,362.03	Comm. Schollaert	Comm. Darragh
Ratify the February pre-paid bills in the amount of \$25,368.68	Comm. Schollaert	Comm. Darragh
Ratify the February payroll transfers in the amount of \$17,154.93	Comm. Schollaert	Comm. Darragh
Approve HRG to prepare the bid specs for tarring and chipping School Street and Hill Road	Comm. Williams	Comm. Darragh
Authorize the engineer and the solicitor to prepare a bid to align the storm sewer pipe at the bottom of Little Glen	Comm. Darragh	Comm. Schollaert
Participate in joint Refuse and Recycling Contract bid process through QVCOG	Pres. Doeblner	Comm. Darragh
Decline participation in joint Verizon franchise negotiations through QVCOG	Pres. Doeblner	Comm. Darragh
Respectfully decline the offer to accept the property to donate property to Aleppo Township	Comm. Darragh	Comm. Williams
Authorize Litigation Counsel to submit a copy of the draft complaint to KLH and to authorize Litigation Counsel to initiate proposed mediation with KLH and Masonic	Comm. Darragh	Pres. Doeblner
Authorize Special Counsel to complete negotiations with DEP on consent agreement subject to any modifications the Special Counsel deems appropriate	Comm. Darragh	Comm. Schollaert
Adopt and authorize execution of the Resolution as part of the consent agreement with DEP	Comm. Darragh	Pres. Doeblner
Adjournment		

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

President Matthew Doebler called the meeting to order at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Those in attendance were Commissioner Joanne Schollaert, Commissioner Arthur Williams, Commissioner Daniel Darragh, Solicitor Harlan Stone Manager Gwen Patterson and Secretary Kimberly Koskey. Commissioner George Jones was not in attendance.

MINUTES:

President Doebler made a motion to approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2016. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Manager Patterson gave the report for the Ohio Township Police to the Board and the public for the month of February. The report was accepted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief William Davis gave his report for the 2015 year end and the 2016 Quarter 1 report for the Aleppo Township Volunteer Fire Company. He also announced that the Fire Company will be having their annual Open House on May 14, 2016

SEWER PROJECT:

William Davis gave a report on the Deer Run pump station. He presented the time line explaining the events that led up to over \$7,000.00 in expenses at the pump station. He explained that the second set of issues started on December 5, 2015 when there was a seal fail alarm at the pump station. They found that the bolts came loose on the pump in the wet well which displaced the gasket. He also explained that a contractor had to be called in to help with the repairs. He also presented pictures to show the malfunction at the pump station. He discussed several issues that are also presenting function issues at the pump including the installation of incorrect valves. He stated that this is a design problem, not an operational issue.

TAX COLLECTOR:

Clayton Steup reported to the Board and the public for the months of January and February. The reports were accepted.

TREASURER:

Clayton Steup reported to the Board and the public for the months of January and February. The reports were accepted.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Manager Patterson stated that there will be a Resolution to be adopted on next month's agenda. Judy Haluka has submitted the plan for the Allegheny County Hazard Mitigation for review. Manager Patterson explained this is the last step to be compliant for the Emergency Management.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Tom Jarvie gave his report to the Board and the public which includes his recommendation to tar and chip School Street and Hill Road. The report was accepted.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve HRG to prepare the bid specs for tarring and chipping School Street and Hill Road. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to authorize the engineer and the solicitor to prepare a bid to align the storm sewer pipe at the bottom of Little Glen. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No report.

PLANNING/ZONING:

President Matthew Doebler stated that Commissioner Dan Darragh will chair the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Manager Patterson discussed the last Planning and Zoning meeting. She explained that Mike Minnock was the only applicant and that his application was not recommended for approval yet. He will be back on April 6, 2016 with the completed changes for both the Sub-Division and Land Development approval, and the Conditional Use hearing because a portion of the sub-division is in Weber's Corner.

FINANCE:

Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to approve the February bill list in the amount of \$64,744.35. Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to ratify the February pre-paid bills in the amount of \$21,239.43. Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to ratify the February payroll transfers in the amount of \$17,737.44. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motions passed with 3 votes in favor and 1 vote against, with President Doebler voting against approval due to his opposition to the inclusion of an invoice from KLH Engineers.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Williams stated that the Authority had a meeting last week. He explained that the 2016 Budget was approved which included a water rate increase of 15% and the minimum water usage decrease from 9,000 gallons to 6,000 gallons. The new rate will be effective April 1, 2016 and the customers will see this increase on the June 2016 statement. Solicitor Stone also explained that the rate increase is necessary because of West View Water's rate increase.

QVCOG:

Commissioner Joanne Schollaert gave her report on the QVCOG meeting which included the Refuse and Recycling Contract and the Verizon franchise negotiations.

President Doebler made a motion to participate in the joint Refuse and Recycling Contract bid process through QVCOG. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President Doebler made a motion to decline participation in joint Verizon franchise negotiations through QVCOG. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Schollaert gave an update on Quaker Valley Ambulance. The report was accepted.

SOLICITOR:

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager Patterson explained that a longtime resident passed away and the son would like to donate a portion of the property to the Township. She had HRG review the property and the property is steep with access issues. They believe that this would be more of an expense than an asset to the Township.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to respectfully decline the offer to accept the property to donate property to Alleppo Township. Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

President Doebler discussed a list of items to be discussed at future meetings.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

At 8:07 pm the Board moved into executive session to discuss legal claims and pending litigation and returned to regular session at 8:55 PM.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to authorize mitigation counsel to submit a copy of the draft complaint to KLH and to authorize litigation counsel to initiate proposed mediation with KLH and Masonic. President Doebler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to authorize Special Counsel to complete negotiations with DEP on consent agreement subject to any modifications the Special Counsel deems appropriate. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to adopt and authorize execution of the Resolution as part of the consent agreement with DEP. President Doebler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:00 pm the Board re-entered executive session to discuss legal claims and pending litigation and returned to regular session at 9:31 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Doebler adjourned the meeting at 9:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Koskey
Township Secretary