

Commissioners' Meeting Activity**September 21, 2015**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve Workshop Meeting Minutes of 9-14-2015	Comm. Jones	VP Doebler
Motion to move the motion off the table and open for discussion	VP Doebler	Pres. Gartner
Motion to contribute \$750 to Fern Hollow Nature Center's Fundraising Drive	VP Doebler	Comm. Lisanti
Motion to approve the Staple-O'Neill Side Yard Plan	Comm. Jones	Comm. Lisanti
Motion to approve August bill list in the amount of \$29,796.03	VP Doebler	Comm. Jones
Motion to ratify August pre-paid bills in the amount of \$206,419.80	VP Doebler	Comm. Jones
Motion to ratify August payroll transfers in the amount of \$16,945.87	VP Doebler	Comm. Jones
Motion to accept Non-Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$9,500	Comm. Schollaert	Comm. Jones
Motion to accept Police Pension Plan 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$9,228.00	Comm. Schollaert	Comm. Jones
Motion to accept 2014 Audit	Comm. Jones	VP Doebler
Motion to adopt 2015 Sewer Rate Ordinance	Comm. Lisanti	VP Doebler
Motion to authorize Solicitor Stone to settle the McNeill eminent domain case for \$600.00 and the Charles Cross eminent domain case for \$1,000.00 and to get the necessary releases	VP Doebler	Comm. Schollaert
Motion to authorize Solicitor Stone to research and report on extraterritorial PUC issues	VP Doebler	Comm. Jones
Motion to authorize Solicitor Stone to begin the process of vacating Hibala Road	Comm. Schollaert	VP Doebler
Adjournment	VP Doebler	Comm. Jones

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

President Rodney W. Gartner called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. The Board immediately adjourned into executive session. At 7:00 PM the Board returned to regular session. He then proceeded with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Those in attendance were Vice-President Matthew Doebler, Commissioner Joanne Schollaert, Commissioner George Jones, Commissioner Anthony Lisanti, Solicitor Harlan S. Stone, Manager Gwen Patterson and Secretary Kimberly A. Koskey.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2015. Vice-President Doebler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO CONTRIBUTE \$750 TO FERN HOLLOW NATURE CENTER'S FUNDRAISING DRIVE:

Vice-President Doebler made a motion to move the motion off the table and open for discussion. President Gartner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President Doebler made a motion to contribute \$750 to Fern Hollow Nature Center's Fundraising Drive. Commissioner Lisanti seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Ohio Township Chief of Police Norbert Micklos gave his report to the Board and the public. He also addressed the citizen complaint regarding the abandoned vehicles on private property in Aleppo Township. He reviewed the Ordinances and the officers have identified a small number of vehicles. The residents have received a letter to notify them that they have 30 days to remove the vehicles or they will be cited. The report was accepted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

No report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Manager Patterson gave the report to the Board and the public. She also reported that the island asphalt work was complete on Sewickley Heights Drive. The report was accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No report.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Commissioner Jones made a motion to approve the Stapel-O'Neill Side Yard Plan. Commissioner Lisanti seconded. Vice-President Doebler asked if the County had any comments. Manager Patterson explained that there were recommendations from the County that were corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

TAX COLLECTOR:

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

TREASURER:

Charlotte Pierce reported to the Board and the public. Commissioner Lisanti requested a ladder report on the interest rates. The report was accepted.

FINANCE:

Vice-President Doebler made a motion to approve August bill list in the amount of \$29,796.03.
Vice-President Doebler made a motion to ratify August pre-paid bills in the amount of \$206,419.80.
Vice-President Doebler made a motion to ratify August payroll transfers in the amount of \$16,945.87.
Commissioner Jones seconded. The motions passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to accept Non-Uniformed Employees' Pension Plan 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$9,500.

Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to accept Police Pension Plan 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation of \$9,228.00. Commissioner Jones seconded. Commissioner Lisanti suggested looking into freezing the plan, converting it to an annuity, and closing it. Commissioner Jones and Manager Patterson will review his suggestion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to accept 2014 Audit. Vice-President Doebler seconded. Commissioner Jones commented that questions from Manager Patterson and Commissioner Jones were sent to the auditor and answered by the auditor. The motion passed unanimously.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Lisanti made a motion to adopt 2015 Sewer Rate Ordinance. Vice-President Doebler seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

QVCOG:

Vice-President Doebler stated that the QVCOG hired a new secretary and they had a successful meeting last month. He also explained that this months meeting did not go well. He reported that there are several problems within the QVCOG. The report was accepted.

AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Schollaert spoke with the ambulance authority regarding the McCoy and South McCoy address issue. The report was accepted.

SEWER PROJECT - RIGHTS OF WAY:

Solicitor Stone reported that the Board of Viewers has rescheduled the hearings on the disputed eminent domain cases. He believes this could take place before the end of the year. He also requested an executive session to discuss a proposed settlement on one of the cases.

SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Stone gave his report as the Sewer Project report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Vice-President Doebler asked to schedule Emergency Management NIMS training with all of the Commissioners. The Commissioners agreed on October 5 at 7 PM. Judy Haluka will be notified. President Gartner suggested to have Art Williams also attend.

Vice-President Doebler questioned the status of the Codification. Solicitor Stone explained that he has to do a detailed advertisement and have the codification adopted. This process should be finished by the end of the year.

Manager Patterson stated that she discussed the feral cat issue at the COG Manager's meeting. There were no new answers to handle this issue. Commissioner Schollaert is going to speak to the woman who has the feral cats on her property.

Commissioner Jones stated that he would like to authorize Solicitor Stone to investigate the avoidance of the PUC rate issue. Commissioner Schollaert agreed. Solicitor Stone agreed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager Patterson stated that a resident called to question the date and time for trick-or-treat in Aleppo Township. It was agreed that Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 6-8 PM would be the date and time.

Manager Patterson explained that at the QVCOG meeting the renewals for the Verizon Franchise agreements were discussed. The Cohen Law Firm has been used in the past. The question of whether or not to use them again needs to be discussed. Vice-President Doebler questioned not using a law firm. This will be discussed and voted on at a later meeting.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

At 7:50 the Board moved into executive session to discuss legal claims and pending litigation and returned to regular session at 8:03 PM.

Vice-President Doebler made a motion to authorize Solicitor Stone to settle the McNeill eminent domain case for \$600.00 and the Charles Cross eminent domain case for \$1,000.00 and to get the necessary releases. Commissioner Schollaert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice-President Doebler made a motion to authorize Solicitor Stone to research and report on extraterritorial PUC issues. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schollaert made a motion to authorize Solicitor Stone to begin the process of vacating Hibala Road. Vice-President Doebler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice-President Doebler made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Koskey
Township Secretary