

Commissioners' Meeting Activity**December 18, 2017**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2017	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Approve the November bill list in the amount of \$80,154.85	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Ratify the November pre-paid bills in the amount of \$7,778.08	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Ratify the November payroll transfers in the amount of \$14,983.17	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Remove Main Motion #1 from the table and bring it up for vote in 30 days. The motion failed with a 2-2 vote.	Pres. Jones	
Main Motion #3 to refer a proposed amendment of the text of the Aleppo Township Zoning Ordinance to the Township's Planning Commission and County, which changes the zoning for Masonic specific to its existing use and adds a definition for a Children's Home within that use and removes Life Care Facility from a conditional use in the R-2 district	Comm. Duplaga	Comm. Darragh
Defer Main Motion #3 for 30 days	Pres. Doeblner	Comm. Duplaga
Adopt an ordinance setting the 2018 real estate tax rate at 3.5 mills	Comm. Darragh	Comm. Williams
Adopt an ordinance approving the 2018 budget as advertised	Comm. Darragh	Pres. Doeblner
Adopt the draft resolution titled "A Resolution Prohibiting the Location of a Category 4 Licensed Casino Facility within the Township of Aleppo"	Pres. Doeblner	
Make Aleppo Township email addresses for commissioners and post them to the website	Comm. Duplaga	
Adjournment		

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES

December 18, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

President Matthew Doebler called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Those in attendance were Commissioner Arthur Williams, Commissioner Daniel Darragh, Commissioner Michelle Duplaga, Solicitor Christopher Lovato, Manager Gwen Patterson and Secretary Kimberly Koskey. Vice-President George Jones was not in attendance.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: ANNUAL REPORT:

President Doebler gave a report on the past year's goals that were accomplished which included chair repairs in the conference room, install a projection system in the conference room, the SWOT analysis, holding an Earth Day event, converting the accounting system to Quick Books, having an electronic filing system, producing 4 non-meeting videos and to create and populate property files for all the properties in Aleppo Township.

President Doebler also discussed the finances of the Township including a Budget that is on time, balanced, and did not require a tax increase. He also stated that there were new signs installed throughout the Township along with creating a new logo for the Township which is on all the letterhead and documents. He also reviewed several discussions that were held throughout the year which included the growing deer population, property maintenance issues and becoming compliant with Emergency Management.

President Doebler also stated the Masonic Village Children's Home is a topic that was discussed and will continue to be discussed in 2018. He also stated the troubles the Township has been dealing with in 2017 which include being a defendant in a lawsuit with Masonic Village. He also stated the sewer is still an issue with the problems regarding the infrastructure. He briefly reviewed 2018 goals which include Laserfiche, developing the new website, Emergency Management, a GIS Mapping Program and Code Enforcement issues.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2017 as amended. Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Ohio Township Chief of Police Norbert Micklos gave his report to the Board and the public for the month of November. Chief Micklos stated the benefits of an App for the cell phones called SAVVY Citizen. He explained the App can tie-in local communities to have local information sent to the phones including emergency issues. He is meeting with a representative to get a price for all the local communities to participate. The report was accepted.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Emergency Management Coordinator Judy Haluka gave an update on the progress of Emergency Management. She stated she is working with the Fire Chief Bill Davis to coordinate a table-top drill along with Masonic Village. She explained the drill has been cancelled twice by Masonic Village but should be complete in early spring. Ms. Haluka also discussed the Mutual Aid Agreements where she spoke with school bus companies, bottled water companies, etc. She stated the companies are reluctant to have the commitments in writing, however the companies agree to assist if they are needed. She stated that she will supply the Township Commissioners with the N-95 filter masks.

FIRE COMPANY:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Manager Patterson gave the monthly report to the Board and the public. The report was accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Doebler read emails from residents Joe DiRenzo, Mark Yazer and Marnie Haines regarding the Children's Home at Masonic Village. He also received an email from Dr. Heidi Ondek, the Superintendent of Quaker Valley School District. Dr. Ondek stated she has been in contact with Joe Murphy, CEO of Masonic Villages for several months regarding the proposed Children's Home. She also explained she has been in contact with representatives from the Elizabethtown School District regarding their long-standing and positive relationship with their Children's Home. She explained that she reviewed the achievement data of the students that reside in the Elizabethtown Children's Home where all children are succeeding academically and socially. Dr. Ondek expressed that she has absolutely no concerns about the prospect of the Masonic Village Children's Home. She also stated there are several children currently in the Quaker Valley School District that would qualify and benefit from this program.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

No report.

TAX COLLECTOR:

Clayton Steup gave his report for the month of November. The report was accepted.

TREASURER:

Clayton Steup gave his report for the month of November. The report was accepted.

FINANCE:

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the November bill list in the amount of \$80,154.85.
Commissioner Williams made a motion to ratify the November pre-paid bills in the amount of \$7,778.08.
Commissioner Williams made a motion to ratify the November payroll transfers in the amount of \$14,983.17.
Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motions passed unanimously.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Williams reported on the pump station issues and future plans to replace the pumps. He also reported on the Culligan issue and the steps being taken to correct the pH problems.

QVCOG:

President Doebler stated the Holiday party will be Wednesday evening directly after the COG meeting.

AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

Mary Carolyn Nash gave her report from the October Ambulance Authority meeting. She reported the finances was a break-even month with no large expenses or gains. She also reported Medicare is raising their reimbursement to 1.1%. She stated the fund drive received 362 donations with a total of \$21,980.00. She also explained the Highmark Treat-No Transport program is progressing.

MS4:

Manager Patterson stated not to throw things in the catch basins, not to wash cars over the catch basins, if you see leaves filling the catch basins to clean them or let the Township Office know and especially do not throw dog feces in the catch basins.

SOLICITOR:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. MASONIC CHILDREN'S HOME:

President Doebler stated there are two motions on the table regarding the proposed Masonic Village Children's Home. He stated Main Motion #1 is as follows: Refer a proposed amendment of the text of the Aleppo Township Zoning Ordinance to the township Planning Commission and county, which adds a definition for a Children's Home and amends the definitions of a Continuing Care Retirement Community and Life Care Facility/Senior Living Community as specified in the letter dated 19 October 2017. President Doebler explained Option 1 in the Masonic Village letter dated October 19, 2017 had 2 requests which are 1) to add the definition for the Children's Home and 2) to amend the definition of a Continuing Care Retirement Community and Life Care Facility. Option 2 requests a Zoning Amendment for the entire R-2 District.

Solicitor Lovato explained the definition of a Life Care Facility which does include the Continuing Care Retirement Community requires a 40-acre minimum which would be an added restriction for a stand-alone Children's Home.

President Doebler made a motion to remove Main Motion #1 from the table and bring it up for vote in 30 days. The motion failed with a 2-2 vote. Commissioner Darragh and Commissioner Duplaga voted no. The motion remains tabled.

President Doebler stated Main Motion #2 is to extend the time-period to review the second option. Commissioner Duplaga withdrew Main Motion #2.

Commissioner Duplaga made Main Motion #3 to refer a proposed amendment of the text of the Aleppo Township Zoning Ordinance to the Township's Planning Commission and County, which changes the zoning for Masonic specific to its existing use and adds a definition for a Children's Home within that use and removes Life Care Facility from a conditional use in the R-2 district. Commissioner Darragh seconded.

President Doebler made a motion to defer Main Motion #3 for 30 days. Commissioner Duplaga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Darragh recommended to Masonic Village to prepare a definition of a Children's Home. Eric Gross from Masonic Village stated he will discuss with this conversation with the legal team and get the information requested to the Commissioners.

B: MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE 2018 REAL ESTATE TAX RATE AT 3.5 MILLS:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to adopt an ordinance setting the 2018 real estate tax rate at 3.5 mills. Commissioner Williams seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

C. MOTION TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE 2018 BUDGET AS ADVERTISED:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to adopt an ordinance approving the 2018 budget as advertised. President Doebler seconded. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

D. MOTION TO ADOPT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION TITLED "A RESOLUTION PROHIBITING THE LOCATION OF A CATEGORY 4 LICENSED CASINO FACILITY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO":

President Doebler made a motion to adopt the draft resolution titled "A Resolution Prohibiting the Location of a Category 4 Licensed Casino Facility within the Township of Aleppo". The motion passed unanimously.

E. MOTION TO MAKE ALEPPO TOWNSHIP EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR COMMISSIONERS AND POST THEM TO THE WEBSITE:

Commissioner Duplaga made a Motion to make Aleppo Township email addresses for commissioners and post them to the website. The motion passed unanimously.

F. CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING:

President Doebler announced the Christmas Tree recycling will be on January 8, 2018. The Public Works Department will pick up the Christmas Trees at the curb and take them to North Park for recycling into mulch.

G. NO PARKING DURING SNOW EVENTS:

President Doebler explained there is no parking on the street during snow events to help the snow plows clean the roads.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Residents Art Capuzzi, Barbara Steinour and Sandy Moore expressed their concerns about a Children's Home which included the location of the two houses, zoning issues, traffic patterns and property values.

Mr. Eric Gross from Masonic Village responded to concerns regarding the traffic and speeding on School Street. He stated that Masonic Village would agree to close School Street at the top. He also explained the GPS systems do route all traffic up School Street to get to Masonic Village. Resident Vincent Ferry expressed his concerns regarding the issues on School Street. Resident Chris Grimm commented on the issues regarding School Street.

Resident Cathleen Davidson expressed her concerns regarding the sewage lawsuit. President Doebler explained the questions cannot be addressed due to continuing litigation. Ms. Davidson also questioned the financial liability on the citizens regarding the lawsuit. President Doebler explained the Township's insurance carrier is providing the defense.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Doebler adjourned the meeting at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Koskey
Township Secretary