

Legislative Meeting Activity**December 17, 2018**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve the December 10, 2018 Workshop Meeting Minutes	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Motion to exonerate the following Real Estate taxpayers: a. Guisepppe and Kristen DiRenzon – 510 Redgate Road/423-N-318 for \$79,500 reduction in assessed valuation for 2018 9refund of \$262.68) b. David Wessel – 1216 Sewickley Heights Drive/ 422-M-89 for \$39,100 reduction in assessed valuation for 2018 (refund of \$134.11)	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Approve the October bill list in the amount of \$61,627.49 Ratify the October pre-paid bills in the amount of \$419,482.97 Ratify the October payroll transfers in the amount of \$17,516.03	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Motion to adopt the 2019 Real Estate Tax Rate Ordinance	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Motion to adopt the 2019 Budget Ordinance	VP Jones	Comm. Darragh
Motion to adopt the Water Rate Ordinance	Comm. Darragh	VP Jones
Motion to accept the 537 plan revision proposal from Bankson Engineers		
Appoint Commissioner Dan Darragh to the Aleppo Township Water Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of William Barnes, whose term ends on December 31, 2020		
Adjournment		

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO

LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

December 17, 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 Daniel Darragh, Commissioner Michelle Duplaga, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Manager Gwen Patterson and Secretary Kimberly Koskey. Commissioner Arthur Williams was not in attendance.

7:02 PM CONDITIONAL USE HEARING:

CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY ALDERMAN HOLDINGS 200 DEER RUN LLC. SEEKING PERMISSION TO OPERATE A PLACE OF WORSHIP.

At 7:47 PM the Board moved into executive session to discuss legal claims and pending litigation and returned to regular session at 7:52 PM.

Solicitor Stone explained that the Board of Commissioners is requesting an extension from the applicant until next month's Legislative Meeting. Mr. Austin Henry, Attorney for Alderman Holdings, agreed to the extension to January 21, 2019 with the understanding that there will be no future extensions. Solicitor Stone also stated the record is closed and they will not be taking additional evidence; they will be prepared to review and vote on the applications on January 21, 2019.

MINUTES:

Vice President Jones made a motion to approve the December 10, 2018 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Ohio Township Chief Joseph Hanny gave his report to the Board and the public for the month of November. The report was accepted.

FIRE:

No report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Doebler read an email from Vincent Ferry regarding Amazon, the trucks parked on Deer Run Road, the deer population in Aleppo, and the increasing water and sewage rates. He also read an email from Chris Karsocky regarding the storm grate at the bottom of Redgate Road.

TAX COLLECTOR:

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

TREASURER:

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

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Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE:

Vice President Jones made a motion to approve the November bill list in the amount of \$61,627.49.

Vice President Jones made a motion to ratify the November pre-paid bills in the amount of \$419,482.97.

Vice President Jones made a motion to ratify the November payroll transfers in the amount of \$17,516.03.

Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motions passed unanimously.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

No report.

QVCOG:

No report.

SOLICITOR:

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

MOTION TO ADOPT 2019 REAL ESTATE TAX RATE ORDINANCE:

Vice President Jones made a motion to adopt the 2019 Real Estate Tax Rate Ordinance. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT 2019 BUDGET ORDINANCE:

Vice President Jones made a motion to adopt the 2019 Budget Ordinance. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO ADOPT WATER RATE ORDINANCE:

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

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 537 PLAN REVISION PROPOSAL FROM BANKSON ENGINEERS:

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO APPOINT DAN DARRAGH TO THE ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY BOARD TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF WILLIAM BARNES, WHOSE TERM ENDS ON DECEMBER 31, 2020:

The motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Darragh abstained from the vote because it involved himself.

LOT 422-G-351:

Solicitor Stone explained this lot is owned by Aleppo Township, Quaker Valley School District and the County. There are two prospective purchasers interested in this property. The County Real Estate Office confirmed to Solicitor Stone that they will take responsibility for holding the public sale, order an appraisal, advertise the sale, and take any instructions from the Township and the School District with respect to the bidding and details of the sale. After the sale is complete, if there is any money realized after the sale, over and above what is owed, it will be split three ways. The County needs a Resolution with specific instructions on how to conduct the sale from the Township and the School District to put the property up for public sale.

2018 REVIEW:

President Doebler reviewed the completed goals for the Township in 2018. These goals included setting goals, having a Savvy Citizen presentation, an emergency management credit card, making the new website live, hold another Earth Day event, a possible community day, discussing GIS, compiling data for a Reverse 911 system, develop written code enforcement procedures, tour the Township Industrial Park, set up Laserfiche in the cloud, hear a presentation from EPD about development of a park on Weber Road, update the technology, storage and aesthetics of the conference room and to have the pump house engineering revised and completed. These goals were 100% completed.

President Doebler also reviewed his feelings on the positive issues regarding the Township which include the Township's financial position, the people that work for the Township and the technology. He also reviewed his feelings on the negative issues of the Township which include the litigation with Masonic Village and the rising water and sewer rates. He also reviewed his concerns regarding Aleppo Township's future growth.

Commissioner Duplaga requested an update on the letter sent to PennDot regarding Redgate Road. Manager Patterson has not received an update yet. She also asked for an update on the clean up on the Sewickley property on Glen Mitchell Road. President Doebler stated he received an email from Jeff Neff of Sewickley Borough council. Mr. Neff explained they are looking into a screen for the gates and trees to screen the lot.

Commissioner Duplaga also requested an update on the trucks parked on the Merriman Road lot. Solicitor Stone explained that he asked for a proposal from the property owner on how to remediate the situation with respect to buffers and screening. He received a letter from the attorney for the property owner stating they are working on a proposal and would send it shortly. She also asked Manager Patterson for an update on the GIS training. Manager Patterson stated there is quarterly training and they should have a map of Aleppo this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

2019 GOALS:

President Doebler reviewed his list of goals for 2019 which include password management for the Township, create and document a Township philosophy on growth, an HRG proposal for salt storage, create a Township Welcome packet for new residents, propose revised rules for the Board of Commissioner's meetings, making a decision on the park on Weber Road, creating a business continuity binder, install new street signs, having Public Works document the presence, location and condition of all signs and catch basins and sort, catalog and reorganize contents of storage room.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Art Capuzzi expressed his concerns regarding deer, water and sewer rates, Commissioner Darragh as an Authority Board member, scam calls and the Christmas tree recycling.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Doebler adjourned the meeting at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Koskey
Township Secretary