

**Legislative Meeting Activity**

**January 17, 2022**

<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>MOTION</u></b>	<b><u>SECOND</u></b>
Approve the January 3, 2022 Reorganization and Workshop Meeting Minutes.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams
Approve Deputization of Deputy Tax Collector Agreement between Clayton R. Steup and Jordan Tax Service, Inc.	Vice President Williams	Commissioner Darragh
Approve the December bill list in the amount of \$26,546.13; to ratify December pre-paid bills in the amount of \$12,865.33; and to ratify December payroll transfers in the amount of \$15,697.50.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams
Adjournment		

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO**

**LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

**January 17, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President George Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Those in attendance were Vice President Arthur Williams, Commissioner Daniel Darragh, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Manager Gwen Patterson, and Secretary Patty Krecek. Commissioner Amy Richert and Commissioner Judy Haluka were not in attendance. President Jones announced that the meeting is being recorded.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the January 3, 2022 Reorganization and Workshop Meeting Minutes. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**POLICE:**

Ohio Township Chief Joseph Hanny gave the report for the month of December. There were 46 calls, which included a few alarms, an ordinance violation that was a hunting complaint off of Redgate Road, a trespassing incident at the church, one traffic citation, trees down, and few animal complaints. The report was accepted.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

No report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Manager Patterson provided a brief summary for the month of December. The detailed report was provided to the Board. The report was accepted.

**ENGINEERING:**

**WEIGHT LIMIT ORDINANCE:**

Engineer Ben Gilberti from HRG Engineering provided the following information about the weight limit study: the study was completed for a portion of the Township roads to include Weber Road between Glen Mitchell Road and Ferndale Avenue, Ferndale Avenue between Weber Road, Weber Road between Ferndale Avenue and Sycamore Road Extension, Sycamore Road between Weber Road Extension, and Ingleside Avenue off of Ferndale Avenue at the end of Ferndale Avenue; the Township was looking into developing an ordinance in case there is development outside of the Township that has to traverse through the Township

to protect the roads; it is an excess maintenance agreement, which means if a developer or logger is going to haul in excess of 10 tons on the road or utilize the road, they need to post a bond with the Township that would allow the Township to do a pre-inspection; when they are done using the road another inspection would be completed to see if there is any damage beyond excess maintenance. If there are major areas of destruction, then the person that bonded the road has the ability to fix the road and/or come up with compensation for the Township to fix the road; if they choose not to, then the Township has the ability to pull their bond and they would have legal leverage to go after that person; if someone does not post a bond with the Township, it allows the police to ticket them.

### **RHODES AVENUE:**

Engineer Ben Gilberti from HRG Engineering provided the following update on the study for Rhodes Avenue: he spoke with the Geotech consultant; they are finalizing their report; the area does show some movement, which appears to be higher when there is above normal rain; it is a combination of an historic land slide area, limestone bedrock, and the Pittsburgh red bed soils; the consultant wants to do another set of tests and hopefully those tests will help provide a potential solution; the movement is not noticeable to the naked eye, but it is noticeable to the equipment being used for the testing. President Jones said they will be expecting the Geotech consultant to make a recommendation.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Manager Patterson read an email from resident, Don Black, who requested that the email be read at tonight's meeting. He stated that he was unable to attend tonight's meeting, and he wanted to thank Tim and his team for the outstanding job they did removing snow from last night and throughout today. And, they did a remarkable job keeping the roads safe as always.

### **PLANNING/ZONING:**

Senior Community Planner, Laura Ludwig, from HRG Engineering provided a summary of the following changes that are included in the draft of the revised Zoning Ordinance: changed the Zoning Map; removed Planned Residential Development (PRD) as a use; added many new uses to the Uses Table that would be Conditional Uses; created a new Zoning District called Mixed Use; added Area and Bulk Tables per district; added a definition for Accessory Dwelling Units, Sport Courts, Short-term Rentals, and Small Wireless Facilities; added several terms, definitions and criteria for various animals such as chickens, ducks, bees and goats; added decibel levels for noise and how the noise level will be measured; added a section in Signs with separate regulations for signs permitted in the residential districts, commercial industrial district, and mixed use district; and updated the list of exempt and prohibited signs, and added some language for digital display and message center signs. Laura provided the draft Zoning Ordinance document to the Board for their review along with the new Zoning Map. She said the next steps are as follows: have a meeting with some area stakeholders and property owners to review and discuss the changes, and after the draft is finalized, then the official public review and approval process will begin.

### **TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER:**

Treasurer Clayton Steup provided a brief summary for the month of December. The detailed reports were provided to the Board. The report was accepted.

Vice President Williams made a motion to approve Deputization of Deputy Tax Collector Agreement between Clayton R. Steup and Jordan Tax Service, Inc. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the December bill list in the amount of \$26,546.13; to ratify December pre-paid bills in the amount of \$12,865.33; and to ratify December payroll transfers in the amount of \$15,697.50. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:**

No report.

**QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:**

No report.

**QVCOG:**

Vice President Williams provided the QVCOG Executive Director's Report for January 2022 to the Board. The report was accepted.

**GLASS RECYCLING DUMPSTER LOCATION REQUEST:**

Manager Patterson said she has been in discussions with the COG about a semi-permanent location for a glass recycling dumpster. She said the Executive Director of the COG asked if Aleppo would be willing to host the dumpster at the Municipal Building. Manager Patterson provided a document to the Board that listed the cost per month if all 15 municipalities participated. She said she discussed potential locations with Tim Scott, Public Works Supervisor, and they determined the best location would be near the Municipal Building, and it might be possible to pour a concrete pad in the grass area. President Jones asked Manager Patterson to obtain more information such as data on the prior glass collections, will cameras be needed, how many other municipalities will be participating, and etc. Solicitor Stone asked Manager Patterson to determine if this would increase the Township's insurance since the dumpster would be on the premises.

**SOLICITOR:**

No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**LETTER OF SUPPORT REGARDING PA HOUSE REDISTRICTING:**

Solicitor Stone said that several municipalities were asked to sign a letter supporting a request that the 11 Quaker Valley School District municipalities remain in one Pennsylvania House district under the new proposed redistricting map. The letter was written by Bell Acres Borough. Solicitor Stone stated that Sewickley Heights Borough approved the mayor's signature on the letter. He said Glen Osborne Borough will be discussing this topic at their meeting tomorrow night. Solicitor Stone said that the Aleppo Township

Board can choose to write their own letter, which would have to be uploaded and dated no later than tomorrow, January 18, 2022. President Jones said that the three municipalities that would be removed from the district are Sewickley Hills, Bell Acres and Sewickley Heights Boroughs. The three Board members present at tonight's meeting agreed that the district should not be split, and that Aleppo should write their own letter.

Vice President Williams made a motion for Commissioner Darragh to write a letter and for President Jones to submit the letter to the PA Legislative Reapportionment Commission. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**COMPLAINT ABOUT EXCESSIVE CATS AT 111 NANCY DRIVE:**

Manager Patterson said the Township received a letter in the mail signed by an anonymous neighbor stating a concern about numerous cats at 111 Nancy Drive. Manager Patterson said she has researched this issue before and there is not one specific agency that deals with neighborhood cats. There are organizations that provide trap, neuter, and return programs. This can reduce the cat population over time by reducing the birth rate. President Jones asked Manager Patterson to have a discussion with Chief Hanny. Vice President Williams said he will have a discussion with Eric Gross, Executive Director, at Masonic. Manager Patterson said she will contact the property owners.

**TRASH AND RECYCLING DELAYED THIS WEEK:**

Manager Patterson said that trash and recycling is delayed one day this week because Waste Management is not working today, January 17, 2022, because of the snowstorm.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Not requested.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek  
Township Secretary