

Legislative Meeting Activity**January 20, 2020**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve the January 6, 2020 Workshop Meeting Minutes.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams
Authorize Solicitor Stone to communicate with Endurance Realty, the owners of the Industrial Park, highlighting the issues with Amazon and dealing with the issues during negotiations.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams
Approve December bill list in the amount of \$62,573.81; to ratify December pre-paid bills in the amount of \$23,851.61; and to ratify December payroll transfers in the amount of \$15,139.06.	Vice President Williams	Commissioner Darragh
Make a \$750 contribution to the Fern Hollow Nature Center.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams.
Exonerate Treasurer Steup for uncollected real estate taxes for 2018.	Commissioner Darragh	Commissioner Richert
Adjournment		

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO**LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES****January 20, 2020****CALL TO ORDER:**

President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Those in attendance were Vice President Arthur Williams, Commissioner Darragh, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Manager Gwen Patterson, and Secretary Patty Krecek. Commissioner Amy Richert arrived at 7:06 PM. Commissioner Judy Haluka was not in attendance. President Jones announced that the meeting was being recorded.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the January 6, 2020 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:**POLICE:**

Ohio Township Chief Joseph Hanny gave his report for the month of December. There was a total of 86 calls, which included 41 EMS assists, 8 traffic citations, a reported theft from a vehicle in the industrial park, a package stolen from a porch on Veshio Drive, and an incident involving juveniles in a vehicle that they should not have been driving. Chief Hanny gave a document to Manager Patterson from the PA Game Commission, which is a publication about Township and Boroughs management of deer population. He provided this document in response to a discussion at the December 16, 2019 Legislative Meeting about deer being hit by vehicles.

Manager Patterson stated the Township office has received complaints from residents by phone and in person about the Amazon drivers speeding, specifically on Redgate. Chief Hanny stated that Amazon has been very receptive every time he has reached out to them about issues such as speeding, noise, and the idling of trucks. The Police Officers do issue citations on Redgate. Amazon has a lot of drivers and staff turnover, so Chief Hanny stated he will reach out again to Amazon and ask them to talk to the drivers about the speeding issue. Resident Tammy Morrow who lives on Rhodes Avenue spoke about the Amazon drivers and the speeding on her road. She is very concerned because there are small children on the road, and she thinks someone is going to get hurt. She also said it is very difficult for her to pull out of her driveway, and the drivers are throwing trash out of their windows. She suggested a police officer sit in her driveway. Sandy Moore who lives on Redgate Road stated she hears the backup beeps 24/7 when she is in her house with the windows closed. She hears the beeps in the middle of the night when she is awake. She suggested a solution of building a sound barrier wall or building something so the vehicles do not have to back up to the loading dock. Manager Patterson stated she has received calls from residents about these issues. She has spoken to personnel from the Industrial Park and they have asked their landscaping crew to do more trash pick-up. Commissioner Richert stated that when she is standing at the bus stop with her children, she is very concerned about something happening because of the driver's speeding. Chief Hanny will do a traffic study

by putting up a device that tracks speed, how many cars and when they are speeding. The device will be in place for one to two weeks. He also stated that Police

Officers have been set up in Aleppo and issuing citations for speeding, and he will reach out to the state and put in a request for oversized 25 mph signs. He said in order to have additional Police Officers patrolling in Aleppo, outside of the normal patrol, they would have to bill the Township for the extra time. He will also reach out to the gentleman who runs the Amazon facility and will re-address these issues, specifically on Redgate. He suggested that Solicitor Stone check if there is an ordinance that would be applicable to addressing the noise. The vehicles are required by law to have the alarms when backing up. Solicitor Stone stated he has spoken to the owner of the Industrial Park, Al Corr, from Endurance Realty. He has been discussing other projects they want to do in the Industrial Park. During negotiations, he can suggest some conditions regarding sound or hours of operation, before granting approvals. He has discussed the request for additional parking with the Township Engineer. Solicitor Stone stated his recommendation is to amend the Zoning Ordinance and create a type of parking for employees of Amazon and other individuals who work in the Industrial Park, which would take traffic flow off of Deer Run. This solution might help with some of the traffic concerns. Manager Patterson stated there has been no written communication with Amazon about these issues. President Jones suggested that process be started.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to authorize Solicitor Stone to communicate with Endurance Realty, the owners of the Industrial Park, highlighting the issues with Amazon and dealing with the issues during negotiations. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President Jones stated that the topic of the issues with Amazon will remain on the agenda for updates, so the residents can be informed of the status by attending meetings or watching the recordings of the meetings.

FIRE:

No report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Manager Patterson provided a brief summary from the report for the month of December and stated that the detailed report was provided in the packets. The report was accepted. President Jones requested an update on staffing for Public Works. Manager Patterson stated that currently there is one full-time employee and one part-time employee, who is filling in full-time. Tom Jarvie, Supervisor, will be retiring at the end of March. She will be replacing the supervisor position, and the advertisement was placed today.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A resident submitted an email complementing Aleppo for how they take care of the roads when it is snowing.

PLANNING/ZONING:

No report.

TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER:

Treasurer Steup gave the report for the month of December. The report was accepted.

FINANCE:

Vice President Williams made a motion to approve December bill list in the amount of \$62,573.81; to ratify December pre-paid bills in the amount of \$23,851.61; and to ratify December payroll transfers in the amount of \$15,139.06. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Darragh stated there were nine water line breaks in December 2019 and there is normally 6 or 7 within a 12-month period. He made a suggestion that \$35,000 from the bond refinance funds be put into the Authority's budget for meter replacements.

QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

No report.

QVCOG:

Vice President Williams stated there was an article in The Sewickley Herald last month about the Corridor 65 plan. He believes the source was a professor from CMU, so he is going to reach out to him to request that he be contacted for future articles. Manager Patterson stated there is a Web site for Corridor 65 (65corridor.org), which provides helpful information, and President Jones requested that a link to this Web site be put on the Aleppo Township Web site.

SOLICITOR:

Solicitor Stone provided an update on the emergency access for the Manor. He has received research from the Engineer, and he provided the information to Manager Patterson. Manager Patterson will now determine logistically how to proceed. Solicitor Stone suggested amendments to the Zoning Ordinance oil and gas section and parking in the Industrial Park. He will have documentation ready within the next day or two and will submit it to the Planning Commission. They will review the documentation and make a recommendation to the board to adopt. These amendments are needed now instead of waiting for a complete zoning update because they are timely issues.

President Jones asked about small cell towers. Solicitor Stone stated the court provided definitive rulings about whether they are considered a utility. Solicitor Stone said he will look into small cell towers and the changes required to change the regular cell tower Ordinance to include small cell towers. He said it would not be difficult; however, he suggested waiting at this time and focusing on the other two amendments he suggested.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

CHANGES TO RECYCLING:

President Jones stated that everyone has received a document from Waste Management describing the changes to the recycling program. Manager Patterson summarized the changes and stated the information is on the Aleppo Web site.

SEWICKLEY BOROUGH'S 537 PLAN:

President Jones stated that in December 2019 Sewickley Borough voted unanimously to investigate and proceed with the option of shutting down their wastewater treatment plant, which would take Aleppo's wastewater to Leetsdale. Aleppo has been asked to approve a resolution because Sewickley Borough needs approval from all of the communities involved.

LGA INTERN PROGRAM - POTENTIAL GIS INTERN:

Manager Patterson stated that this program includes the LGA (Local Government Academy) paying for half of an intern's wages for the summer, and she would like to partner with Kilbuck and Glen Osborne to share the intern's time. She is still discussing the idea of applying.

FERN HOLLOW NATURE CENTER REQUEST FOR SUPPORT:

Manager Patterson stated a letter was received from the Fern Hollow Nature Center requesting support. The Board has previously approved a \$750 contribution.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to make a \$750 contribution to the Fern Hollow Nature Center. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OFFER TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT PAVING BID:

President Jones stated there has been a request from the Borough of Sewickley asking Aleppo to participate in paving bids. Manager Patterson stated she has sent the information to the Township Engineer; however, Aleppo may not be ready yet for this type of idea because the volume of work is not available.

President Jones also stated there will be an Earth Day Meeting tomorrow at 7:00 PM at the Township building.

EXONERATE TREASURER FOR UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES FOR 2018:

Manager Patterson stated she received a letter from the bonding agency for the tax collector bond asking to exonerate the tax collector for uncollected taxes for 2018.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to exonerate Treasurer Steup for uncollected real estate taxes for 2018. Commissioner Richert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Resident Vince Ferry who lives on Merriman Road stated he is being overrun with deer. The deer are in his backyard near his porch. He suggested the idea of having a group of archers come in and eliminate some of the deer. Chief Hanny re-stated that today he gave Manager Patterson a copy of a document he received from the office of State Representative Valerie Gaydos. It is from The Pennsylvania Game Commission and is the Ross Township PA Deer Management Policy. They suggested using it as a model for Boroughs and Townships that want to create their own deer management program. Commissioner Darragh stated they will review the document and keep this item on the agenda.

Treasurer Steup stated that the Aleppo sign at the bottom of Glen Mitchell needs to be fixed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

An Executive Session was not requested.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek
Township Secretary