

**Legislative Meeting Activity****June 15, 2020**

<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>MOTION</u></b>	<b><u>SECOND</u></b>
Approve the June 8, 2020 Workshop Meeting Minutes.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams
Approve Pay Request #1 for Deer Run Road Storm Drain Repair Project.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams
Amend contract with Cargill to allow for extended salt storage through December 31, 2020.	Vice President Williams	Commissioner Haluka
Adopt an Ordinance of the Township of Aleppo, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Amending Section 400-74 of the Zoning Ordinance of Aleppo Township, and Providing for the Exploration, Recovery, and Production of Oil or Natural Gas as a Conditional Use in the C-2 Commercial Industrial District.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams
Approve May bill list in the amount of \$39,300.67; to ratify May pre-paid bills in the amount of \$42,667.14; and to ratify May payroll transfers in the amount of \$16,449.19.	Commissioner Darragh	Commissioner Haluka
Transfer \$16,861.66 from the Liquid Fuels Fund to the General Fund for the payment of road salt invoices.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams
Transfer \$14,816.37 from the Liquid Fuels Fund to the General Fund for the payment of road salt invoices.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams
Ratify the appointment of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote as bond counsel for the 2020 Sewer Bond Refinancing.	Vice President Williams	Commissioner Darragh
Enact the Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of 2020 Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bonds to Refund the Township's 2015 Bonds.	Vice President Williams	Commissioner Darragh
Adjournment		

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO**

**LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

**June 15, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with roll call. Those in attendance were Vice President Arthur Williams, Commissioner Daniel Darragh, Commissioner Judy Haluka, Solicitor Chris Lovato, Manager Gwen Patterson, and Secretary Patty Krecek. Commissioner Amy Richert was not in attendance. The meeting was recorded.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the June 8, 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 May. There was a total of 64 calls, which included 43 EMS assists, and a few disorderly conducts that were technically noise complaints, e.g., neighbors playing music too loud. The Chief also stated the department is now back to running traffic details and they have already issued 30 citations this week in the Township of Aleppo. The report was accepted.

**FIRE:**

No report.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Commissioner Haluka stated there will be a short meeting following this meeting about deactivating the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Commissioner Haluka said the Township of Aleppo and Masonic remained negative (for COVID-19 cases) throughout the red to green phases of the pandemic. The report was accepted.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Manager Patterson provided a brief summary from the report for the month of May and stated that the detailed report was provided in the packets. The report was accepted.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 for Deer Run Road Storm Drain Repair Project. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Williams made a motion to amend the contract with Cargill to allow for extended salt storage through December 31, 2020. Commissioner Haluka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

No report.

**PLANNING/ZONING:**

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to adopt an Ordinance of the Township of Aleppo, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Amending Section 400-74 of the Zoning Ordinance of Aleppo Township, and Providing for the Exploration, Recovery, and Production of Oil or Natural Gas as a Conditional Use in the C-2 Commercial Industrial District. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER:**

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

**FINANCE:**

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve May bill list in the amount of \$39,300.67; to ratify May pre-paid bills in the amount of \$42,667.14; and to ratify May payroll transfers in the amount of \$16,449.19. Commissioner Haluka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to transfer \$16,861.66 from the Liquid Fuels Fund to the General Fund for the payment of road salt invoices. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to transfer \$14,816.37 from the Liquid Fuels Fund to the General Fund for the payment of road salt invoices. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:**

No report.

**QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:**

Manager Patterson gave the report for the month of May. The report was accepted.

**QVCOG:**

No report.

**SOLICITOR:**

No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:****2020 CENSUS:**

Manager Patterson said she wanted to re-state the information provided during the meeting last week. She was contacted by the Census Bureau, and they said Aleppo's participation percentage is lower than some of the surrounding communities in the county. Manager Patterson encouraged all residents to return their Census Form, and there are documents on the Township's website to help residents. Manager Patterson also stated that getting accurate numbers for the Census is very important because there are several things that are billed based on population counts and the population number is used for some of the grants the Township is eligible for. Manager Patterson asked residents if they have questions, to call her and she can put them in touch with a local Census representative.

**SEWER BOND REFINANCING:**

Vice President Williams made a motion to ratify the appointment of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote as bond counsel for the 2020 Sewer Bond Refinancing. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Williams made a motion to enact the Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of 2020 Guaranteed Sewer Revenue Bonds to Refund the Township's 2015 Bonds. Commissioner Darragh seconded. President Jones asked for a roll call vote. The motion passed 4-0.

Ronald Brown from Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote made a presentation about the refunding of the sewer revenue bonds. He explained this is being done to refinance the existing sewer bonds. This is not extending the term of the debt and the Township will not be borrowing more than what is needed to pay off the existing bonds. President Jones said this may not necessarily result in a customer rate decrease, but that the Township would work to minimize future rate increases.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Resident Carolyn Smith from 775 Redgate Road expressed her concerns about the high volume of traffic on Redgate Road. She said there are a lot of vans from Amazon and the drivers are speeding, littering, and driving hazardously. She said she does not see a lot of police cars on Redgate Road. She wants the Commissioners to spend time on Redgate Road so they can see the traffic issues. The road is in need of repair and it cannot handle the high volume of traffic. She would like the Township to work with Amazon to eliminate their van drivers using Redgate Road.

Resident Sandy Moore from 921 Redgate Road expressed her concerns about the vans from Amazon. She hears the back-up noise from the vans 24/7. She also said the drivers are speeding, littering, and there are vans on Redgate Road nonstop.

Resident Cathy Davidson from 831 Redgate Road expressed her concerns about the vans from Amazon. She said she had several near collisions with Amazon vans. She said the drivers speed and she does not see police sitting on Redgate Road to catch them. Cathy Davidson made the following suggestions: The Township should install cameras, put up signage, ask the State Representative to assist (since Redgate is state maintained road), enact taxes on commercial vehicles, do a traffic count, and require the Amazon name and Pennsylvania license plates on every van. She also expressed her concerns about Masonic Village and the plantings in the buffer yard between her yard and Masonic.

Resident Tim Kelly from 205 Trailside Drive wanted to remind people about the four foot passing distance requirement around cyclist and to please use caution when driving near bicycles.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek  
Township Secretary