

Legislative Meeting Activity**June 20, 2022**

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve the June 13, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams
Appoint Nicholas Khan to the Planning Commission for the balance of a term ending December 31, 2024.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams
Approve the May bill list in the amount of \$143,341.62; to ratify May pre-paid bills in the amount of \$13,203.06; and to ratify May payroll transfers in the amount of \$16,700.61.	Commissioner Darragh	Commissioner Haluka
Adopt a Resolution of the Township of Aleppo Entering into a Joint Glass Recycling Program with the Quaker Valley Council of Governments Beginning July 1, 2022.	Commissioner Haluka	Commissioner Darragh
Adjournment		

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO**LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES****June 20, 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 Dan Darragh, Commissioner Judy Haluka, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Manager Gwen Patterson, and Secretary Patty Krecek. Commissioner Amy Richert was not in attendance. President Jones announced that the meeting is being recorded.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR NEW ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP:

Solicitor Stone started the hearing at 7:02 p.m. A court reporter was present. He said the hearing is to discuss and consider adopting a new Zoning Ordinance. Laura Ludwig from HRG Engineering explained the differences between the old ordinance and the new ordinance. The following property owner and residents asked questions and/or provided comments about the new ordinance: Jerry Veshio who lives in Sewickley and owns property in Aleppo, Art Capuzzi from 352 Weber Road, Don Black from 362 Weber Road, and Michael Monyok from 334 Weber Road. Solicitor Stone said the hearing will not close tonight. He said the hearing will be continued until the Legislative Meeting on August 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at which time the Commissioners will consider adopting the new Zoning Ordinance.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the June 13, 2022 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS**POLICE:**

President Jones said that because of the length of the Public Hearing, he told Ohio Township Chief Joseph Hanny that he could leave the meeting. President Jones said that at the Workshop Meeting on June 13, 2022 a resident stated their concern about speeding and tractor trailers on Redgate Road. He said Manager Patterson spoke to Chief Hanny about the resident's concern. President Jones said the resident asked if the Commissioners would consider an eight hour daily shift for an officer to be on Redgate. President Jones said there are financial consequences, so he asked the Chief for the cost of a four hour daily shift, which is \$288.00. He said the Commissioners will consider expanding the traffic control times. Manager Patterson said the Public Works crew cleared away branches around the existing signs on Redgate Road to make sure they are easy to see, and they put the electronic speed monitoring sign on Redgate Road, which might help slow down drivers. President Jones said the resident spoke to someone at PennDOT about signage and other ways to re-direct tractor trailers. Manager Patterson said PennDOT told the resident they will come out and take a look at the existing signs to see if there is anything they can add. The report was accepted.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Supervisor Tim Scott provided a brief summary for the month of May. The detailed report was provided to the Board. The report was accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

No report.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to appoint Nicholas Khan to the Planning Commission for the balance of a term ending December 31, 2024. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER:

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

FINANCE:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the May bill list in the amount of \$143,341.62; to ratify May pre-paid bills in the amount of \$13,203.06; and to ratify May payroll transfers in the amount of \$16,700.61. Commissioner Haluka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

No report.

QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

No report.

QVCOG:

Vice President Williams stated that the Executive Director's Report for June 2022 was provided to the Board. The report was accepted.

Commissioner Haluka made a motion to adopt a Resolution of the Township of Aleppo Entering into a Joint Glass Recycling Program with the Quaker Valley Council of Governments Beginning July 1, 2022. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR:

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**PROPERTY COMPLAINT - 795 REDGATE ROAD:**

Manager Patterson said that at the meeting on June 13, 2022 someone came in and spoke about this parcel. She said she received a written complaint several months ago, and the complaint has been being handled over the last couple of months, and progress was made. She asked the building inspector to make a final determination. Manager Patterson said she has received an initial report from the building inspector, and she will be looking over the report.

Patti Vescio, who owns 785 and 795 Redgate Road along with her husband, Jim, who works for Public Works at the Township, said that last week during the Workshop Meeting their adjacent neighbor complained about 795 Redgate Road saying that it was a full-blown construction operation. Mrs. Vescio said that is untrue. She said there have been several complaints by this neighbor over the years about 785 and 795 Redgate Road. Mrs. Vescio said the current renter at 795 Redgate Road moved in September 2020, and he has a masonry and restoration business and vehicles for his business. She said the vehicles consist of two pick up trucks and a dump truck, and all of the vehicles have his logo on them. She said they were parked on the property; however, after the complaint was received, one of the trucks and the dump truck were removed in a timely fashion. She said there will always be one truck parked on the property with his logo because it is his work and personal vehicle. She said the trucks have never been serviced on the property because they are all new. Mrs. Vescio said that Manager Patterson visited the property last week and did an inspection before the Workshop Meeting and said she did not see any construction equipment except for the tarp with the sand. Mrs. Vescio said the neighbor has complained so much that they feel they are being harassed. She stated that none of her sons live in the rental house or are running a business there. She said she spoke to her renter prior to coming to tonight's meeting, and he said his fiancé, who also has an infant child, is feeling very uneasy sitting on her porch because an elderly gentleman drives by very slowly and checks out the property. Mrs. Vescio said she does not know who the gentleman is; however, if it is her neighbor, could he please stop going very slowly and making her renter feel very uncomfortable. She said her renter did re-do a fire pit and the masonry work is wonderful. She said there were fires in the pit, and he was burning Amazon boxes, which created smoke, and when Manager Patterson received the complaint, Jim went up that night and talked to him, so he knows not to build any more fires in the pit. Mrs. Vescio said that once the final report from the building inspector is received by the Township, if there are any other violations, they will take care of them within 30 days, but if the building inspector finds that it is not a construction zone, they ask that this be dropped.

NANCY DRIVE CAT COMPLAINT:

Manager Patterson said she spoke to the property owner who said she is still trying to find people that will come out and help her trap the cats so they can be taken to be spayed and neutered.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Art Capuzzi from 352 Weber Road thanked the Township and the Commissioners for Waste Management's program to pick up hazardous materials. He said he has been using it extensively. He also said that the little stripe the Township put on Weber Road seemed to have some effect on the speeding; however, it is wearing out. Public Works Supervisor Tim Scott said they will be re-painting all of the yellow lines. Mr. Capuzzi asked if anything was ever established for the weight limit on Weber Road. Manager Patterson said that a couple of months ago an Ordinance was adopted, so there is a weight limit set for Weber Road and some of the streets at the top of the Weber neighborhood. She said it requires anyone hauling large quantities or hauling for more than one trip to bond the road. President Jones asked if signage has been installed. Manager Patterson said there was no signage yet. Mr. Capuzzi asked if there was an engine retarding brake ordinance. Manager Patterson said the Township does not have that type of ordinance.

Tammy Morrow from 2 Rhodes Avenue said she is also concerned about tractor trailer trucks coming down Redgate Road. She said the trucks get down the road so far and they stop by her driveway at the corner of Redgate Road and Rhodes Avenue, and they have to turn around. She said Ohio Township Chief of Police Hanny said that probably the only thing would be signage, so she asked the Commissioners if there could be signage installed. President Jones said there has been a discussion with PennDOT because Redgate is a state road, and they are going to evaluate, and they might even come out and do a study. He said they are considering the idea of a sign before the stop sign on Merriman Road. Commissioner Haluka said there is a way to notify Google Maps, Apple Maps, and one other GPS system of an unsafe direction. She said it takes two or three months to complete, and she will get more information. Manager Patterson said that resident Dave Von Kaenel, who lives at 780 Redgate Road, spoke to someone at PennDOT about signs who said they will come out and take a look to see if any other signs could be added. Ms. Morrow said she also talked to the Chief about using different locations for speed patrols on Redgate Road. She said it is usually around 3:00 p.m. when Masonic lets out. President Jones said he spoke to the Chief about speeding on Redgate Road and the best time of day for an officer to be there, the different times to be there, and the cost. He said the Commissioners are considering approving a certain amount of money beyond the contract to deal with the issue.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Not requested.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek
Township Secretary