

Legislative Meeting Activity

October 16, 2023

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve the September 18, 2023 Legislative Meeting Minutes	Commissioner Darragh	Commissioner Richert
Approve the September bill list in the amount of \$21,892.57; to ratify September pre-paid bills in the amount of \$38,662.36; and to ratify September payroll transfers in the amount of \$18,050.20.	Commissioner Richert	Commissioner Darragh
Adjournment		

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO**LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES****October 16, 2023****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 Amy Richert, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Manager Gwen Patterson, and Secretary Patty Krecek. Commissioner Judy Haluka was not in attendance. President Jones announced that the meeting is being recorded. This meeting was held at Masonic Village.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the September 18, 2023 Legislative Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Richert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:**POLICE:**

Ohio Township Chief Joseph Hanny gave the report for the month of September. There were 54 calls, which included 37 EMS assists, a couple of fire alarms, and some traffic citations. Chief Hanny reminded residents about fraud awareness. He said if they receive a phone call, an email, a text, or something in the mail asking for money or for credit card information, do not respond. He also said if it continues to occur, they should call the Ohio Township Police Department to report the issue. The report was accepted.

FIRE COMPANY:

No report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Supervisor Tim Scott provided a summary for the month of September and a detailed report to the Board. President Jones asked about the status of the new truck. Supervisor Scott said the new truck is at the body manufacturer, so they can put the dump bed on, then the truck will go to Stephenson Equipment for the hydraulics and the plow and salt spreader put on. A resident asked about leaf pick up. Supervisor Scott said the Township does not do leaf pick up. He said because the Township roads are rural, they blow the leaves off the road. Manager Patterson said the Township does not have the equipment to vacuum up the leaves. The report was accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Richert said they were able to resume the quarterly meetings with Amazon after a six-month hiatus. She said they discussed littering on Deer Run Road. She also said Amazon has decided not to install a canopy at their facility. A resident provided positive comments about the monthly digest. Manager Patterson explained the concept of the digest and she said that residents who would like to receive the digest via email can sign up for it at the end of the meeting. A resident asked about the role the Township plays in cell towers because he receives very poor reception. Manager Patterson said the only involvement the Township has is giving a building permit to put in a new cell tower. She asked the resident to contact her, and she will provide him with information for his state representative and perhaps they can help him. The report was accepted.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Manager Patterson said that last month the Township adopted a new Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO). She said this ordinance regulates how the land can be used in the Township. Manager Patterson said there is a Zoning Ordinance that regulates what you can do on your property, e.g., where you can put your shed or the size of a house you can have on your property. She said the SALDO regulates larger things like a new complex such as Masonic or a development in the industrial park. The report was accepted.

TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER:

Treasurer Clayton Steup provided a summary for the month of September and detailed reports to the Board. President Jones said the budget period is beginning and Manager Patterson is working on the budget. He said they will continue to take the general fund, which has a balance more than what is required by accounting, and move it into various reserve categories to ensure there is enough to take care of the roads, police, etc. A resident asked for the forecast of actual versus budget for the year end. Treasurer Steup said he will get the information to the resident. The report was accepted.

FINANCE:

Commissioner Richert made a motion to approve the September bill list in the amount of \$21,892.57; to ratify September pre-paid bills in the amount of \$38,662.36; and to ratify September payroll transfers in the amount of \$18,050.20. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

No report.

QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

No report.

QVCOG:

Vice President Williams said in his opinion, PA House Bill 589 Establishing the Coal and Clay Mine Subsidence and Landslide Insurance and Assistance Program will help many people in southwestern PA. The report was accepted.

SOLICITOR:

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Richert thanked the Aleppo Township Volunteer Fire Company for hosting their open house on October 7, 2023. She said it was a very nice event.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

A resident thanked the Commissioners for having their meeting at Masonic, and she said it was a tremendous idea to get more citizen participation. The resident asked who owns the property behind the Township's Municipal Building. Manager Patterson said the Aleppo Township line is right behind the municipal building and the other side is a private property owner in Sewickley Heights. The resident thought the property owner was someone who was familiar with the history of the Township, and she asked if a document was created with some of the history. Manager Patterson said they have not been able to come up with a lot of historical information. She said if anyone has information or would be interested in being on a history committee, please contact her.

A resident asked about the repaving of the parking lot in front of the municipal building. Public Works Supervisor Scott said he does not have a date yet.

A resident asked about when the I-79 bridge project will be completed. Manager Pattersons said the project could go well into 2024 based on information she has received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Not needed.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek
Township Secretary