

Legislative Meeting Activity

October 19, 2020

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve the October 12, 2020 Workshop Meeting Minutes.	Commissioner Darragh	Commissioner Richert
Appoint Eric Fulmer to the Zoning Hearing Board.	Commissioner Darragh	Commissioner Haluka
Approve the September bill list in the amount of \$45,442.40; to ratify September pre-paid bills in the amount of \$15,609.02; and to ratify September payroll transfers in the amount of \$22,955.37.	Commissioner Darragh	Commissioner Richert
Adjournment		

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LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call. Those in attendance were Commissioner Daniel Darragh, Commissioner Amy Richert, Commissioner Judy Haluka, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Manager Gwen Patterson, and Secretary Patty Krecek. Vice President Arthur Williams participated by telephone. The meeting was recorded.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the October 12, 2020 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Richert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARING BOARD VACANCY - CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION:

President Jones stated that Eric Fulmer has submitted a letter of interest for the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board, so he was invited to this meeting to provide an introduction. Eric Fulmer provided the following information: He lives at 309 Sewickley Ridge Drive, he has been a resident of the Township since 1988 and he served as a member of the Planning Commission from 1988 to 1990, and his academic and employment background is in city planning.

REPORTS:

TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER:

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

POLICE:

Ohio Township Chief Joseph Hanny gave his report for the month of September. There was a total of 43 calls, which included 26 EMS assists, 1 ordinance violation for fireworks, and 8 traffic citations. The report was accepted.

FIRE:

No report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Commissioner Haluka said she has started working on the hazardous vulnerability assessment, which is a report for Allegheny County that is submitted to FEMA.

PUBLIC WORKS:

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

There was a discussion about where to put the electronic speed sign. The Commissioners decided to have the sign posted on McCoy Place Road, and near the holidays, posted on Deer Run Road because of increased traffic during that time. Manager Patterson is going to check into having the speed sign posted on upper Sewickley Heights Drive, and she is going to create a chart with traffic summaries and post the data on the Township's website.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Richert said a resident submitted an email regarding the noise from the trucks and a noise ordinance. The Township will look into the noise issue and determine if any changes can be made.

Commissioner Richert said a resident submitted an email regarding the Amazon trucks pulling over across the street at the intersection of North Drive and Deer Run Road. The resident requested a no stopping sign to try to prevent this from happening. Commissioner Richert said she addressed the concern with Amazon, and the trucks seem to be pulling over further down Deer Run Road near 79 North. She said they might be pulling over to allow their GPS to recalibrate. The Township will continue to monitor where the trucks are pulling over.

Commissioner Richert said there was a concern about weight limits on the Township's roads. Manager Patterson has asked HRG to provide a cost estimate to complete a study.

Commissioner Richert said a resident submitted an email about lights on at Amazon. The email included pictures showing the lights and showing how the lights were shining into the resident's house. Commissioner Richert explained that these are temporary lights, and she will discuss the lights with Amazon to determine if they can adjust the lights. The email also stated a concern for a fence falling over between the resident's house and Towlift. Manager Patterson stated she will contact the Industrial Park about this concern.

Commissioner Richert said the monthly meeting with Amazon is next week. They previously discussed potential signage, opening another plant across the river, which might alleviate some of the activity at the North Drive location, and they switched some of their carrier services to local companies and the owners are on site every day so they can address concerns.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Manager Patterson stated that the November 4, 2020 Planning Commission Meeting is being changed to November 5, 2020 because the Township office building and garage are being disinfected the day after the election.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to appoint Eric Fulmer to the Zoning Hearing Board. Commissioner Haluka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the September bill list in the amount of \$45,442.40; to ratify September pre-paid bills in the amount of \$15,609.02; and to ratify September payroll transfers in the amount of \$22,955.37. Commissioner Richert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Darragh said the work for the Culligan sewer line repairs has been scheduled for next Spring.

QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY (QVAA):

Commissioner Haluka provided some information about the recent audit.

Commissioner Haluka explained the new 2021 QVAA subscription plan, which is as follows: The current QVAA model is a per capita charge that is paid by the Township and covers 100% of the out of pocket charges after a resident's health insurance coverage. Under the new QVAA model, the per capita charge stays the same; however, 50% of the out of pocket charges will be covered. Commissioner Haluka said the plan had to be changed because under the current model the QVAA has too much of a budget deficit. Manager Patterson asked Commissioner Haluka if she could obtain a letter from QVAA explaining the change, so she can update the information on the Township's website.

QVCOG:

Vice President Williams said the annual Adapt Dinner, which is a virtual dinner because of COVID-19, is Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. There are currently 15 sponsors, and the event is free to the public.

SOLICITOR:

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Manager Patterson said she heard from Leet Township that the Quaker Valley High School plans are almost ready to be submitted to the Leet Township Planning Commission. If anyone is interested in reviewing information regarding this topic, go to the Leet Township website (leettownship.org).

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Not requested.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek
Township Secretary