

**Legislative Meeting Activity**

**October 21, 2019**

<u><b>TITLE</b></u>	<u><b>MOTION</b></u>	<u><b>SECOND</b></u>
Approve the September 16, 2019 Legislative Meeting Minutes	Comm. Darragh	Comm. Williams
Motion to exonerate the following real estate taxpayers: a. Trustees of Title to the Masonic Temple – lot on Redgate Road/423-P-83 for \$338,000 reduction in assessed valuation for 2019 (refund of \$1,159.34); b. Masonic Temple – lot on Merriman Road/423-R-60 for \$3,500 reduction in assessed valuation for 2019 (refund of \$12.01); c. Masonic Temple – 981 Redgate Road/423-R-21 for \$45,400 reduction in assessed valuation for 2019 (refund of \$155.72); d. Trustees of Title to the Masonic Villages of PA – lot on Redgate Road/423-P-89 for \$62,800 reduction in assessed valuation for 2019 (refund of \$215.40); e. Masonic Temple – lot on Merriman Road/423-R-60 for \$3,500 reduction in assessed valuation for 2018 (refund of \$12.01); f. Priminvest Corporation – 131 Ferndale Avenue/ 422-K-185 for \$16,400 reduction in assessed valuation for 2019 (refund of \$57.40)	Comm. Williams	Comm. Darragh
Approve the September bill list in the amount of \$77,675.42; ratify the September pre-paid bills in the amount of \$14,468.42, and ratify the September payroll transfers in the amount of \$14,883.90	Comm. Darragh	Comm. Richert
Approve settlement of Masonic lawsuit as recommended by our litigation counsel in the amount of \$150,000, all of which is covered by and paid from our insurance policy	Comm. Darragh	Comm. Richert
Authorize Solicitor to enter into stipulation Negotiated by Quaker Valley School District with Masonic for parcel #423-P-20 for the assessed value Of 80% of the recent sales price	Comm. Richert	Comm. Williams
Adjournment		

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO**  
**LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

**October 21, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Vice-President George Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Those in attendance were Commissioner Arthur Williams, Commissioner Daniel Darragh, Commissioner Amy Richert, Solicitor Harlan Stone and Manager Gwen Patterson. This meeting was held at Masonic Village.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the September 16, 2019 Legislative Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**REPORTS:**

**TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER:**

Treasurer Clayton Steup gave the report for the month of September. The report was accepted. Vice President Jones, Treasurer Steup, and Manager Patterson will meet tomorrow to discuss the preliminary draft of the 2020 budget.

**POLICE:**

Ohio Township Chief Joseph Hanny gave his report to the Board and the public for the month of September. Chief Hanny updated the Board and residents about fraud calls, including one known as the grandparent scam. He encouraged residents to call the Ohio Township Police Department or 911 to report any strange phone calls or scams. The report was accepted.

**FIRE:**

No report.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

No report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Manager Patterson read the Public Works report for the month of September. The report was accepted.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Manager Patterson read several emails received by the Township. Topics included traffic issues on North Drive, screening at the proposed park at Weber Road/Ingleside Drive, and the use of the pop-up emergency box on the website. She then explained the Latest News button that has been added to the website.

**PLANNING/ZONING:**

No report.

**TAX COLLECTION:**

Commissioner Williams made a motion to exonerate the following taxpayers:

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Commissioner Darragh seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**FINANCE:**

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the September bill list in the amount of \$77,675.42; to ratify the September pre-paid bills in the amount of \$14,468.42; and to ratify the September payroll transfers in the amount of \$14,883.90. Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:**

No report.

**QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:**

No report.

**QVCOG:**

Commissioner Williams explained the joint purchasing function of the QVCOG. He explained the COG's involvement in the Route 65 Corridor study. They have met with consultants who will be studying the economic and traffic issues along the corridor. Vice President Jones stated that he attended a Quaker Valley Mayors and Presidents Breakfast and learned that many communities want to work together, especially with shared services.

**SOLICITOR:**

No report.

Solicitor Stone asked for an executive session to discuss litigation.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**COMMISSIONER VACANCY:**

Vice President Jones stated that the Board is continuing to accept letters of interest for the open Commissioner seat until November 11, 2019.

**2020 BUDGET UPDATE:**

Manager Patterson stated that the first budget committee meeting will be tomorrow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**MEETING LOCATION CHANGE:**

Vice President Jones announced that the November 11, 2019 Workshop Meeting will be held at the Aleppo Township Volunteer Fire Station.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Commissioner Williams and Manager Patterson thanked Masonic Village for hosting the COG dinner last week.

Resident Braden Blosser asked about the rock sculptures along Deer Run Road. Manager Patterson explained that they were stacked by the Public Works crews when they were clearing some trees and they do not have any meaning or significance. He also asked about the bike trails as part of the Route 65 Corridor Study. Commissioner Williams explained that they are looking for ways to link the communities but that there are not specific locations mapped out yet.

**At 7:35 PM the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss current and pending litigation and returned to regular session at 7:59 PM.**

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the settlement of the Masonic lawsuit as recommended by our litigation counsel in the amount of \$150,000, all of which is covered by and paid from our insurance policy. Commissioner Richert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Richert made a motion to authorize the Solicitor to enter into the stipulation negotiated by Quaker Valley School District with Masonic for parcel #423-P-20 for the assessed value of 80% of the recent sales price. Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Vice President Jones adjourned the meeting at 8:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen M. Patterson  
Township Manager