

**Legislative Meeting Activity**

**September 18, 2023**

<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>MOTION</u></b>	<b><u>SECOND</u></b>
Approve the September 11, 2023 Workshop Meeting Minutes	Commissioner Darragh	Commissioner Richert
Approve the Youngblood Pay Request No. 1 for the 2023 Paving Project in the amount of \$401, 983.24.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams
Adopt the Concurring Resolution Applying for a 2023 GEDTF Grant for Stormwater Project Funding.	Commissioner Haluka	Commissioner Richert
Adopt the revised Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams
Approve the August bill list in the amount of \$434,319.03; to ratify August pre-paid bills in the amount of \$10,847.85; and to ratify August payroll transfers in the amount of \$25,850.94.	Commissioner Haluka	Commissioner Darragh
Accept the 2024 Police Pension MMO in the amount of \$0 and the 2024 Non-Uniform MMO in the amount of \$14,600.	Commissioner Richert	Commissioner Darragh
Adjournment		

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO****LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES****September 18, 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 Commissioner Dan Darragh, Commissioner Amy Richert, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Manager Gwen Patterson, and Secretary Patty Krecek. Commissioner Judy Haluka arrived at 7:01 p.m. Vice President Arthur Williams arrived at 7:09 p.m. President Jones announced that the meeting is being recorded.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the September 11, 2023 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Richert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING: SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (SALDO):**

Solicitor Stone said the date and time for this public hearing was advertised for the adoption of the Aleppo Township Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance as amended. He said as part of the hearing we will first hear from anyone who wishes to speak in favor of or in opposition of the proposed ordinance. Solicitor Stone said the evidentiary hearing is officially open. Laura Ludwig, Senior Planner, from HRG, said they were the project consultant for the SALDO update. She provided a presentation that included the significant changes made to the SALDO, the review and approval process, and the comments from Allegheny County. Solicitor Stone said there are no other speakers who wish to comment either in favor of or in opposition to the SALDO. He said the following two documents should be part of the meeting minutes as exhibits: the Proof of Publication of tonight's meeting in compliance with the MPC (Municipalities Planning Code) and a copy of the revised SALDO. Solicitor Stone then closed the public hearing.

**REPORTS:****POLICE:**

Manager Patterson gave the report for the month of August. There were 50 calls, which included 28 EMS assists, 7 traffic citations, and a few alarms for residents and animal complaints. The report was accepted.

**FIRE COMPANY:**

Fire Chief Bill Davis, Jr. provided a detailed report for January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 to the Board. Chief Davis said the fire company responded to 175 calls, which included 63 for Sewickley Heights Borough, and 112 for Aleppo Township. Of the 112 calls for Aleppo, 72 were mutual aid, so there were 40 calls for Aleppo. Mutual aid is assisting other fire companies throughout the area when needed. He said the number of mutual aid calls has been increasing for the past four to five years, and most of these calls are cancelled on route, which is causing issues for the fire company such as the volunteer fire fighters not showing up for these types of calls. Chief Davis said last week another borough had a call for a carbon monoxide detector and four fire companies were dispatched, including Aleppo. He said a lot of the borough owned fire companies are consolidating with other borough owned fire companies because there is a shortage of manpower. He said only 30% of the volunteer fire fighters for Aleppo live in Aleppo Township. Manager Patterson said the report that Chief Davis provided has a lot of calls that the fire company was dispatched for and cancelled on route. She said that means there are many volunteer fire fighters leaving their job to go to the fire station to get on the trucks to go to a call and then it is cancelled on route. President Jones suggested putting a posting on the Township website with the types of positions for the Volunteer Fire Company because there are positions that do not include climbing a ladder or going into a burning structure.

Chief Davis provided the following summary for 2023 so far: Received the new fire truck in May 2023; the truck was involved in an accident, so it will be out of service until at least October 2023. A new five-year contract with Sewickley Heights Borough was signed and the borough will be paying for 50% of the cost for replacing the squad truck and ownership will be turned over to the fire company; the new truck should arrive around mid-October 2023. The open house for the fire company will be on October 7, 2023 instead of in May because it is the date of their 75th anniversary. As of September 18, 2023, the fire company has responded to 160 calls, which included 57 for Sewickley Heights Borough, and 103 for Aleppo Township. Of the 103 calls for Aleppo, 68 were mutual aid, so there were 35 calls for Aleppo. There have been discussions about offering a pay incentive per call for volunteer fire fighters, e.g., \$10.00 per call. Contract negotiations with Aleppo Township will occur soon.

The report was accepted.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

Commissioner Haluka said she is thinking about offering a CPR First Aid class to the public at no cost. The report was accepted.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Manager Patterson provided the detailed report for the month of August to the Board. The report was accepted.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the Youngblood Pay Request No. 1 for the 2023 Paving Project in the amount of \$401, 983.24. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Haluka made a motion to adopt the Concurring Resolution Applying for a 2023 GEDTF Grant for Stormwater Project Funding. Commissioner Richert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Commissioner Richert said the Township received a call from a resident, Cathy Davidson, about deer in her yard and the Township's deer program. Commissioner Richert said in the past two to three years, the Township has discussed options for controlling the deer population at meetings in 2017 and 2020, and it was determined that since Aleppo Township does not have any public parks, they are unable to offer a program that would allow hunters to help control the deer population. She said an Ordinance was adopted in January 2023 that prohibits the feeding of deer, and there are deer management resources listed on the Township's website under Latest News. Commissioner Richert said the Township has received two complaints about speeding on Redgate Road. She said the Township has asked the Ohio Township Chief of Police to schedule another targeted speed detail within the next couple of weeks. The report was accepted.

**PLANNING/ZONING:**

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to adopt the revised Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER:**

Manager Patterson provided the detailed reports for the month of August to the Board. The report was accepted.

**FINANCE:**

Commissioner Haluka made a motion to approve the August bill list in the amount of \$434,319.03; to ratify August pre-paid bills in the amount of \$10,847.85; and to ratify August payroll transfers in the amount of \$25,850.94. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Richert made a motion to accept the 2024 Police Pension MMO in the amount of \$0 and the 2024 Non-Uniform MMO in the amount of \$14,600. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:**

No report.

**QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:**

No report.

**QVCOG:**

No report.

**SOLICITOR:**

No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Not needed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

President Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek  
Township Secretary