

Legislative Meeting Activity

January 18, 2021

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve the January 11, 2021 Workshop Meeting Minutes.	Vice President Williams	Commissioner Haluka
Adopt the ASO Joint Comprehensive Plan 2020 Update Resolution.	Vice President Williams	Commissioner Richert
Approve the Zoning Ordinance Revision Proposal from HRG Engineering.	Commissioner Darragh	Commissioner Haluka
Approve the December bill list in the amount of \$45,724.32; to ratify December pre-paid bills in the amount of \$15,031.68; and to ratify December payroll transfers in the amount of \$18,100.90.	Commissioner Darragh	Vice President Williams
Transfer the following amounts for the payment of road salt invoices: \$10,917.28 from the Liquid Fuels Fund to the General Fund. \$7,438.54 from the Liquid Fuels Fund to the General Fund	Commissioner Haluka	Commissioner Darragh
Adjournment		

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO**LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES****January 18, 2021****CALL TO ORDER:**

President Jones called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with roll call. Those in attendance were Vice President Arthur Williams, Commissioner Daniel Darragh, Commissioner Amy Richert, Commissioner Judy Haluka, Solicitor Harlan Stone, and Manager Gwen Patterson. Secretary Patty Krecek was not in attendance. The meeting is being recorded and conducted remotely using video communications.

EXPLANATION OF MEETING FORMAT:

Solicitor Stone said the Board is meeting under the guidelines established by the governor and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for public meetings during the COVID-19 crisis.

MINUTES:

Vice President Williams made a motion to approve the January 11, 2021 Workshop Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Haluka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS**POLICE:**

Ohio Township Chief Joseph Hanny gave his report for the month of December. There was a total of 55 calls, which included 23 EMS assists. Chief Hanny said there were several call outs for the road crew to handle and he said they did a wonderful job keeping the roadways clear from the snow. The report was accepted.

Commissioner Richert read an email from a resident regarding the riots that took place at the Capitol building in Washington D.C. and if anyone on the public payroll participated in the riots. President Jones stated he is unaware of any participation by the Ohio Township police or employees of Aleppo Township.

FIRE:

No report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

Commissioner Haluka said Masonic remains one of the lowest numbers of COVID infections of any continuing care facility, and they are hoping to begin vaccination at Masonic by mid next week. The report was accepted.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Manager Patterson provided a brief summary for the month of December. The detailed report was provided to the Board. The report was accepted.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Commissioner Richert read an email from a resident regarding the Amazon vans parking on the side of the road on Deer Run Road. Commissioner Richert said a meeting with Amazon is scheduled for next Monday.

PLANNING/ZONING:

Vice President Williams made a motion to adopt the ASO Joint Comprehensive Plan 2020 Update Resolution. Commissioner Richert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the Zoning Ordinance Revision Proposal from HRG Engineering. Commissioner Haluka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TAX COLLECTOR/TREASURER:

President Jones stated that it appears revenues were over budget for 2020, so it appears that COVID did not affect revenues too much.

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

FINANCE:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the December bill list in the amount of \$45,724.32; to ratify December pre-paid bills in the amount of \$15,031.68; and to ratify December payroll transfers in the amount of \$18,100.90. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Haluka made a motion to transfer the following amounts for the payment of road salt invoices:

- \$10,917.28 from the Liquid Fuels Fund to the General Fund
- \$7,438.54 from the Liquid Fuels Fund to the General Fund

Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY:

Commissioner Darragh said he met with President Jones and Manager Patterson last week and discussed the issues related to finalizing the Authority's 2021 sewer budget. He said they discussed how to use the bond refinance savings of \$70,000. They decided the money should be used to benefit the sewer ratepayers, so \$40,000 will be given to the Authority for use in their annual budget. The use of the remaining \$30,000 in

savings is yet to be determined. He also said the Authority is meeting next week and then the 2021 sewer budget can be finalized.

QUAKER VALLEY AMBULANCE AUTHORITY:

No report.

QVCOG:

No report.

SOLICITOR:

No report.

Solicitor Stone stated he is in favor of approving the Road Weight Limit Study Proposal from HRG Engineering; however, he would like it to be approved subject to his review of the contract terms and conditions proposed by HRG.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

ROAD WEIGHT LIMIT STUDY PROPOSAL:

President Jones stated that for the past four or five years there have been concerns about heavy construction vehicles using Weber Road. He said that after a discussion with Public Works and others involved, the Township would like to study the possibility of assigning weight limits to Weber Road. President Jones said in order to make the weight limits enforceable, an engineering study needs to be completed. He said HRG Engineering submitted a proposal with a cost around \$7,000.00, which was less than he anticipated. Manager Patterson said the HRG Proposal is for studying the weight limit issue for Weber Road and other roads in that neighborhood. Solicitor Stone said there are PennDOT regulations, and in order to enforce a weight limit and create an Ordinance, the weight limit has to be supported by a PennDOT approved study. Solicitor Stone also said that if there are weight limit signs, the Township can require vehicles that are over the weight limit to post bonds as security. And, if they have not posted the bond, the Township can have the police enforce it and they can be cited. He said the fines can be considerable; therefore, most trucks or heavy equipment companies will post the bond. Chief Hanny said he has one officer that is certified with the weighing scales owned by the OTPD, and they have utilized the scales in some of the other boroughs.

SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS MANOR ANNUAL MEETING:

Manager Patterson said she received an email today asking the Board to consider a request to use the Public Works garage for the Sewickley Heights Manor annual meeting in March. She said they are looking for a place to host 95 people and they are unsure if they will be able to use an elementary school like they normally do. The meeting would be one hour to 90 minutes and they would require masks and social distancing. The Board is going to suggest the idea of having the meeting via Zoom because of the

Governor's current guidelines stating a maximum of 50 people for an indoor event and those guidelines will probably still be in place in March.

ACT 331 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Vice President Williams stated that the Township received a document about a month ago regarding Act 331 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. He said there is verbiage about an increase in compensation for commissioners. Manager Patterson said she will provide more details to the Board at the next meeting.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Not requested.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek
Township Secretary

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