

Workshop Meeting Activity

January 11, 2021

TITLE

Approve the December 21, 2020 Legislative Meeting Minutes.

Adjournment

MOTION

Commissioner Darragh

SECOND

Vice President Williams

DRAFT

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 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:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the December 21, 2020 Legislative Meeting Minutes. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

ASO JOINT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTION RESOLUTION:

Manager Patterson said this is the comprehensive plan that Aleppo shares with Sewickley and Glen Osborne Borough, which was created in 2008, and revised approximately every 10 years. She said the plan is now online, so it is more accessible to anyone who is interested in reviewing it. Manager Patterson stated that a public hearing was held, and a Resolution has been created for the updated comprehensive plan, which will need to be approved by the Board of Commissioners at the Legislative meeting on January 18, 2021. After the updated plan is adopted, the revision of the Zoning Ordinance will begin.

ZONING ORDINANCE REVISION PROPOSAL FROM HRG ENGINEERING:

Manager Patterson said the proposal from HRG Engineering will be on the agenda for approval by the Board of Commissioners at the Legislative meeting on January 18, 2021. The approval will authorize HRG to be the consultant for the Zoning Ordinance re-write. Laura Ludwig from HRG will be the lead consultant for this project. She was the consultant for the parking ordinance overlay and she is a zoning expert. Manager Patterson stated that the Planning Commission will work on the changes at their regular monthly meeting. This process should take approximately one year to complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

VACANCY ON ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY BOARD:

President Jones said that Len Kinter, who recently passed away, was a member of the community and he did incredible work for the community. He was a real asset to the ATA Board, and he will be missed very much. President Jones stated there is a vacancy on the Board, so if anyone is interested, they should contact Gwen Patterson.

TRASH/RECYCLING CONTRACT:

President Jones said that the trash/recycling contract is being negotiated by the COG with input from all of the communities. He said if anyone knows of any new services or programs that the Board should review, please submit the information to Gwen Patterson. Commissioner Darragh said that the Township should get information about glass recycling. President Jones said that the COG has asked the Township to host at least one dumpster day for glass recycling and it will be part of the negotiations. Vice President Williams said he has been talking with the people at Masonic Village who are involved with the recycling program and they are struggling with glass recycling and what to do with it.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY BUDGET:

Commissioner Darragh said that the 2021 budget was separated with one budget for sewer operation and one budget for water operation. He said the 2021 water operation budget was adopted with no increase in rates. Commissioner Darragh said the sewer operation budget includes a rate increase. He said there have been discussions with President Jones and Manager Patterson about how to use the bond refinance savings and how some of those funds might be applied to the sewer operation. He also said that for the sewer budget they are waiting for a determination as to what the debt service amount is going to be for the Glen Osborne interconnect debt service.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Not requested.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by President Jones at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek
Township Secretary