

**Workshop Meeting Activity**

**April 8, 2019**

<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>MOTION</u></b>	<b><u>SECOND</u></b>
Approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2019	Comm. Darragh	VP Jones
Authorize our solicitor to draft an amendment to our fracking ordinance to include seismic survey, injection well, and use table default for unlisted uses using the Belle Acres ordinances for reference	VP Jones	Comm. Duplaga
Defer the motion for one week	Pres. Doeblen	Comm. Darragh
Adjournment		

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO**

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

**April 8, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Matthew Doebler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Those in attendance were Vice-President George Jones, Commissioner Daniel Darragh, Commissioner Michelle Duplaga, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Manager Gwen Patterson and Secretary Kimberly Koskey. Commissioner Arthur Williams was not in attendance.

**MINUTES:**

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2019. Vice President Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF VACANT LOT (422-G-351):**

Solicitor Lovato reported that the County has agreed to front the cost for and ordered an appraisal of the lot. The County wants the School District and Aleppo Township to split the cost of moving forward with the sale. Manager Patterson said she assumes the County will take the cost of the appraisal out of the proceeds from the sale of the lot. She also explained it is up to the School District and the Township to decide on how to sell the lot. For example: via sealed bids or a live auction. After the appraisal is received the Solicitor will work with the School District to establish procedure for bidding.

The Board discussed the progress on the clean up of the lot owned by Sewickley Borough on Glen Mitchell Road. Commissioner Darragh reported that more stuff has been dumped there. He also explained that a Storage Lot application has been submitted to Sewickley regarding this lot. Manager Patterson reported that a W-9 was received from Sewickley and believes this could result in the payment for the Storage Lot application.

The Board also discussed the Emergency Communications letter that was sent by the Township to the residents. Manager Patterson reported they were all mailed and are already receiving some back.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WILLIAM EATON SUBDIVISION PLAN:**

Manager Patterson reported the engineer for this plan will be at the next meeting to review the drawing. Most of the land is in Glen Osbourne, but it stretches in to Aleppo. The subdivision includes the property in Glen Osbourne and Aleppo Township as well as the house on the property. The developer plans to develop the land that is in Glen Osbourne, but the land in Aleppo Township is a cliff to a stream to a guiderail and is not likely to be developed.

**QVCOG EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITY:**

Commissioner Duplaga reported there is an Emergency Management training coming up if any of the Commissioners have not yet had the training or if they feel they would want an update. The training is Monday, April 29, 2019.

**REVIEW OF CYBER LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY:**

President Doebler reviewed the Township's Cyber Liability Policy and the exclusions in the Policy. He believes the Township needs a Privacy Policy to cover the specific exclusions in the Policy. He also stated there is a complementary risk management service in the Cyber Liability Policy that he believes the Township should look into.

Commissioner Duplaga reported on a study done by PennDot that she reviewed online regarding the effectiveness of painted lines on roads instead of speed bumps/humps. She explained the study was done at night and how effective it was for traffic/speed calming. One of the options was a hard curb line which was the most effective method. The second option that was found to be very effective were painted lines on the road. Commissioner Duplaga felt these options were the most cost effective as opposed to the expense of speed bumps/humps. Vice President Jones stated that he believed the addition of signs would also be effective.

Vice President Jones reported that at a meeting with Doug Shields, Mr. Shields recommended some deficiencies in the Township's Fracking Ordinances. Mr. Shields pointed out the following three specific additions to be included in the Fracking Ordinances: 1) A seismic survey, 2) Injection wells and 3) a default for unlisted uses. He also stated that Manager Patterson found the Belle Acres Ordinance for comparison and found they have added these changes to their Ordinances. Leet Township was another municipality that added these changes.

Vice President Jones made a motion to authorize our solicitor to draft an amendment to our fracking ordinance to include seismic survey, injection well, and use table default for unlisted uses using the Belle Acres ordinances for reference. Commissioner Duplaga seconded.

President Doebler made a motion to defer the motion for one week. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Jones suggested the Board write a letter to Sewickley supporting the effort of the conversion of their waste water treatment plant to a pump station utilizing Leetsdale's offer. He would also like to have some participation in that decision making. President Doebler also reported that he was informed that Sewickley is moving forward with merging sewage with Leetsdale and that it was reported that rates would stay the same or go down. President Doebler suggested that Vice President Jones draft a letter for the next meeting for the Board to review. Commissioner Darragh stated the Sewickley meetings will be public meetings for participation and information. After further discussion, Vice President Jones agreed to work with Commissioner Darragh to draft a letter requesting that Aleppo be kept informed about Sewickley's potential sewage merger with Leetsdale.

Commissioner Duplaga reported that she received information at the conference that the County is in the process of creating a landslide task force to look into prevention for future landslides. She also reported that she inquired about the legislation regarding future landslide insurance for municipalities.

Commissioner Duplaga also reported on a website that she was made aware of at the conference regarding road opening projects throughout the County. The municipalities can put their road projects on the website as well as utilities can post their upcoming projects on the website so the road openings can be coordinated and be more cost effective. The website is called Coordinate PA through 811.

President Doebler reported that the Earth Day event will be held in Aleppo Township on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Aleppo Township Building.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

Resident Art Capuzzi asked for the PennDot study website and expressed his concerns regarding traffic mirrors in the Township. Resident Don Black expressed his concerns regarding the signage and lines for the Township.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Koskey  
Township Secretary