

Workshop Meeting Activity

August 12, 2019

TITLE

MOTION

SECOND

Approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of
July 15, 2019

Comm. Williams

Comm. Darragh

Adjournment

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 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 Michelle Duplaga, Solicitor Christopher Lovato, Manager Gwen Patterson and Secretary Kimberly Koskey.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2019. Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

VERIZON FRANCHISE AGREEMENT ORDINANCE:

Manager Patterson presented a copy of the Ordinance that was advertised. This agreement will be on the agenda to be voted on next week.

MEETING PROCEDURE UPDATES:

Vice President Jones stated this was given to the Board last month for review. Commissioner Darragh questions Paragraph 4. Manager Patterson explained it was good to have a back-up set of rules. Commissioner Darragh would like Paragraph 4 to read differently, not using the word “adopts”. He will correct Paragraph 4 by next week for the Board to vote on.

RHODES AVENUE: GEOTECHNICAL MONITORING PROPOSALS AND SURFACE REPAIR:

Manager Patterson reported there are two different options that HRG put together for the Board to review. The first option is for 2 test bore holes at \$36,395.00, and the second option is for 3 borings the cost would be \$44,395.00. She also stated this was up to the Board to decide if they want to pursue this Geotechnical monitoring. The Board discussed the surface repair, gathering more data and the options to pursue these options or not due to the expense of the monitoring. Vice President Jones stated this area is vulnerable and repairs have been made in the past. He questioned whether to spend the money to study the site or spend the money to repair the area. Vice President Jones also stated the Public Works department agreed this repair could be done in-house at about \$18,000.00 to avoid the \$40,000 + bids that were submitted for this repair. Manager Patterson will ask Ben Gilberti from HRG to attend the meeting next week to discuss the options.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEES:

Vice President Jones stated that a Personnel committee was added to the list. The Board will review the list and decide on the committees at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

PSAB 457(b) PENSION PLAN RESOLUTION:

Manager Patterson explained the Township sponsors but does not fund this plan. This is an optional plan for employees to contribute their own money toward their own pension plan to fund if they choose. This used to be governed by a master agreement through PSAB. They switched the vendor who will be the trustee of this plan. MetLife is requiring individual agreements with each municipality. This resolution will be on the agenda next week to be voted on.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY MUNICIPAL SNOW & ICE AGREEMENT 2019-2022:

Manager Patterson explained this is a renewal of an agreement the Township has had with the County for years to plow the County roads and receive reimbursement for this service. This will be on the agenda for next week to be adopted.

AIRBNB/SHORT TERM RENTALS:

Resident Mary Mannion expressed her concerns regarding a house in her neighborhood that she suspects is being used as an AirBnB. Solicitor Lovato explained the laws regarding these short-term rentals have changed for these types of businesses. He also explained that a new case found that if an Ordinance is silent on short-term rentals it is interpreted as prohibition. He also explained an ordinance could be considered. They could also look into the Zoning Ordinances for these issues. Manager Patterson stated these short-term rentals are also being reviewed by the ASO. After these revisions the AirBnB's will be addressed.

Commissioner Duplaga would like to discuss the spring along Sewickley Heights Drive with Ben Gilberti at next weeks meeting.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Braden Blosser expressed his concerns regarding the AirBnB's. He also questioned if Aleppo Township could enforce Allegheny County's Ordinance regarding trucks idling.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Koskey
Township Secretary