

Workshop Meeting Activity

December 12, 2022

TITLE

MOTION

SECOND

Approve the November 21, 2022 Legislative Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Richert

Commissioner Haluka

Approve a one-time bonus of \$1,000 for each employee of Aleppo Township to stave off inflation and as a thank you for a job well done.

Commissioner Haluka

Commissioner Richert

Adjournment

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2022

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 Amy Richert, Commissioner Judy Haluka, Manager Gwen Patterson, and Secretary Patty Krecek. Solicitor Harlan Stone arrived at 7:03 p.m. Vice President Arthur Williams and Commissioner Dan Darragh were not in attendance. President Jones announced that the meeting is being recorded.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Richert made a motion to approve the November 21, 2022 Legislative Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Haluka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:03 p.m. the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss personnel. The Board returned to regular session at 7:08 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

2023 BUDGET ORDINANCE AND 2023 MILLAGE ORDINANCE:

Commissioner Haluka made a motion to approve a one-time bonus of \$1,000 for each employee of Aleppo Township to stave off inflation and as a thank you for a job well done. Commissioner Richert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REDGATE ROAD PENNDOT TRAFFIC STUDY CONCLUSION:

President Jones said PennDOT completed a traffic study, and he asked Manager Patterson to provide the results. Manager Patterson provided a letter from PennDOT with the results of the study, and she summarized the results as follows: Redgate Road warrants a restriction of trucks over 40 feet in length. PennDOT will implement the truck restriction and install the appropriate signs as soon as scheduling permits. PennDOT recommends that the Township remove the non-standard “No Thru Truck Traffic” sign at the intersection of Redgate Road and Merriman Road. Manager Patterson said the sign has been removed. President Jones asked Manager Patterson to communicate with Haysville to find out how they feel about the results of the study.

President Jones asked if there has been any further discussion with the Ohio Township Police about monitoring speed on Redgate Road. Manager Patterson said that money has been allocated for 2023 for police patrols in various spots around the Township. President Jones asked if the schedule will be according to what Ohio Township thinks will be the most effective, and Manager Patterson said, Yes.

DRAFT OF ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF DEER:

President Jones said a draft ordinance has been provided, and he asked Solicitor Stone to discuss the ordinance. Solicitor Stone provided the following summary: The Game Commission has literature that strongly recommends against feeding deer because of various health problems such as tick-borne illnesses and safety problems with traffic. Enforcement will be the same as any other Township ordinance. Commissioner Haluka discussed the feeding of birds and asked for clarification of how that would be interpreted with this ordinance. Solicitor Stone read the section of the ordinance that contains the details of the disbursement of food for deer. The ordinance does not prohibit bird feeders with bird seed.

President Jones asked Manager Patterson to get feedback from Commissioner Darragh and then proceed with advertising the ordinance. Manager Patterson said she will advertise the ordinance to be adopted at the January 16, 2023 Legislative Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2023 MEETING DATES:

Manager Patterson said the meeting dates for the Workshop and Legislative Meetings for 2023 have been published. She said the Workshop Meetings are the second Monday of the month and the Legislative Meetings are the third Monday of the month with the exception of March where the meeting is on a Tuesday. President Jones said he would like to have the September Legislative Meeting at Masonic and the November Workshop Meeting at the Fire Station if they will have us back.

MS4 WAIVER:

Manager Patterson said the Township has received another five year waiver from the requirements of the DEP's MS4 Stormwater regulation program. President Jones would like to send a second letter to PennDOT regarding Deer Run to make sure they know that the Township is intending to protect their asset. Solicitor Stone said he will draft the letter.

AMAZON CANOPY LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION:

Manager Patterson said the applicants are still working on a few final requirements to comply with the engineering review letter before the Planning Commission can recommend approval. She said they are not sure yet if these will be completed by next week's Legislative meeting. If not, the application will be on the agenda in January 2023.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES:

Manager Patterson said that all Township offices will be closed on Friday, December 23, 2022 and Monday, December 26, 2022 for the Christmas Holiday, and Friday, December 30, 2022 and Monday, January 2, 2023 for the New Year's Holiday.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Not requested.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek
Township Secretary