

Workshop Meeting Activity

February 13, 2023

TITLE

MOTION

SECOND

Approve the January 16, 2023 Legislative Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Darragh

Vice President Williams

Adjournment

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

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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 Vice President Arthur Williams, Commissioner Dan Darragh, Commissioner Amy Richert, Solicitor Harlan Stone, Manager Gwen Patterson, and Secretary Patty Krecek. Commissioner Judy Haluka was not in attendance. President Jones announced that the meeting is being recorded.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to approve the January 16, 2023 Legislative Meeting Minutes. Vice President Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE ADOPTED ON JANUARY 16, 2023 FOR PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF DEER:

Commissioner Darragh suggested that the Township publicize the no feeding the deer ordinance. Manager Patterson said it is on the Township website in Latest News. Vice President Williams said it has been on the TV broadcast at Masonic Village. Manager Patterson said she will send a copy to Susan at The Manor office. President Jones asked Manager Patterson to contact The Sewickley Herald about putting a notice in the paper.

VACANCY ON PLANNING COMMISSION AND UPCOMING OPENING ON THE ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY BOARD:

Manager Patterson said she received one inquiry about the process of applying for an opening; however, she has not received any responses. She said the opening for the Planning Commission is posted on the Township website in Latest News and listed in the Digest. President Jones asked Manager Patterson to contact The Sewickley Herald about putting an advertisement in the paper. Vice President Williams said he will put the opening on the TV broadcast at Masonic Village.

NEW BUSINESS:

VESCIO PLAN OF LOTS SUBDIVISION PLAN:

Manager Patterson said the Planning Commission recommended approval of a subdivision plan for a lot on Redgate Road. She said it is a triangle shaped lot and there is one house on the smaller point of the triangle, and they are subdividing it and creating a lot for another house.

CONTRACT WITH CODE.SYS CODE CONSULTING, INC. FOR BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES:

Manager Patterson said the Township's long time code enforcement office, Jeff Frazier, passed away suddenly in December 2022. She said she had to quickly find a replacement because there are ongoing houses under construction that needed an inspection. She said she contacted Code.sys, which is a company that the Township used many years ago for a small window of time, and she is now working with an inspector from Code.sys named Bruce Graff. Manager Patterson said he has been very responsive and is giving very thorough inspections. She said the contract is to officially hire Code.sys as the building inspector. Manager Patterson said they do not do code enforcement, so she is still searching for someone to provide that service.

ACT 172 PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS:

Manager Patterson said that starting in 2018 an act was passed by Pennsylvania to give a small tax rebate to first responders if they meet the qualifications of the responding agency they work for. She said for Aleppo Township that would be the Aleppo Township Volunteer Fire Company. Manager Patterson said the rebate is 20% off the local property tax. She said they also get a discount on their earned income tax if they meet the qualifications.

ALEPPO TOWNSHIP SEWER SYSTEM:

Commissioner Darragh said that since the Township owns the sewer system and has a contract with the Authority to run it, the Authority should be required to get the Township's approval for things like Grant applications before they are submitted. Solicitor Stone said that since there is not a Township Commissioner serving on the Authority Board, that creates the need for a greater level of coordination by the liaison between the Township Board of Commissioners and the Authority Board. Solicitor Stone said the Township could be involved with actions relating to bonds, purchasing contracts, and applying for grants and loans. President Jones asked Commissioner Darragh to create a list of actions related to financial commitments that would be appropriate for the Township to be involved in and have Solicitor Stone review the list.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Not requested.

ADJOURNMENT:

President Jones adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek
Township Secretary