

**Workshop Meeting Activity**

**February 8, 2021**

**TITLE**

**MOTION**

**SECOND**

Approve the January 18, 2021 Legislative Meeting Minutes.

Vice President Williams

Commissioner Darragh

Adjournment

**TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO**

**WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

**February 8, 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:**

Vice President Williams made a motion to approve the January 18, 2021 Legislative Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Darragh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**VACANCY ON ALEPPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY BOARD:**

President Jones stated that Rick Starr and Tim Merrill have expressed interest in serving on the Authority Board. President Jones asked each candidate to provide their background and why they are interested in serving on the Board. Rick Starr: Has lived in the Township since 1980; experience with wastewater conveyance systems since 1976; former commissioner for the Township; worked for a robotics firm running their operations group; well versed in sewers and asset management; and retired for about four years. Tim Merrill: Has lived in the Township for two years; previously on Leetsdale Municipal Authority Board and other Boards around Sewickley; he knows about sewage; and understands the current conveyance issue.

Commissioner Darragh stated that he would be willing to resign his position on the Authority Board to make room for both candidates. He would be willing to be a commissioner liaison to help with the transition.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ROAD WEIGHT LIMIT STUDY PROPOSAL:**

Manager Patterson said that she and President Jones met with Ben Gilberti from HRG Engineering. President Jones asked Ben Gilberti to provide costs for core boring, so they will be receiving an updated proposal from HRG.

**ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE:**

Manager Patterson said that the first meeting with the consultants was at the Planning Commission Meeting on February 3, 2021. She said they reviewed the list of topics and decided on the following process: The Planning Commission, the consultants, Manager Patterson, and Solicitor Stone will be the base of the discussions; they will create a draft and then ask the commissioners to review the draft. If a Steering Committee is created, they will be asked to also review the draft. Commissioner Darragh asked if the draft document will be redlined to indicate changes. Manager Patterson said she will discuss the idea with HRG Engineering.

**COMMISSIONER STIPEND INCREASE:**

Vice President Williams stated that the Township received a document a few months ago regarding Act 331 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. He said there is verbiage about an increase in the stipend for commissioners. Manager Patterson said that the current Board can approve the increase at any time; however, no current Board member can receive the increase until they win the seat again in the next election. Solicitor Stone suggested the increase be in a Resolution; therefore, at the Legislative Meeting on February 15, 2021, there will be a motion to authorize Solicitor Stone to create the Resolution to increase the stipend for commissioners to \$3,145 per year.

**NEW BUSINESS:****FENCE REGULATIONS:**

Manager Patterson stated that the Township received a letter from the Sewickley Heights Manor Homes Association with a concern about a fence being built on the property adjacent from the manor property and they want to know the code enforcement process for fences. Manager Patterson said the Township previously received a complaint about the fence and the Code Enforcement Officer for the Township sent a letter to the homeowner and met with the homeowner. The homeowner will be making changes so their fence will be in compliance with the ordinance. Manager Patterson said there is another fence being built on another property adjacent from the manor property; however, they have already communicated with the Township for the regulations.

**ENDURANCE REAL ESTATE LEGAL WAIVER REQUEST:**

President Jones said this request has been cancelled.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Not requested.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned by President Jones at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek  
Township Secretary