

Workshop Meeting Activity

March 14, 2022

TITLE

MOTION

SECOND

Approve the February 14, 2022 Legislative Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Richert

Commissioner Haluka

Adopt a Resolution applying for the Local Share Account Statewide Grant Application for the Deer Run Road Stormwater Project.

Commissioner Haluka

Commissioner Richert

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

MINUTES:

Commissioner Richert made a motion to approve the February 14, 2022 Legislative Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Haluka seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

GUEST FROM BABST CALLAND:

Solicitor Stone introduced Anna Jewart. He said she is one of a number of attorneys from Babst Calland who will be assisting him with his municipal practice.

OLD BUSINESS:

WEIGHT LIMIT/ROAD BONDING ORDINANCE:

Manager Patterson said that due to the cancellation of the February 21, 2022 Legislative Meeting, the ordinance has been re-advertised for adoption at the Legislative Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

REQUEST FOR PARKING REGULATIONS IN SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS MANOR:

Manager Patterson said the Township received a letter on January 27, 2022 from the President of the Board for the Sewickley Heights Manor Homes Association requesting restrictions on parking along Sewickley Heights Drive and Rockledge Drive, and that control over the median/islands be given to the Manor Board. Manager Patterson read the letter for the record. President Jones said there was a brief discussion with the Ohio Township Chief of Police regarding existing regulations for parking and enforcement of new ordinances that might be passed, and he had a discussion with Manor staff to get details on the scope of the issue. He said they have been in the process of trying to define the problem, so they can address it specifically. President Jones said there are some issues that need to be investigated further, so there will be a committee to do the investigation. He said Commissioner Haluka has requested to be on the committee, and he asked Commissioner Darragh to also be on the committee and he said yes. Commissioner Haluka said the objective of the committee is to solve the problem by coming up with a policy for the parking and the islands. She said the first step will be to meet with the Board from the Manor.

GLASS RECYCLING:

Manager Patterson said a site opened on March 12, 2022, and there is information outside of the Township building on the wall and on the Township's website in the Latest News and Trash/Recycling tabs. The information provides the location and rules and regulations for the glass recycling. The site location is at Sewickley Riverfront Park at 300 Chadwick Street in Sewickley. President Jones said this will be a three month trial to see how the program works out.

NANCY DRIVE CAT COMPLAINT:

Manager Patterson said she spoke to the property owner again, and they are still working on the problem. She also said she passed along the name and contact information for a cat rescue organization that is willing to come out and help; however, the property owner has not yet reached out to the organization. Manager Patterson said she received feedback from a neighbor in the area who said he watched the meeting video on the cat problem, and he disagrees with the catch and return program because the cats are roaming on to other properties in the neighborhood. He stated the cats destroyed a pool cover by climbing on it and scratching holes into it, and he also provided pictures of the destruction the cats are doing at his property by using his plantings as litter boxes. Commissioner Haluka said she has spent time trying to deal with this issue and she has spoken to Animal Friends, Department of Health, and two animal rescue organizations. She has been told that feral cats are not considered a biologic problem; therefore, the only answer is to trap, neuter or spay, and release. She said removing feral cats from a colony is literally killing the cats because that is their hunting ground and that is where they know how to survive. All of the organizations said there is no animal agency that would be willing to trap, remove, and release somewhere else.

NEW BUSINESS:**ACT 172 REAL ESTATE TAX REFUNDS:**

Manager Patterson said this is a tax credit given to fire or ambulance volunteers who live in the Township and meet the service level requirements set by the organization, e.g., the Aleppo Township Volunteer Fire Company sets their own membership standards, which are used by the Township to determine who is eligible for either an earned income tax credit or a real estate tax credit. Manager Patterson said there will be a motion on the agenda for the Legislative Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, to grant the real estate tax credit to the eligible first responders that live in Aleppo.

GRANT APPLICATION:

Commissioner Haluka made a motion to adopt a Resolution applying for the Local Share Account Statewide Grant Application for the Deer Run Road Stormwater Project. Commissioner Richert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SNOW REMOVAL FROM ROADS IN ALEPPO TOWNSHIP:

Commissioner Haluka said she has received seven phone calls in the last week from residents who mentioned the fantastic job that the Aleppo Township public works crew has done with the recent snow.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Not requested.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by President Jones at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek
Township Secretary