Workshop Meeting Activity

November 11, 2019

TITLE	MOTION	SECOND
Approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2019	VP Jones	Comm. Richert

Adjournment

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

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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 Amy Richert, Solicitor Christopher Lovato, and Manager Gwen Patterson. This meeting was held at Aleppo Township Volunteer Fire Station.

MINUTES:

Vice President Jones made a motion to approve the Workshop Meeting Minutes of October 14, 2019. Commissioner Richert seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

2020 BUDGET UPDATE:
Manager Patterson provided a brief summary of completion of the 2020 budget. The budget is close to completion. She is working to have draft presented at next week's legislative meeting. The budget is slated for adoption at December legislative meeting.

2018 AUDIT:
Vice President Jones explained that he, Manager Patterson, and Treasurer Steup met to review the audit from 2018. The audit was in order. There were no big surprises, and there will be no tax increases.

CLEANUP OF SEWICKLEY LOT ON GLEN MITCHELL:
Manager Patterson summarized status of issue and hopes to work with Marla Marcinko, the new Sewickley Manager. Commissioner Darragh explained that Sewickley has not responded to comments regarding health and safety on the permit application. He asked Solicitor Harlan for input on issuing the permit without the response, and he said it is okay to create a draft permit. Manager Patterson explained that the Sewickley Manager is new to the issue, so she sent information to her.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER VACANCY:
Vice President Jones explained that Commissioner Duplaga resigned, so there is a vacancy. She was already on the election ballot and won; however, she declined because of her new job. Resident Judy Haluka submitted a letter of interest. She introduced herself and explained her qualifications for Commissioner. Solicitor Lovato said the most effective way for the transition is for Vice President Jones to appoint the new commissioner to be seated in January 2020 after getting a letter from Commissioner Duplaga formally declining her election win. Manager Patterson will request the letter.

ALLEPO TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY VACANCY:
Commissioner Darragh announced the vacancy. John Seifarth resigned. The opening should be advertised to solicit interest. The Authority is looking for someone good on the financial side or with experience with water/sewer issues. Vice President Jones said the vacancy will be re-announced at next week's legislative meeting.

NEW TOWNSHIP SECRETARY:
Manager Patterson introduced new secretary Patty Krecek.

EARL AND JUDI SEILER DRAINAGE PROBLEM:
Vice President Jones asked Manager Patterson to explain the drainage problem. Manager Patterson stated she received a letter from the Seilers outlining the problem. Manager Patterson and Vice President Jones met with the engineer today. Discussions and planning will take several months. The paving season has ended, and there is no funding at this time to change the grade of the road. Resident Earl Seiler explained in detail the flooding that occurs when there is a rainstorm. Tim Scott from Public Works provided input. Vice President Jones said this will be addressed in the 2020 budget.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

REDGATE REPAIR:
Commissioner Richert stated she thought there was going to be a wedge curb to fix the problem; however, this was not done. The October 31 storm caused major storm water drainage/flooding. Manager Patterson explained that PennDOT is responsible for the repairs, and they think the wedge curb is not a good idea. PennDOT's preferred method is sheeting. She encouraged submission of pictures and/or video to show PennDOT.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Jones at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Krecek
Township Secretary