

Workshop Meeting Activity

October 8, 2018

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>MOTION</u>	<u>SECOND</u>
Approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2018	Comm. Williams	VP Jones
Permanently move the March Aleppo Legislative meeting from Monday to Tuesday every year	Comm. Williams	Comm. Duplaga
Defer for one week	Pres. Doeblner	Comm. Williams
Hold Aleppo Township's trick or treating on Wednesday, October 31, 2018	Pres. Doeblner	Comm. Duplaga
Adjournment		

TOWNSHIP OF ALEPPO

WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

October 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

President Matthew Doebler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. Those in attendance were Vice President George Jones, Commissioner Arthur Williams, Commissioner Daniel Darragh, Commissioner Michelle Duplaga, Solicitor Christopher Lovato, Manager Gwen Patterson and Secretary Kimberly Koskey.

President Doebler announced that the meeting was being held at Masonic Village to give residents the opportunity to participate in the local government. He also announced that another Workshop Meeting will be held at the Aleppo Volunteer Fire Hall to give residents on the other side of Aleppo Township the same opportunity.

MINUTES:

Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes of September 17, 2018. Vice President Jones seconded. The motions passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

PSAB-MRT PENSION JOINDER AGREEMENT REVISION:

Manager Patterson explained there will be an Ordinance to adopt at next week's legislative meeting. This joinder agreement corrects an error that was made on the original agreement and reflects what is properly being withheld as of January 2018.

VACANCY ON ZONING HEARING BOARD:

Manager Patterson stated the Zoning Hearing Board only meets as needed which is usually once or twice per year. She also stated this an appeals Board. There is one vacancy on this board.

LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FROM GLENFIELD ROAD LLC (WRESTLING TRAINING FACILITY):

Manager Patterson reported on an application from a group of wrestling coaches to build a wrestling training facility for the Quaker Valley youth. She also reported the engineer is reviewing the application and working with the applicants to make sure they meet all the land development requirements. This application may be ready for next week's meeting or November's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

2019 MEETING DATES:

President Doebler explained the March meeting date for 2018 was changed to accommodate the annual meeting of the Sewickley Heights Manor Homeowner's Association. He questioned whether the Board would like to decide on a permanent change or make the decision year by year.

Commissioner Williams made a motion to permanently move the March Aleppo Legislative meeting from Monday to Tuesday every year. Commissioner Duplaga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

President Doebler made a motion to defer for one week. Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

TRICK OR TREAT DATE:

Manager Patterson stated Trick or Treat is held in Aleppo Township on October 31 every year from 6-8 pm.

Commissioner Darragh made a motion to hold Aleppo Township's trick or treating on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Commissioner Duplaga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SEVEN SPRINGS CONFERENCE RECAP:

President Doebler reported that every year the Association of Township Commissioners holds an annual conference at Seven Springs for the Commissioners to attend. He also reported there are several educational programs that the Commissioners attend during the conference. He reported on several of the discussions that were covered.

The first program covered landslides and emergency management. Townships should have and enforce good grading and building codes, require engineers and geologist reports before approving construction in questionable areas, and pay attention to and document known slide areas. The Commissioners and Manager Patterson discussed the slide risks in Aleppo Township which include Redgate Road, Weber Road, Glen Mitchell Road and Rockledge Drive. These areas will be documented as known slide areas.

The next program was a Legislative update from Harrisburg regarding wireless small cell deployments and House Bill 2564 which regulates these wireless small cell deployments.

Another discussion was regarding speeding in Townships. Pennsylvania is the only state that does not allow local police to use radar to enforce speed limits. There was an informal discussion about possibly appointing somebody in Aleppo Township to be responsible for following higher legislation, keeping the Board alert on what is going on and helping decide how or when to take official position with respect to the legislation.

Storm Water Management and MS4 was also discussed. There was an informal discussion about inspecting and regulating construction and whether our ordinances are adequate to be sure the Township is regulating storm water run-off in construction sites. Another discussing regarding the expense of the requirements of MS4 included implementing a Storm Water Use Fee.

The next program was from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Association and the assistance the Township can count on in the event of a disaster. One important note was to always communicate with Allegheny County during an emergency situation.

Another session covered Cyber Liability insurance. The speaker expressed that it was very important to read the Cyber Liability insurance policy to be sure the Township is compliant with the Policy.

Allegheny County executive Rich Fitzgerald gave a presentation on what is going on in Allegheny County which included the bond rating, the new businesses moving in to Allegheny County and developments at the airport.

There was a presentation by Solicitor Chris Lovato regarding regulating Air BNB and other direct to consumer online rental properties in the municipalities.

Another presentation was given by Allegheny County Director of Communications dealing with the media and communicating with residents.

There was a presentation addressing municipal liability with respect to police shootings. Vice President Jones questioned the representative on how this affects municipalities who do not have their own police force, but contracts with a separate municipality. The Township needs to investigate what the liability of Aleppo Township would be if there were a police shooting in the Township.

TOUR OF INDUSTRIAL PARK:

President Doebler reported that Manager Patterson and the Commissioners took a walking tour of the Township's I-79 Industrial Park. There are 29 businesses operating and only 1 vacancy in the Industrial Park.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Masonic Village resident Lannie Gartner asked for an update on our Emergency Management. President Doebler explained the program has an Emergency Management coordinator Judy Haluka who has updated all of the Township's documents pertaining to Emergency Management. President Doebler and Manager Patterson have worked on readying the Township in case of an emergency. They are also working on getting the Reverse 911 system up and running. He also reported on the drill put in place by Judy Haluka for a mock emergency in Aleppo Township which tested the response times to set up an emergency operating center.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Koskey
Township Secretary