

Alexandria Borough Council Meeting Minutes

Roll Call:

- Jane Pilch
- Mike Peters
- Judy Scott (President)
- Kim Diggins
- Dain Davis
- Jen Bellis
- Clay ? (Insurance Guy)

Approval of Previous Minutes

- Motion to accept the July minutes as presented.
 - Motion: Vice President Peters
 - Second: Jane Pilch
 - All in favor. Motion carried.

Financial Report

- Jane questioned an entry for the Nature Park.
- President Scott explained that separate accounts and codes are used for different projects to accurately track labor hours and material costs.
- Motion to accept the financial report and pay bills.
 - Motion: Mike Peters
 - Second: Jane Pilch
 - All in favor. Motion carried.

Representative Reports

Water:

- No report (Kim Diggins).

Sewer:

- Mike Peters: project started today.
- Fire Company requested help finding grants.
- President Scott: received guidance through Senator Ward's office on how the borough can assist.
- Discussion on equipment/truck replacement needs.

Public Comment

Canal Street Project Grant Discussion:

- Jen (grant representative) attended to answer questions.
- Concern raised that funds were not fully reimbursed.
- Dain Davis explained prior grant experiences differed, leading to misunderstanding.
- Jen clarified:
 - Grant was designated specifically for slide replacement.
 - Borough used funds for mulch and some swing replacements.
 - Mulch may not have ranked as highly if originally submitted.
 - Act 13 funds are limited, competitive, and recreation-focused.
- Breakdown of awarded/used funds:
 - \$8,904 awarded (included 6% admin costs).
 - \$159.15 used for slide repair.
 - \$99 used to replace 4 swings.
 - Remaining funds used for mulch.
- President Scott emphasized: sheds/security systems were **not** submitted.
- Appeal will be pursued.

Additional Discussion:

- Canal Street drainage system: PennDOT and borough will handle different portions.
- Vandalism at Canal Street Park: light and camera installed; minimal issues since.
- President Scott comfortable moving forward with two sensory equipment pieces.

Nature Park

- Vintage tree project on Melvin Lane: artist will present ideas at September meeting.
- Fundraising (GoFundMe): delayed until details clarified.
- Council members agreed with delay.

Ordinance Violations

- Jeff will attend at a later date.

Tabled Items

- TASA
- Stormwater Project
- Fundraising Page
- EADs (Lucas absent)
- Preliminary Budget Review

Insurance (Clay)

- Reviewed policies and property coverage.
- Updates needed: storage unit no longer exists; items moved to fire station.
- Deductible: \$500 per occurrence (e.g., pavilion damage).
- Coverage for Nature Park: the borough has a 30+ year lease, liability coverage confirmed.
- Clay requested a master plan to evaluate insurance needs.

- Motion to accept insurance proposal from Clay's company (with noted adjustments).
 - Motion: Mike Peters
 - Second: Jane Pilch
 - All in favor. Motion carried.

Executive Session

- Council entered executive session.
- President Scott confirmed with Jen that all grant questions were addressed.