

December 12, 2022

The Alexandria Borough Council met at the former location of First National Bank at 402 Main Street, Alexandria, PA 16611. The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by President Judy Scott. President Scott led council in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Council members present were President Judy Scott, Vice President Joel Pheasant (arrived at 7:16 pm) Rachelle Hopsicker, and Mike Peters. Solicitor Greg Jackson, Treasurer Leslie Jackson. Also present: Ken Patterson and Dain Davis. Tori Wilt arrived at 7:31 pm

- Motion to approve minutes from November 14th made by Mike Peters. Seconded Rachelle Hopsicker. All in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS

- President Scott said there is a check signed for Borough News the magazine and asked if council would like to continue with that. Council said they will take the free one.
- Rachelle motioned to approve the financial report and authorization of bills. Mike Peters seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Starting January 1st the mileage will change President Scott said and asked for questions. No questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dain Davis - Brewhouse Lane Extension Survey

- Discussed the maps he prop and they are planning to do a drone imagery, it will be over 300ft above, they need to find one survey point and elevation to define. The price is between \$800 and \$1500 and it will be firmed up within the week or two and then completed about the first week of January. They would need a small project signed.
- He said they think the powerline follows the alleyway. Dain said. Mike Peters asked if there's already a pin at the bridge and Dain said there should be and that'd be helpful if so.
- Rachelle asked how old the aerial view was and Dain said they are usually within 5 – 10 years
- President Scott asked based on the information Dain shared would anyone make a motion to continue?
- Mike Peters asked if we've budgeted for this? President Scott said that we discussed doing it and it's less than we thought... also because the space is over 200 ft so it could become part of our liquid fuels fund possibly which is a priority
- Mike Peters made a motion to proceed for further discovery and to sign off on (not to exceed) up to \$1500 for small project. Rachelle Hopsicker seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
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SOLICITOR REPORT

- No report.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- **Representatives from Ken Patterson**
 - Ken asked if he was to order “No Soliciting” and “Permit” signs, President Scott said that we would put that on the agenda for January
 - President Scott saw one snow removal sign that needs removed
 - He talked about the garbage man on Melvin’s Lane – he’s cutting through the church yard and making a mess, there’s limbs hanging over the alley – Rachelle said that we need to trim some trees. President Scott said it will be on January’s agenda. President Scott asked which garbage service and Ken said Hollenbaugh – Ken said the limbs are over the alley – Mike Peters said is it something we could manually trim them or do we need a professional? Ken said they are pine trees... President Scott said that if it’s an immediate need... Rachelle asked if we can just talk to her and help. Council agreed that President Scott can ask property owner about the trees.
- **Code Enforcement Officer and Permit Officer**
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NEW BUSINESS

- **Leaves**
 - President Scott said about procedures for 7 council members that Ken communicates with one voice. Rachelle said there was confusion on the leaf pick up because they didn’t know the date. Ken said that it was discussed and the dates are in the November minutes. There was confusion in the borough because folks didn’t know when the leaves were to be picked up
 - Tori Wilt said that next year she’s hoping we can collect leaves earlier
 - President Scott that when we pay a maintenance person to do that so we’d have to pay him more times
 - Rachelle said that if we do it twice would it be easier to separate it by two weeks
 - Ken said that one week he’ll do 4 hours and then another week he will do 4 hours
 - Ken said he wants council to call President Scott so President Scott can communicate with Ken directly not all of council trying to communicate with him. For example: If Mrs. Hopsicker sees something she can call Judy and let her know and Judy can let Ken know. Ken wants to have a “boss” and an okay from her
- **Holly Jolly Hartslog**
 - President Scott said she’s been getting a lot of phone calls and people are very excited
 - Everyone is coming together to get things done
 - President Scott mentioned the Sleigh Ride presales

- Rachele Hopsicker asked how will people pay check or cash? We will have to get this out to everyone as soon as possible.
- President Scott said this will be open to borough residents first and then go out to the public, we ask them all year to do stuff so it's only fair to give them first dibs, we want to avoid chaos and waiting in line for an hour – she said all week you post when the pre-purchases happen
- Tori Wilt said that she, Rachele, and Jen worked hard and had a plan, but President Scott isn't hearing their plan
- Vice President Pheasant said I apologize, but I feel like we had a group of people to take care of something they don't have to touch base with us on everything
- President Scott had worked with Tori and asked if she wanted to join on the Sleigh Rides
- Vice President Pheasant said can we have a discussion about how we're going to do it – one idea is some advance scheduling for members of the community, if we have a way to have folks sign up in advance – do we have concern about how that will affect others, Tori and Rachele told people that they will do cash this year, he asked if we have enough people that help
- Rachele mentioned community members first come first serve within the first half hour
- Residents proof of address
- Jimmy said that he will do whatever he can to make it as feasible as possible
- VP Pheasant said this is our first year doing this and figuring it out
- Lumineers Tori said we don't have the bags yet, Vice President Pheasant will be asking the girls basketball team to help and Tori will be asking for others to help
- Rachele said we have a decorating contest, Rachele said there's an anonymous committee voting on 5 homes and we have winners for 3 (Bluegill's Gift Card, Museum basket, and Diner 22.)
- The F.A.R.M is coming pastries and hot cocoa
- Rachele said this is year one and perhaps in the future we have non-profits
- Mrs. Rosborough is coming down to do singing at 6:30 pm
- VP Pheasant asked about carolers, Jen Belis has been very helpful Rachele said and appreciated President Scott connecting them
- Rachele said we've asked the firehall if people can park up there and trying to keep the streets clean and clear for folks
- President Scott said she really appreciates everything they've been doing – Rachele said everyone can call her too and President Scott
- Tori Wilt said being specific what are we doing? They are accepting cash if someone brings check they get written out to the borough and memo needs to say "Holly Jolly Hartslog"
- They need to have two people accepting money and selling tickets at 6:15 pm until sold out
- VP Pheasant said if someone buys a ticket and goes and walks for 40 minutes because they were told come back in 40 will they get bumped
- Jimmy will do the loop and have a leisurely ride down Main Street and Shelton Ave. – he'll go as far as he can with his sleigh
- Rachele and all agree they want people to wait in town and enjoy the town
- They will need volunteers to help – VP Pheasant said he will volunteer for a thirty minutes slot, Mike Peters said he will help, President Judy said she will take a slot
- Adam Boone (Boondocks Media) is the guy the sleigh man had

- President Scott asking about an ice sculpture and will let Rachelle know within 2 days
- VP Pheasant asked if we got the donations for the luminaries and Tori said yes
- **Property Maintenance Ordinance**
 - Tabled
- **Brewhouse Lane Extension Survey**
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- **Ken Bost Water Authority**
 - Mike Peters said that the sewer authority is still trying to meet with him and the sewer authority's attorney forgot about it due to so many emails. Now we have to wait until after the new year and then we are planning to meet with him
 - President Scott shared the request to appoint Ken Bost as the Water Authority rep – she mentioned waiting until the January agenda. She said it's a five year term for Ken. Mike Peters wanted to know what do our records say in regards to the term and details.
 - Rachelle asked why wouldn't we reappoint him? President Scott said that we can't take it lightly.
 - Mike Peters brought up about shutting off delinquent accounts. He said that he doesn't know if the rest of the sewer authority board members know about that. Mike said that we don't have to put him on, but they can turn around and hire him as whatever they want to. Mike Peters knows the big issues, he gets paid for being the president and other things, he has a salary, but I don't know what the rest of the water authority is compensated... if they are.
 - Rachelle asked if it holds up the project? Mike Peters said no. Rachelle asked could he represent us in January? Mike Peters said we should have here are the members of the water authority each month
 - Greg Jackson said the seats on the municipal authority are set by statute, but when it's originally created the terms are staggered. It's usually a 5 or 7 person board and based on the municipality. We can get the complement of the make-up of the board from the authority but the first two positions are generally staggered, the first two people usually serve 2 year term, 3 year term, and then other 2 5 year term. If his term is up, there conceivable would be a term up in Porter Twp as well – its responsibility of municipality to appoint who you would like. If you don't act at this meeting and his term expires, the seat would be vacant until you appoint someone
 - Mike Peters said we need to find out ourselves instead of taking Ken Bost's word for it. One year we got a hand written letter and we never had issues before so it was easier to approve. After the first staggered years 2,3, and 5 – Greg answered then it's 5 year appointments from then on. Greg said he will get from the solicitors the appointments so you have the details for the next meeting.
 - President Scott said she didn't get push back when she said it may have to wait until January, Mike Peters said he's hoping to keep documented when people are reappointed to the water authority – we should have our own set of records.
 - President Scott said we will table it until January and Greg will get the information needed for January to make an informed decision.
 - VP Pheasant asked that if at the January meeting we don't reappoint him shouldn't we have an idea of who we will appoint
 - Rachelle asked if we appoint someone to keep eyes at the authority, because if the water authority hires him anyway it doesn't affect us

- Greg Jackson the only thing you have control over are the people you appoint to the board – so whoever you appoint that person serves
- Rachelle said it sounds like there just needs to be a lot more communication
- President Scott mentioned adding a quarterly session to get input from water authority with borough – Greg said you couldn't put that type of clause in the appointment, but you could certainly make that recommendation
- Rachelle said so if we were to appoint him, we could ask him in writing to meet with us quarterly? Greg said yes, but that wouldn't be a basis to rescind his appointment if he didn't honor it.
- Continuing in January

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 pm

Tori Wilt motioned to adjourn. Rachelle Hopsicker seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.