

December 13, 2021

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 7:04 p.m. by President Judy Scott. President Scott led council in the Pledge of Allegiance and James Foster led council in prayer.

Council members present were Judy Scott, Mike Peters, Sam Miller, and James Foster. Treasurer, Leslie McDermott and Solicitor, Greg Jackson were also present. Brandon Foster, Haldan Kirsch (The Daily News), and Ken Patterson were present. Joel Pheasant arrived shortly after start.

Prior to approving meeting minutes Judy Scott took time to thank Sam Miller and Jim Foster, Jim also took time to thank Sam Miller and Mike Peters.

- Approve meeting minutes from November 8, 2021
 - Motion to approve the minutes from Mike Peters, seconded by Jim Foster – motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS

- Jim Foster made a motion to accept financial report. Sam Miller seconded that. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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SOLICITOR REPORT

- I see you have reference to the Property Maintenance Ordinance so he'll defer until that time - Greg

REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- **Ken Paterson**
 - Waiting for Judy to determine where the speed limits signs go
 - He has 2 gallons of paint if anyone needs curb paint
 - Jim mentioned the borough leaf pick-up, Sam and Jim want to set the date for leaf pick-up

Old Business

- **Army Corp Study**
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- **Stop Sign and Speed Limit Signage**
 - Ken and Judy will get together

- **Arborist Report**
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- **Walk Bridge Project**
 - Judy said that the walk bridge is official, DEP, PA and everyone is happy with them. We got approval, but because we're in the winter season, Jason Showalter has the go ahead to continue to prep the land and set the bridge, but it likely won't go in until early spring because then the pillars and all will need taken care of.
 - All aspects of the bridge are a go, all authorizations are in – installation will begin once Jason is ready
- **2022 Budget**
 - Judy asked if there are any questions or is there a motion to accept the budget?
 - Mike Peters motioned to accept the budget as presented. Sam Miller seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Christmas Lights**
 - Ken, Tori, Sam, and Jim – thank you for making them happen
 - Jim asked if we're getting new lights and Judy said they did get new bulb replacements, but also new lights are in the works – trying to find cost effective ones
- **Hometown Heroes Banners and Brochure**
 - A bit more than 50% response needed yet in order to create the brochures Judy shared
 - Sam Miller confirmed the deadline for the new applications is January 15th
- **Winter Maintenance**
 - 7th Street and Shelton Avenue there are large patches that need filled
 - Can we get a motion for Ken to prep that?
 - Jim Foster motioned to have Ken prep that for winter maintenance, Joel Pheasant seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - Judy thought we should reach out to Porter Twp to get on board with the Brew House Lane plowing, in our ordinance homeowners can't take snow out into the road and you can't have property owners plow driveways in the street – but it occurs – somehow we need to address, Jim Foster recommended we put it on the website
- **Election Results**
 - Congratulations to Brandon Foster – he will
 - Immediately following the reorganization meeting we will hold a regular borough meeting January 3rd. Leighton needs to advertise
 - Brandon Foster, Tori Wilt, Jane Pilch, Joel Pheasant and Judy Scott will be on borough council and then there are two positions for appointment
 - Jim asked if we have to advertise and take a letter of application
- **Alexandria Water & Sewer Authority**
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- **Property Maintenance Ordinance**
 - Greg handed papers to all of council of updates based on last meeting
 - Judy asked about the snow ordinance and adding it here
 - Greg will make edits and add snow items then they can vote at the January meeting

- Jim asked once the ordinance is finally passed how everyone will know. Judy said it will be advertised in the paper and then it will be posted online

New Business

- **Borough Parking Lot**

- Joel mentioned that perhaps the Museum board could partner with the borough and possibly not use it as a parking lot – perhaps a pavilion or town gathering spot
- Sam said the Museum board is willing to join in a committee with council members to explore what kind of development they may be able to offer for the lot
- Joel shared the example of what they did near the Stone Town Gallery in Huntingdon
- Jim said in the meantime what's happening is effective
- Sam asked if the council could appoint a couple people, but Judy and Joel mentioned waiting until January

- **Borough Leaf Pick-Up**

- Would council like to post on Facebook about the Leaf Pick-Up at a particular time, one week from now
- Ken said not Saturday
- Leaf Pick-up Tuesday, December 21st – leaves need bagged – Weather date on Wednesday
- Leighton will reach out to Tori to post onto Facebook
- Jim said next year take more time to prepare – Mike said they used to do the last Saturday in November

- **Municipal Fire Representative**

- Jim does that now, but we will need to appoint a new one in January

- **Bids for the Snow Plowing, Winter Maintenance**

- Council received one bid – Yentner
- Label and Equipment \$80 an hour, Material Cost \$125 a ton, Labor Rate for an operator \$80 an hour, etc.
- Judy noted costs on everything is up, somethings from last season – council will need breakdowns of everything
- Jim also mentioned letting them know that council doesn't want Yentner plowing all night
- Greg mentioned that last year the way the snow storms came was unexpected, but council can provide specifics as far as how long you want them to plow per storm per day and have them plan accordingly, but the problem is that we had storms that lasted for hours and hours and hours
- Jim said our concern is that they need to start so that everyone can get out to go to work, but they don't need to be plowing at 8 at night when folks are in
- Joel said is it reasonable to limit the streets we get plowed
- Judy said about a calibration chart that they could use to keep records – so we know how they are setting their spreader
- Are they instructed to cinder all the streets? All except the 2 that aren't paved
- Jim said to communicate with council if it's getting out of control so council can make an adjustment

- Jim Foster motions to approve the bid pending communication on more thorough documentation for January 1 to June 1 2022. Mike Peters seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- Greg said when you said them notice that council approves their bid council needs to include the criteria – start date, end date, documentation of material usage. Leighton will send the notice.
- *Jim is making one final statement: I want to thank Judy for all her dedication, truly, when I got involved several years ago and had a layover, the council was truly in turmoil financially and records, it was confusing. With your hard work our major accomplishment was number one we got things under our control for the community and we know where we stand. You've spearheaded several accomplishments, Hometown Heroes, we have a great worker in Kenny, but all in all you've done a great job with the bridge project – my only advice is don't get too energetic have a few projects and do them well as you've done and keep them rolling year to year and thank you too all of council for what council has done.*
- *Judy is privileged to observe all they've done for the community all these years. Has such respect for them and has learned so much.*

Motion for Adjournment made by Jim Foster and seconded by Mike Peters. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned: 7:52 pm