

Alexandria Borough Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2025

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: The Old Bank Building, Hartslog Heritage Museum, Main Street, Alexandria

Roll Call

President Judy Scott, Vice President Mike Peters, Jane Pilch

Attendees: Dain Davis, Ken Patterson

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** Motion to accept the minutes as presented.
 - **Motioned by:** VP Peters
 - **Seconded by:** Jane
 - **All in favor.** Motion carried.

Financial Report & Paying of the bills

- **Motion:** Motion to accept the financial report and payment.
 - **Motioned by:** Jane
 - **Seconded by:** VP Peters
 - **All in favor.** Motion carried.

Solicitor's Report

- **Not present.**

Representative Reports

- **Maintenance Report (Ken Patterson):**
 - His assistant is doing well. President Scott asked about the stop sign he's fixing on Shelton Avenue - President Scott said he has the okay to go get the supplies and fix it. When it's a safety matter he can go get it and take care of it, VP Peters said any time there's a stop sign damaged or something regarding safety - go ahead and take care of it.
 - Fixed two signs on Bridge Street, we may have to buy some supplies because I am getting low on supplies. I've been recycling, but it's down to slim pickings. VP Peters said if we need supplies like poles and fasteners - we need some maintenance stuff in the budget... President Scott asked how many he needs - Ken said he bought one pack. President Scott and VP Peters said to please turn

those items into Leslie. President Scott said, we need to rename “High Street” - VP Peters said we have to consider the problems that will cause those who live on High Street to change their address, etc. - the signs been down too long, but unfortunately people keep removing it.

- **Sewer Authority and Fire Company:** Vice President Peters
 - The fire company is trying to work with the sewer authority - they need a new industrial washer and it won't fix through their doors, so their trying to put it in the outback and they are going to run a line - we're still at the design phase, need an engineering drawing... they definitely need a new washer and dryer. VP Peters

Public Comment

- No attendees

OLD BUSINESS

Upcoming Ballots

- **Solicitor Stover will advise:**
 - Amendments to our zoning ordinance so that anyone going to the Zoning Hearing Board covers the cost, not the borough
 - Addressing costs for how to handle ordinance violations - fees are minimal
 - Awaiting the petition for the council reduction - President Scott will circulate once finalized
- **Election Petitions:**
 - Petitions can be picked up as of now and circulate from February 18th to March 11th

Fire Service Agreement & Department

- Tom and Brian will be in attendance at March's meeting to talk about the convention

Traffic Calming (ECMS Ad)

- Already approved - once we get approval on advertising for engineering we will post it in regards to the Traffic Calming Project and to cover the borough for the future. It's part of the project, just the engineering aspect first so bids can go out. Takes approximately 4 - 5 months... this will protect whatever engineer the borough has and the borough.
- This is an official PennDOT approval for your engineer to work on anything in the project that covers all the components of the project.

- This will cover a five year period - it covers everything - it protects the borough

Canal Street Park

- Security is coming this week to meet - we own the Scout House - we could use the modem in the Scout House to provide security cameras at the park
- President Scott said that the cost to replace equipment there exceeds our budget, Jane said, but we have to remember things can be replaced with our insurance policy once the deductible is met. President Scott said you'll have the information prior to the meeting so you can research and review.
- We have to order the lighting for installation and also make decisions on security
- Penelec may install the lighting at no cost - so we need to make a decision on the lights. Rain and Lucas are looking at the lighting they put in for a park near McVeytown and did one in Lewiston - two sliding systems we put in in residential areas.
- President Scott said with the lights - we'll have lighting changes on the 600 and 700 block so keep that in mind for a cohesive look
- Dain shared some information on the lighting that he put up in Hollidaysburg - had public meetings and made decisions on sidewalks and lights, etc. it's worth council going and taking a look
- Jane asked about the looking - Pres. Scott said we can go warm light, but it needs to be bright because it's a town.
- Pres. Scott asked Lucas to inquire if we could get all the street lights and wiring underground because the streets are going to be torn up - the objective is we do 600 and 700 then we come back and do two blocks at a time...

NEW BUSINESS

Penelec Tree Service (ECI with Penelec)

- Tim - tagged our door - they're coming back in March to trim trees. He knows Pres. Scott said that we don't want them to touch our trees with the exception of one big tree that needs a branch removed. There's also trees in front of Joan's old house that need to come down because they're dead. His crew would come, cut them down and wood chip it and others can come and take it. Jane said - what about Sam? Pres. Scott said we can pay Sam to trim, but if he doesn't cut enough they'll come and take more. VP Peters said, if they'll come and trim for free, why would we pay someone to come trim? Pres. Scott said that she has to give them direction on which ones they can address... VP Peters said yes, if they're willing to do it for free and take care of it - yea.
- I make a motion to let Penelec trim the one corner tree branch and remove the two dead trees. VP Peters Seconded. Jane - All in favor. Motion carries.
- Please let Jane know when he's coming and she would like to be present to ensure they do what's asked

Security Camera

- More information to follow - Jane said less security cameras than three, are they night? How much money do we have to spend on this? It will presently be out of pocket. Will they have security cameras have lights on them? Jane said, I don't want to come to the next meeting and vote - President Scott said, at the next meeting we have to make decisions. We can't keep talking about it. VP Peters said there is an email with details. Are we looking at financing this? VP Peters... Pres. Scott said she's not comfortable with that cost quote... what about one hard wired?

Grant Opportunities

- Pres. Scott said we have the Marcel Shale grant money and we are utilizing towards the park, because I'm on the transportation committee - there's another Act 13 one, but I'd like to use it for the 9/11 Trail Project - is council okay if we send the grant out of our hands into someone else for the trail. Jane said, otherwise what we use it for? President Scott said we could apply for another one, but I want to use what we've been given and complete some projects before we apply for more money. We'd be respectful to use the funds we've been given and then go back for more for what we need. So the borough wouldn't be applying for the Act 13 so the 9/11 Trail could apply and we wouldn't be competing.
- VP Peters said you can always apply for Act 13 funds to help with our parks and after we get some of these other ones
- VP Peters appreciation Pres. Scott conferring with council and they all agree to utilize the funds we've been given prior to seeking out more money.

Executive Section

- **Began:** 8:01 pm
- **Ended:** 8:07 pm

Adjournment

- **Motion:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm.
 - **Motioned by:** Jane
 - **Seconded by:** VP Peters
 - **All in favor.** Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:07 pm