

January 10, 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 7:02 p.m. by President Judy Scott. President Scott led council in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Council members present were President Judy Scott, Mike Peters, Victoria Wilt, Branden Foster, and Jane Pilch. Solicitor Greg Jackson, Leslie McDermott, Ken Patterson, and Haldan Kirsch of the The Daily News were also present.

- **Approve meeting minutes from January 3, 2022**
 - **Needs edited:** Mike Peters and Rachelle Hopsicker were not council members during reorganization
 - **Motion to approve the meeting minutes Mike Peters, seconded by Victoria Wilt. All in favor, motion carried**

FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS

- Peters made a motion to accept the financial report and pay bills, seconded by Jane Pilch. All in favor, motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

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SOLICITOR REPORT

- Greg mentioned the document he shared with council regarding the constable report
- President Scott asked if his Ted's paperwork was sufficient, but Greg Jackson said he needs that, but with 10 signatures of support

REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- Ken took down 19 odd and even snow signs – put 4 back up, hauled 70 bags of leaves to cemetery, did some snow removal. Ken asked if he could have the sand or is it for the candle thing. Tori said she didn't mind, but she did know if there was any conflict there, Ken would like to use it to help when the sidewalk freezes. Tori said we can get more sand and they've been very generous so it was fine for Ken to use what he needed.

Old Business

- **Army Corp Study**
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- **Stop Sign and Speed Limit Signage**
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- **Arborist Report**

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- **Walk Bridge Project**
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- **2022 Budget**
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- **Property Maintenance Ordinance**
 - All of council agree to table the topic until all of council is present
- **Christmas Lights**
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- **Hometown Heroes Banners and Brochure**
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- **Winter Maintenance**
 - Greg said we can re-advertise
 - G&R Excavating and Demolition, Inc. inquired on snow removal, no official bid submitted
 - Council is able to work in an emergency situation because they have no official bids for snow removal
- **Alexandria Water & Sewer Authority**
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- **Borough Parking Lot**
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- **Borough Leaf Pick-Up**
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- **Municipal Fire Representative**
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- **Constable Appointment**
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- **Protocols and Procedures**
 - President Scott wanted to share with new council members protocols and procedures
 - President Scott picks up mail, the post master verifies what is received in the mail, etc. Leslie and Leighton are given the appropriate pieces of mail, President Scott scans mail so there's a digital documentation of it
 - Borough News and Association of Boroughs are great resources for council members, each member can research those resources on their own
 - Leighton needs to provide information to the court house regarding the new appointees
 - Council also has grant opportunities to help us with the streets, sidewalks, lights, etc.
 - Leighton will share emails with council on opportunities – all council members are able to attend and participate in opportunities as they see fit
 - Tori Wilt mentioned getting an email from the Girl Scouts about planting trees, should she let them know to come to the next meeting? President Scott said yes because we cannot talk about items that are not on the agenda.
 - Leslie reminded council we have to post the agenda on the door of the building we are meeting at

- If you want to add an item you have to vote to add the item and as part of the agenda change you have to explain why it wasn't originally on the agenda - Greg clarified. The problem initially started due to school districts placing things on their agenda last minute and voting on things with less people weighing in on it. We have to follow proper protocol.
- You want to avoid talking about items that are not on the agenda, it's better to have more on the agenda and table it than not enough and fail to provide reasoning for having it added.
- President Scott asked Greg in regards to our right aways, there are a few areas where things are right on or next to the street – there are liability issues when plowing especially if people are touchy about their items even if they park a car or truck out in the way of a plow. Greg said the street width is set and area of right away is set and if there is a fence or something else in that right away then that's the property owners fault for placing the fence within that right away. In respect to vehicle parking you have locations for people to park in those cases... if people park in a manner that messes with the maintenance of our side streets – Greg said if there is a provision of councils snow emergency ordinance that restricts parking on the borough owned streets and it is not being followed and there's some sort of provision in that ordinance. If part of it is in their drive and part is in the street, then yes, it'd be in violation of the ordinance so yes, it could be towed. Brandon Foster agreed to tow it. Jane Pilch asked if you'd do towing verse fining. President Scott said we need to keep everyone safe, it is deliberate to ignore that. Jane asked do we have something in the ordinance that says you should be towed. Tori Wilt asked if there are other ways to communicate with residents the rules. President Scott said council has gone door to door with information so residents know.

Entered Executive Session: 7:33 pm

Meeting adjourned: 8:00 pm