

Alexandria Borough Meeting Minutes - Reorganization  
January 2, 2023

7:07 pm Roll Call

Jane Pilch, Mike Peters, and Judy Scott - also Brandon Foster

At 7:08 pm President Scott stepped aside as President, turned the meeting over to Secretary, Leighton Kyle, and asked how the council would like to proceed forward with reorganization

Mike Peters said I don't have a problem with keeping things the way they are, but I can't say that entirely - do we need just the President and Vice President for council?

Mike Peters made a motion to make Judy Scott the President and Mike Peters Vice President.

Jane Pilch said my biggest concern is the free flow of spending taxpayer money. Is that something we can discuss now before we vote. I see a trend of let's just get as much money as we can from grants, grants, grants.

Judy said, I appreciate that and you've voiced that during meetings - right now we have to determine the seats before we proceed to business.

Jane Pilch said do we have to remain silent and hope for the best. Judy said, no, never remain silent, but we do have to establish a structure and then we can go into a meeting of discussion. This is a reorganization period.

Jane Pilch said the structure has to be determine with thoughts and opinions

Mike Peters said I'm happy to get as many grants as we can because we don't have funds here to do what we need to do, just utilizing the tax payer dollars we'd be at a stand still

Jane said, some grants I'm fine with, but I don't know about some of them

Judy said that we should always do thorough and complete research prior to the grants. I don't just apply for grants, they all must be approved first.

Jane said it's the types and grants and the voluminous amount of funds we're going over. I don't want to give over control - what strings are attached to the money. I find it extremely difficult to find this information. I love what you're doing, I love the way you lead, but that's my biggest concern.

Mike said I don't know any open ended grants we'd do, all the grants we apply for has to be specific to a purpose and we would always discuss that prior to applying for them. There are always some sort of strings attached. I don't see a way around it while we want to make more meaningful updates to our infrastructure - like stormwater drainage and sidewalks, unless we know people who want to work for free

Jane said yes, it's just tough, it's tough for me to, you know... Judy's philosophy is very different from her own and Judy said, it isn't

Judy Scott seconded the motion. Jane is opposed. Mike Peters in favor, Judy in favor. Motion carries.

Mike said there are three of us, so there has to be something, Jane, do you want to be President?

Judy has concern that right from the get go there are odds. Jane said, I don't think it sends that notion.

President Scott said with this reorganization we need something to be Treasurer

VP Peters motioned to make Leslie McDermott Treasurer, Jane seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

VP Peters motioned to keep Ken Patterson as maintenance, Jane seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

VP Peters motioned to keep Jeff Stover as Solicitor, Jane seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

VP Peters motioned to keep EADS Lucas Parkes as Engineer, Jane seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

VP Peters motioned to make Dain Davis as the Engineering Consultant, Jane seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

President Scott said Brandon Foster is here to submit his resignation for Permit Officer and Code Enforcement Officer. VP Peters motioned to accept with regret Brandon Fosters resignation, Jane seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

President Scott is there a motion to advertise for those positions?

Jane Pilch made a motion to advertise for the Permit Officer and Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Peters seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Scott is it acceptable to keep Secretary Leighton Kyle in the interim until we find an acceptable Secretary?

VP Peters made a motion to keep Leighton Kyle as Secretary as an interim Secretary. Jane Pilch seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

President Scott has to contact Course Vector to remove Joel Pheasant, Rachelle Hopsicker, and Tori Wilt because they are no longer on council. President Scott asked Mike Peters are you an internet person, would you like to handle that? President Scott said or Leighton Kyle could fill in in the interim.

Jane Pilch made a motion for Leighton Kyle to upload minutes and web edits to Course Vector. VP Peters seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

President Scott asked Brandon Foster if he'd be willing to fill in until they have a new hire for his positions? Brandon Foster said yes.

Transition out of reorganization to Business?

7:29 pm

VP Peters said he'd make a motion to cancel the January 8, 2024 meeting due to this meeting tonight? Jane Pilch seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Leighton needs to advertise.

VP Peters made a motion to authorize the bills for January. Jane Pilch seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Waiting to sign Fire Agreement until they thoroughly review it.

President Scott asked is the second Monday still conducive or do you need anything different? VP Peters said it works for me. Jane said what is the February meeting - Mike said the 12th and Jane said, I'm okay when we have it. Pres. Scott said if there are federal holidays would you like to move the meeting to the Tuesday? Mike and Jane said yes. If there's an actual holiday we could move it to a Wednesday or something, VP Peters has a sewer meeting on the Tuesdays.

Jane is on record saying that she has no animosity, she strictly stands on what she campaigned on.

President Scott said we are not as far apart as what you may perceive.

VP Peters said we all intend on our actions being in the best interest of the borough. That's what getting in the group is all about.

Jane Pilch said it's not easy to say what I want to say. President Scott said just envision us sitting at the table having tea, as we do.

February meeting will be in the small room.

Congressman Joyce has postponed our meeting because he's heading to the Mexican/US border.

Jane motioned to adjourn. VP Peters seconded. Meeting adjourned 7:36 pm