

## January 3, 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 6:05 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, Mike Peters, Victoria Wilt, Rachele Hopsicker, Branden Foster, and Jane Pilch. Solicitor Greg Jackson, District Magistrate Doug Gummo, Chief Tom Weyer and Brian Hetrick of the Alexandria Fire Department, and Haldan Kirsch of the The Daily News were also present.

Susie Thompson doesn't accept her elected position for 2 year Borough Council appointment

Vice President Joel Pheasant motioned to accept Susie's decline of the position, Victoria Wilt seconded. **All in favor, motion carried.**

Wilt motioned to appoint Rachele Hopsicker and Mike Peters for the 2 year council terms. **All in favor, motion carried.**

**District Magistrate Gummo conducted the swearing in ceremony. Haldan Kirsch took photos for The Daily News.**

District Magistrate Gummo asked Madam President if he could be excused, he was.

- Approve meeting minutes from December 13, 2021
  - Motion to approve the minutes from Mike Peters, seconded by Branden Foster.  
**All in favor, motion carried**

### **FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS**

- ... will take place at the regularly scheduled January 10, 2022 meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Chief Tom Weyer and Brian Hetrick shared the Fire Department Agreement with council
  - Mentioned donations and relief monies were included in agreement as before
  - They need a new appointee from council to be a part of the fire committee – Jim Foster used to attend – usually held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday last month of the quarter
  - President Scott highlighted the exceptional fire department
  - Vice President Pheasant motion to accept the proposed fire department agreement, seconded by Mike Peters. **All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Constable**
  - **'Ted' Simpson arrived at approximately 6:32 pm**
  - Constable position open within the Borough. VP Pheasant officially declined the constable position.

- Wilt motioned to accept Joel Pheasants resignation, seconded by Jane Pilch. **All in favor, motion carried.**
- Ted shared he would like the Constable position to be close to his son. The position does not cost the Borough anything and is paid per warrant, the Constable is there to stop any breeches of peace. His experiences includes 6 years as a constable in two other towns, 21 years as Police Officer/Sheriffs Deputy, time in the military, he does training here and overseas
- Dean Kennedy was the past Constable
- Ted desires to keep things safe for the kids and families
- Pilch motioned to appoint Ted Simpson as Constable, seconded by Branden Foster. **All in favor, motion carried.**
- Ted thanked council for all their doing. He said there's a different vibe due to all their work. His contact information is: 814-206-4808  
[huntingdonconstable@gmail.com](mailto:huntingdonconstable@gmail.com)
- Solicitor Greg Jackson will prepare the documentation for Ted's role

## SOLICITOR REPORT

- Solicitor Greg Jackson shared the updated Property Maintenance Ordinance with council.
- President Scott said because of the detail council could wait to pass so all new council members had ample time to review\
- Jane Pilch asked why three feet of space was included in fencing section. President Scott explained it was a buffer yard to allow residence proper space to maintain their yards. VP Pheasant shared it started much larger, but 3 feet was a nice compromise.
- Pilch asked if there would be a variance for the buffer yard, President Scott cautioned against that in order to follow in line with FEMA's cautions regarding variances.
- VP Pheasant shared the permitting was a recent addition to the ordinance

## REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

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## Old Business

- **Army Corp Study**
  - No finalization
  - President Scott hoping to schedule a meeting in the spring
- **Stop Sign and Speed Limit Signage**
  - Penn DOT will be helping
  - Hoping to make 4-way intersections at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Hartslog – council originally denied, but will be resubmitted
  - Council is hopeful
- **Arborist Report**
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- **Walk Bridge Project**

- Completion will occur in Spring
- **2022 Budget**
  - Leighton to send a copy to all new council members
- **Christmas Lights**
  - Special thanks to Victoria Wilt, Denny Scalia, Rachelle Hopsicker and Berrenas
  - Berrenas so helpful
- **Hometown Heroes Banners and Brochure**
  - Applications due January 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Wilt asked about contacts, President Scott said she or Denny Scalia could be contacted. Wilt to post on Facebook
- **Winter Maintenance**
  - Yenter Contracting declined Borough's acceptance
  - Jason Showalter is serving as interim snow maintenance to help the borough in case of emergency
  - Council to re-advertise for Snow Maintenance bids
  - Branden Foster motioned to advertise for Snow Maintenance bids, seconded by Mike Peters. **All in Favor, motion carried.** Leighton to advertise and include the calibration chart and hour breakdown request.
- **Alexandria Water & Sewer Authority**
  - Richard Philips needs appointment for the Water Authority
  - Richard Philips renominated motioned by Mike Peters, seconded by Branden Foster. **All in favor, motion carried.**
- **Property Maintenance Ordinance**
  - ...
- **Borough Parking Lot**
  - ...table for when all of council is available
- **Borough Leaf Pick-Up**
  - ...
- **Municipal Fire Representative**
  - VP Pheasant asked if the rep had to be on council, perhaps Jim Foster would like to remain in that role, Pres. Scott said he already declined that idea
  - Pilch asked the duties – you sit in at the meeting and report back to council
  - Jane Pilch motioned to nominate **Mike Peters as the Fire Representative**, seconded by Victoria Wilt. **All in favor, motion carried.**

President Scott was invited to participate in the Transportation Committee with the Huntingdon County Commission on growing pathways, sidewalk, etc. Is council comfortable that she participate? Branden Foster said yes. Jane Pilch was concerned something like that could become big government intruding into their small town. President Scott clarified that an invitation for us to participate and learn to ways or gain funding sources for our community would be a good thing, not an intrusion, but a network of opportunity for our community and more resources.

**Entered Executive Session: 7:02 pm**

**Motion for Adjournment made by Jane Pilch and seconded by Mike Peters. All in favor.**

**Meeting adjourned: 7:28 pm**