

March 13, 2023

The Alexandria Borough Council met at the Alexandria Volunteer Fire Hall at Alexandria, PA 16611. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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, Tori Wilt, Vice President Joel Pheasant, and Jane Pilch. Treasurer Leslie Jackson. Solicitor Greg Jackson. Also present: Ken Patterson, Tom Weyer, Brian **, Eagle Scouts: Tucker Lalli and Bob Lalli, Dustin and Brycn Miller

- **Motion to approve minutes from February 13th Vice President Pheasant. Seconded by Jane Pilch. All in favor. Motion carried.**

FINANCIAL REPORT AND AUTHORIZATION OF BILLS

Mike Peters made a motion to approve the financial report and authorization of bills. Tori Wilt seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Josh Foor brought a detailed plan of his fence. He mentioned the only part that he was confused about was when he submits his plan, is there a time frame to wait.
- President Scott said that he is so respectful to the process she asked if council would make a motion to approve it for him today or to wait until next month – council asked Josh questions about the fence and neighbors preference, he will provide written approval from the neighbor
- Mr. and Mrs. Foor have set the bar very high with their presentation of their fence
- **Vice President Joel motioned to approve that plan for this fence and council would need the property line agreement signed by the neighbor. Jane Pilch seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.**
- **Ron Kuntz** asked to have the traffic calming petition a few more days. The people who he talked to were very happy to sign it. One individual with a child is very worried. Many people are very concerned. He feels this is a good step in the right direction. He feels it is a first step, but we need to channel this anger in town to get to them. My house is right by the speed sign and he feels like 40 – 50% are already speeding when they hit that – he said one day someone was going 51mph – the speed signs won't stop people without enforcement. He is glad that council is heading in the right direction.
- **President Scott said that March 28th there is a meeting at the library at 10:30 am with the officials that we met with in February – this will be a follow-up.** Ron asked if it is open the public, President Scott is going to confirm with the representatives if it is a public meeting and if it is we will post it. Ron asked so they are getting back to us on? President Scott they came in February and they experienced firsthand how people drive on the street, and that was good. President Scott talked about how helpful our elected officials are in this community – they said please allow us some time to do some studies

and do data collection to help with this process. President Scott said for us in our homes we see something that needs taken care of we go take care of it, but in this realm we need something done, but there's a process because we're part of an entity that involves other communities. For too long our officials haven't been made aware of what's really going on. This is just a part of the process.

- Vice President Pheasant said that he was pleased in the elected officials response where they put we are looking forward to "working on a solution".
- Ron said one last thing, whoever posts the minutes on the website – thank you for that, some people do go and look at them.

SOLICITOR REPORT

- Nothing to report. Answers to questions throughout the minutes.

REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- **Ken Patterson**
 - He fixed 12 stop signs
 - He spoke with the church and they are donating stone to fix a mess up by the church, he can go to the cemetery and get their gravel – he needs some people ot go up and look at Carol Fosters. President Scott asked if it is borough property. Ken said he doesn't know if it's borough ground or Carol's so we need to look into it.
 - Mike Peters asked about what it's from, the garbage man damaged this property, Mrs. Foster cut the limbs off to give him room and then the garbage company said they aren't running that route anymore
 - Mike Peters said that if they keep running routes and causing damage the garbage company should be paying for it
 - President Scott said they'll have to think on how to help that one
 - He picked up big branches too, township should write the church a little thank you note for dumping in the cemetery also because we use our stone
 - **Send thank you note to church**
- **Code Enforcement Officer and Permit Officer – in public comment**
- **Water Authority**
 - **1st Wednesday of every month they meet here at the Fire Hall for a water update if you're ever interested at 9, 10, and 11 am**
- **Sewer Authority**
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- **Alexandria Volunteer Fire Company**
 - Brian Hetrick said that any who can make it to the banquet the 18th please do
 - The meeting that **Mike Peters attends is this Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 pm**
- **Tree Report**
 - Sam didn't quite get Jane the listing of acceptable trees, but he's in Delaware and didn't get it completed. He sent it to Judy – Jane shared from Judy's phone

what information the arborist Sam shared... **Leighton will forward the email to all of council.**

- Jane said how many trees does Sam have to work with – Judy said we have 26 more trees.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Eagle Scouts**

- Tucker Lalli – looking to get approval for his life scout – he’s proposing his project, rebuilding the old town square – including cleaning out the square, putting in benches, courtyard, sign, relocating the historic stepping stone, etc.
- He shared a sketch of his proposed idea to council along with all that is required to complete this project
- He’s asking if he needs any permits to break ground – President Scott said she thinks he just needs councils thumbs up and President Scott said, “thumbs up”
- **Can someone from the borough call One Call – yes – Leighton needs to call**
- He also wants to level out the ground near the bench – they all agree
- Does he need permission to move the stone – President Scott said that in their motion they will make it all encompassing
- He is curious where does the town square end and someone’s yard begin. President Scott said that she can provide specific mapping so they remain within the limits
- He gave a BSA paperwork that Leighton will pass it out
- Why – it restores a historic site to the town of Alexandria, provides an attractive space to town, it will add hometown pride once restored
- Vice President Pheasant asked about timeframe and Tucker responded within the next two months – completion date is prior to June
- They will have approximately 8 – 10 boys with the troop volunteering to help, family will be helping and Jason the contractor
- Supplies list shared – he has also shared with the Garden Club and plans to collaborate with them
- Jane Pilch shared that when she did a tree walk through in the borough arborist – he suggested that there are native trees that may be good for that town square spot – she will share his information with Tucker so he can collaborate with him – Jane then shared Sam Monkerns information
- She asked what are his plans for continued maintenance. Tucker said that’s a great idea. Bob shared that within the information packet it includes who is to maintain the project – it’s no longer the Eagle Scouts to maintain, but the beneficiary – in this case that’s likely the Garden Club
- Tucker said that the Garden Club is also very interested in native plants
- President Scott thanked Tucker for his project proposal and said how much they appreciate it
- Jane said to make sure to ask Sam about the roots they encounter

- Tucker appreciated the native plants and tarp down
 - **Jane Pilch made a motion to approve Tucker Lalli's proposal as presented. Tori Wilt seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.**
 - Vice President Joel asked for his contact information
 - **Tucker Lalli's phone number 814-669-4670, Leighton will call and let him know once PA One Call is taken care of Email: tuckmado123@gmail.com**
 - Bob Lalli mentioned that they have more benches and picnic tables that they can refurbish and help share them around the town. President Scott said that council is very grateful for that. He wants council to know that they are happy to help with any other community service!
- **Fire Department Contract**
 - Solicitor Jackson shared: The fire department needs councils approval, so the only thing you need to approve is that you're not opposed that the fire company is entering into the debt. You're not obligated to the debt, just supporting them getting the loan for the truck.
 - Mike Peters made a motion to sign the fireman's contract. Vice President Pheasant seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
 - **Spring Clean Up**
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OLD BUSINESS

- **Property Maintenance Ordinance**
 - Solicitor Jackson shared what council had come up with at the January meeting .
 - Vice President Pheasant motioned to approve the Property Maintenance Ordinance. Tori Wilt seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Traffic Calming**
 - **Petition and Resolution**
 - Greg has a resolution asking for State Government to support the petition – Greg needs the petition verbiage.
 - Greg said council would not have approval over traffic calming measures adopted by Penn DOT. For example they change the speed limit to 15 mph and add speed bumps on Main Street. You can't veto though. Jane Pilch said, okay so Penn DOT has final approval? Greg said if PennDOT determines to do something we wouldn't be able to stop them for that.
 - Mike Peters reiterated that the petition is asking to get help to stop the traffic problem, it's very general
 - Jane Pilch is concerned that the petition is so general
 - Greg said that you wouldn't be able to do anything specifically that would interfere with the Commonwealth
 - Leighton read the petition – **needs to email to Greg**

- Greg explained councils resolution would go with the citizens petition to add support

Meeting adjourned 8:03 pm

Vice President Pheasant motioned to adjourn. Jane Pilch seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.