New Alexandria Borough Council Minutes of April Meeting April 10, 2024

Attending the meeting were the following:

Dan Dunmeyer

Bonnie Dunmeyer

Henry Snyder

Wayne Duffield

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Dennis Zdrojkowski

Carol Zdrojkows0ki

Tim Ruane

Brian Cavanaugh

At 7:00PM Daniel Dunmeyer called the meeting to order, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.1 Mayor's Report:

The new website is up and running. There will be an announcement on Facebook that it is official up. If there is anything the community wants to add or change, let Tim or council know. This website is to let the community know what is happening within the borough and around town. General news.

Also, today is the 190th Anniversary of New Alexandria. Congratulations!

1.2 President's Report:

Dan applied for a Grant for Road work with the Statewide Casino funds. The reply back was it is being processed on the road work only portion not the tractor.

Dan thanked the Fire department and the community on helping out with the Easter Egg hunt.

1.3 :Code Enforcement Report:

Tim brought up a complaint by a resident, Amy Cook, on burning. She believe it is wet hay. Ordinance specifies dry material only. She is going to submit a video. Tim reminded everyone of the burn days till 7:00pm. If there are any questions, go to the website to view all the ordinances. A complaint form was discussed to be put online to report any issues. New Alexandria does not have a police force, and the enforcement officer is NOT the police. All complaints MUST be in writing and signed by the complainant. The complaint form online will help to view by the mayor.

1.4 Emergency Management Directors Report: Nothing at this time

1.5 Activities Committee Report:

Carol Zdrojkowski reported that the egg hunt went very well. We had a big turnout Kids seemed to enjoy themselves.

- n The next scheduled event is the Sojourn on Saturday, May 18th.
- 1.6 Streets/Maintenance: Dennis Zdrojkowski reported that there is nothing at this time.

2.1 Reading of Minutes:

Dan Dunmeyer asked the council whether they had read and agreed to the minutes for March. Some small errors were reported by Henry Snyder and were corrected by Carol Zdrojkowski. Motion made to accept the minutes by Henry Snyder 1st and Wayne Duffield Seconded; all in favor 5-0, motion carried.

2.2 Treasurers Report:

Carol Zdrojkowski read the Treasurer's Report for March, 2024. The Treasurer's Report for period of March 1st, 2024 through April 10th, 2024;

- General Fund--\$8,483.11 per Dan
- Capital Reserve/PLGIT nothing at this time.
- Liquid Fuels Fund/PLGIT \$2,410.09—February meeting balance
- Deposits \$14,109.55
- Bills Paid \$8,339.04
- Closing Balance \$14,253.62
 Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Henry Snyder, Dennis Zdrojkowski seconded; all in favor 5-0, motion carried.

2.4 Payment of Bills:

Discussion on a couple of bills to be paid, Sheetz and Busy Beaver.

Carol Zdrojkowski read and presented bills for payment for the month of March 2024 March 1st, 2024 /April 10th, 2024. Payment of the Bills motion by Dennis Zdrojkowski, Wayne Duffield seconded; all in favor 5-0, motion carried.

3. Old Business:

- 3.1 Dennis Zdrojkowski now fills the vacant seat on council
- 3.2 Carol Zdrojkowski appointed as Secretary/Treasurer temporarily replacing Chuck Ferry.
- 3.3 Discussion of current bills. All were approved as above.

4. New Business

- 4.1 Borough Cell Phone-discussed cancelling the account. Motion by Henry Snyder, Wayne Duffield, seconded, all in favor 5-0, motion carried.
- 4.2 Electronic Recycling Day is April 20th. You must be a resident of New Alexandria.
- 4.3 McInchak Sanitation vs Jones Sanitation. Cheaper rate.
- 4.3 Discussion and completion of the Insurance Bond Form.
 - a. Bank Statements
 - b. Financial Documents
 - c. PLGIT Account, statements, payments, and transfers

All the above needs approved and in compliance with the rules that govern the Liquid Fuels Account. Once all is done, we can then move forward to submit our claim for funds to be reimbursed.

5. Visitors' Comments:

Question: What is the Liquid Fuels account we were discussing?

Brian explained about the Bond being to ensure that Chuck Ferry as the Borough

Secretary/Treasurer performed his duties properly. We are now in the process of investigating if funds were improperly taken because the funds that were supposed to be there are not. We are trying to recoup those funds which we had to report to the local law enforcement.

Tim Ruane then explained what the liquid fuels account is used for and how it is based on our population and the number of streets we have. We have to file a report to get those funds.

Question: How much do we need to recoup?

Brian's response-- \$88,000.00

Question: Is there a list for the recycled items we can turn in? Tim responded, it is on the website and on Facebook, Post Office, Library and a flyer should be going out.

Question: Do we have an audit yearly?

Tim responded, NO, but we will do so moving on in the future.

Question: Is the Fire Department in jeopardy with all that is going on? We do not want to loose our fire department.

Dan responded, NO, they are two different entities even though the borough owns the building.

Question: How was the money taken and where is it? Brian responded, that is what we are investigating.

Question: Do we still have a maintenance person?

Dan responded, NO, Andrew Kolano had to be furloughed. The council had to make some financial decision due to the circumstances. The council will co-contract work out, ex: cutting of the grass, snow removal, etc.

Dan just received a permit for Dollar General to go forward. Closing should be this Friday April 12^{th} and then construction can begin.

6. Adjournment Daniel Dunmeyer made amotion to adjourn, Wayne Duffield seconded; motion carried 5-0

Respectfully submitted, Carol Zdrojkowski Secretary/Treasurer