

New Alexandria Borough Council
Minutes of July Meeting
July 10th, 2024
7:00PM

Attending the meeting were the following:

Dan Dunmeyer	Bonnie Dunmeyer	Wayne Duffield	
Dennis Zdrojkowski	Carol Zdrojkowski	Tim Ruane	Brian Cavanaugh
ABSENT —Henry Snyder			

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

1.1 Visitors Comment:

- 1.1 Lt. Michael Shardella from the State Police, Kiski Valley introduced himself. He stated that he is new to the area. He came from Cambria, Somerset County and he has only been here for a month, but he wanted the borough to know that he is available for any questions or concerns the borough might have. Brian Cavanaugh the Solicitor gave him a short update of what has happened in the borough and that it is now in the district attorneys' hands and council welcomed him to New Alexandria and he gave us his card.
- 1.2 Charles Traeger from the New Alexandria Fire Department introduced himself to council and wanted to let council know that he would like the fire department to get together with council more often. Dan Dunmeyer, informed Charles when our agenda meetings are and welcome the fire department at any time to join us.
- 1.3 Richard Graham spoke for Jill Dickerson who lives at 102 Washington Street about a sinkhole problem she has on her parking lot property. Dan Dunmeyer informed her that he has contacted two contractors to look at the sinkhole on Penn Vue and they will also look at the one at her residents. Time frame around one-two weeks. Dennis Zdrojkowski said he would look at it tomorrow and report it to Dan.
- 1.4 Jacqueline Ray at 308 Church Street informed council that a neighbor living at 301 Church St is using their yard as a junk yard with cars, garbage, tires, etc. She showed pictures to Dan Dunmeyer. Mayor, Tim Ruane said he would go after the meeting and take a look at it. There may be a potential ordinance issue on this. Also, there is some concern on how they are speeding on the street and alleyway with more children living in the area.

1.2 Mayor's Report: Nothing to report currently.

1.3 President's Report:

Dan Dunmeyer reported that council got notification from the Fire Department that they are in the process of purchasing \$280,000 of new equipment.

1.4 Code Enforcement Officer Report:

No prior complaints on grass cuttings since the weather has been so hot. Will look into the complaints from tonight's meeting.

1.5 Emergency Management Directors Report:

The new EMA director, Watson Smith, Jr. introduced himself and was welcomed by council. Watson reported that he is working on the EAP (Emergency action plan) and that the borough of New Alexandria has more flood issues than anticipated. He recommended getting a EOC 800 MHz emergency radio to set up at the Community Center. He stated that Dan Dunmeyer should write a letter to the Fire Department

asking them to donate the radio that they have. He also stated that he asked Donald Deglau to be his assistant with all his knowledge and experience.

1.6 Activities Committee Report:

Carol Zdrojkowski commented that some of the upcoming events, movie night and the Fall Festival are on hold right now due to financial issues and the resignation of Andrew Kolano. The Christmas kick off is still a go. The borough is responsible for the purchase of the tree and decorations as in the past and the committee will take care of the refreshments and crafts for the children. Santa is still on.

1.7 Streets/Maintenance Report:

Dennis Zdrojkowski reported that the new Air Conditioner was installed for the Community Center and the building exterior doors have had the locks changed. He is waiting for more keys for those who have not gotten one, he will have them by tomorrow from the locksmith.

2.1 Reading of Minutes:

Dan asked council if they had time to read and agreed to the minutes for June, Dennis Zdrojkowski made the motion to accept the minutes, second by Bonnie Dunmeyer, all in favor, 5-0 motion carried.

2.2 Treasurers Report:

Carol Zdrojkowski read the Treasurer's Report for May 2024. The Treasurer Report for Periods June 1 through June 30, 2024.

- General Fund: opening balance \$44,880.20
- Deposits \$10,543.18
- Bills Paid \$17,489.52
- Capital Reserve/PLGIT Nothing currently
- Liquid Fuels Fund/PLGIT \$12,638.24
- Closing Balance \$36,407.69

Dennis Zdrojkowski made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Wayne Duffield, all in favor 5-0, motion carried.

2.4 Payment of Bills:

Carol Zdrojkowski read and presented bills for payment for the month of July 2024.

Dennis Zdrojkowski made a motion to accept the bills, Bonnie Dunmeyer seconded, all in favor, 5-0, motion carried.

3. Old Business:

4. New Business

4.1 Dan Dunmeyer made a motion to drop H&R Block for paychecks, Wayne Duffield seconded, 5-0, motion carried.

4.2 Council discussed the upcoming lease renewal for Nutrition Group Food Service in the Community Center. Brian revised the old lease from 2022, but he needs to see a signed Lease by Nutrition Group.

The option of increasing the rent is as follows recommended by the Solicitor, Brian.

1. Increase in rent plus all utilities
2. Increase in rent plus 2/3 utilities due to them being able to regulate the air and heat.

It was agreed upon to table this until we have the correct documentation in front of us to decide. Dennis Zdrojkowski made the motion and Bonnie Dunmeyer second it, all in favor, 5-0 motion carried.

4.3 Lastly, Dan Dunmeyer is holding off on the bids for the sinkhole on Pleasant Vue and have Emil possibly looking at both sinkholes.

Adjournment Dennis Zdrojkowski made a motion to adjourn, second by Bonnie Dunmeyer, 5-0, Motion carried. Dan Dunmeyer adjourned the meeting at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Zdrojkowski
Secretary/Treasurer

