New Alexandria Borough Council Minutes of Special Meeting July 17th, 2024 7:00PM

Attending the meeting were the following:

Dan Dunmeyer

Henry Snyder

Bonnie Dunmeyer

Wayne Duffield

Dennis Zdrojkowski

Carol Zdrojkows0ki

Tim Ruane

Brian Cavanaugh

At 7:00PM Daniel Dunmeyer called the meeting to order, followed with the Pledge of Allegiance. Dan did explain that this is a special meeting to discuss the Selective Insurance Bond.

1.1 Visitors Comment:

Someone made a comment that the New Alexandria sign on Rt. 22 needs trimmed up and asked if the Lions Club can do it. Dan stated that it has to be brought up at the next meeting.

1.2 Solicitor Comment:

Brian explained that on July 12th 2024, he received correspondence from the Selective Insurance Company regarding the Fidelity Bond on our Proof of Claim form submitted against Chuck Ferry, who was the secretary/treasurer of New Alexandria Borough at that time. Brian then said that Selective Insurance Company of America indicated that they agree to pay the amount we submitted of \$88,756.65 on the bond. As a condition for payment to receive our claim, we need to assign our claim to Selective Insurance against Chuck Ferry for the following four items recommended by Brian Cavanaugh the Solicitor;

- 1. In exchange for the payment, we, the borough, everyone on council who has information agrees to cooperate and assist Selective Insurance in prosecuting any litigation claim that they may bring against Mr. Ferry.
- 2. We, the borough, are required to continue prosecution of any criminal complaint that we claimed against Mr. Ferry.
- 3. We are not permitted to take any action in any way that may tamper with Selective Insurance ability to prosecute in civil or any criminal action against Mr. Ferry.
- 4. In exchange for meeting those conditions in the execution of the release and assignment that Fidelity Bond that council has all been provided a copy of, the payment will be issued as soon as the Selective Insurance of America receives the assignment from Fidelity Bond.

No one from council had any questions in respect to the copy of the release and assignment from Fidelity Bond.

Dan Dunmeyer made a motion that we sign the release as described by the Solicitor, Brian Cavanaugh and second by Dennis Zdrojkowski. Questions from the public before voted on.

Ouestion.

Are there audits of the borough accounts or funds or taxes?

There are no other accounts, and council did a thorough investigation. The Solicitor stated there is NO claim against anybody else at this time. Council has no reason to suspect anyone else in this matter, but it is still under investigation by law enforcement.

New Alexandria is NOT required to do an audit and that an audit may not necessarily prevent this from ever happening.

Dan Dunmeyer explained that council has changed their practice on a month-to-month basis on a financial review. More review of the bank statements versus the bills going out. So, actions are being taken from this ever happening again.

Question:

Are there two signatures on the checks before being paid? There are two signatures on all checks. One person has the check book and gets the other person to sign the checks. The ones prior for authorizing to sign the checks were; Henry Snyder, Jennifer Graham and Tim Ruane.

No other comments or questions, so the motion was voted on. All in favor..5-0, motion carried.

Adjournment Dennis Zdrojkowski made a motion to adjourn, second by Wayne Duffield, 5-0, Motion carried. Dan Dunmeyer adjourned the meeting at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Zdrojkowski Secretary/Treasurer