

New Alexandria Borough Council

Minutes of August Meeting

November 13th, 2024

7:00PM

Attending the meeting were the following:

Dan Dunmeyer (absent)	Henry R. Snyder	Wayne Duffield	Dennis Zdrojkowski
Bonnie Dunmeyer	Tim Ruane	Brian Cavanaugh	Carol Zdrojkowski

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

2. Visitors Comment:

2.1 Resident Pete Maricondi commented on the N.A. Fire Department on this year's Halloween parade and Trick or Treating. He commented on how many children they had this year and the older kids that came around later in the evening who did not live here. Fire Chief JR Smith stated that the Fire Department would be looking into this for next year. Councilman Wayne Duffield also commented that we have the same problem every year. Kids who come into the town who do not live here. He had about 100 kids. The Fire Chief commented that they had about 150 but only made treat bags up for 100.

3.1 Mayor's Report:

No report at this time.

3.2 President's Report:

President Daniel Dunmeyer was absent, so no report was given.

3.3. Code Enforcement Officer Report:

Tim Ruane stated that an ordinance violation letter went out regarding the couple residents that needed to be addressed on the violation of vehicles and trash just laying around their properties. One property did remove the debris and cleaned up their yard, but the other property is still in violation after 30 days of vehicles that are not inspected, flat tire, and other issues, so a citation will be certified mailed out. The Fire Chief, JR Smith commented that the Fire Department will take any inoperable vehicles with a clear title and remove them FREE of charge. The owner would be donating the vehicle to the Fire Department, which would be used for training

purposes. They just need to call the Fire Department and make arrangements for pick up.

3.4 EMA Director Report

JR Smith reported that the emergency action plan is ready for signatures.

He also reported that on Tuesday November 19th the Boro and Township needs to do some maintenance work for about 8 hours on low pressure water. It is also posted on the Fire Departments website and he will forward it to Tim Ruane to be posted on the boroughs website.

3.5 Activities Report

Carol Zdrojkowski reported that we are still making plans for the Christmas Kick Off scheduled for December 6th. Doors will be opened at 6:00pm and the Dickens Caroler will be singing our favorite Christmas songs at 6:15-6:30 till Santa arrives at 7:00pm along with treats and crafts for the children. The committee will be serving hot chocolate and cookies to all.

3.6 Maintenance Report

Dennis Zdrojkowski reported that the grass throughout the borough was cut hopefully for the last time this year.

He also reported that the Kitchen sink in the center was repaired, and the emergency lighting lights that were nonfunctional needed batteries. Some needed replaced and some were disconnected from the power source. All should be up and running in about a week. The Center was informed.

The Boiler was inspected and passed the state inspection and the Community Center passed the County inspection and stated that they liked the way things were being addressed in a timely manner.

The garage needs cleaned out and the Fire Department needs to get rid of some items, so both agreed to order a dumpster, which both will split the cost and get rid of items in a joint effort.

The Salt Spreader is inoperative. The contractor that the borough hired, Rick Urban is going to go over it to see what he can repair to get it up and running. The cause for the condition Dennis stated was rust, neglect and poor maintenance. Also, the chain driver Rick is going to repair it. Dennis took Rick around the borough to show him what will need plowed this coming Winter. The salt in the shed was a solid mass. Rick came and broke it up with his equipment.

The Plow, JR Smith informed Dennis it does not fit the truck properly. It takes two men to mount it. Tim Ruane mentioned that it was only a couple years old. Even though it

was used, it does not fit the truck properly but once the spreader is fixed, the plow will be mounted onto the truck and stay mounted.

The truck is too long. With a dual cab once the spreader and plow are attached it is too long to fit into the garage. Dennis had to rearrange some things and get rid of some things to make it fit. When they took the truck around the borough it seemed cumbersome because of its size. We still owe money on it around \$3,900.00. It is not a rental, we own it. Another problem for plowing is Summitt because it is a dead-end street, and the truck will have a hard time plowing.

3.7 Rading and Approval of Minutes

Bonnie asked if council had time to read and approve of the minutes for October.

Henry Snyder made a motion to accept the minutes and Wayne Duffield seconded. All in favor, 4-0, motion carried.

3.8 Treasurers Report:

Carol Zdrojkowski read the Treasurer's Report for October 2024. The Treasurer Report for periods October 1 through October 31, 2024

- General Fund: opening balance \$ 68,55 8.79
- Deposits \$ 3,257.20
- Bills Paid 10/1 – 10/31 \$ 5,423.62
- Capital Reserve/PLGIT \$ 2,490.85
- Liquid Fuels Fund/PLGIT \$ 33.41
- Closing Balance \$ 66,392.37

Henry Snyder made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Dennis Zdrojkowski, all in favor 4-0, motion carried.

3.9 Payment of Bills:

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

Henry Snyder made a motion to accept the bills, seconded by Wayne Duffield, all in favor, 4-0, motion carried.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Posted the ad for the Code Enforcer but no responses. Description included the certification, but it did not state that the Borough will pay for the test of \$200.00 and training. Time Ruane will repost the position again.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Vote on the 2025 Budget. Henry Snyder put together the proposed Budget for 2025. He publicly thanked Carol Zdrojkowski for her assistance in putting the Budget together. Solicitor Brian Cavanaugh stated that we now need to put together an advertisement to be posted in the Latrobe Bulletin letting the public know that the Budget for 2025 will be posted at the Borough Office for inspection. The notice will state that council will be voting and approving the Budget at the next council meeting on December 11th. The vote will be accepting the proposed Budget. Carol has all the notifications that need to be sent out and posted.

Bonnie Dunmeyer made the motion to accept the proposed budget for 2025 second by Henry Snyder. All in favor, 4-0, motion carried.

5.2 Vote on the Millage increase by 1 Mill. Brian, the solicitor stated that we need to circulate the notice of changing the tax increase of 12 mills to 13 mills. We will advertise the proposed ordinance once it is voted on. Bonnie Dunmeyer made the motion to vote on the proposed ordinance, seconded by Dennis Zdrojkowski. All in favor 4-0, motion carried.

Question from Brian Cavanaugh...did council vote on approving the audit for 2023 by Sam White? Everyone present agreed that it was voted on and approved.

6.0 Adjournment

Henry Snyder made a motion to adjourn, second by Wayne Duffield, 4-0, motion carried. Bonnie Dunmeyer adjourned the meeting at 7:34.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Zdrojkowski
Secretary/Treasurer