

VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sean Barnes at 7:26 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members Present:

Sarah Chambers
Herb Lower
Mitch Peters

Spencer Giese
Cari Meng
Lyle Simpson

Village Representation Present:

Mayor Sean Barnes
Administrator Kendra Borror
Zoning Inspector Jacob Brooks

Solicitor David Ball
Police Chief Dan Bunting

Village Representation Not Present: Fiscal Officer Carol Gissinger

Citizens Present: Amy Peters & Jeff Baer

Approval of Council Minutes

Councilwoman Meng made a motion; seconded by Councilwoman Chambers, to approve the 12/30/2025 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declares motion carried.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-01 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2026 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Chambers made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Meng to suspend reading of Ordinance 2026-01. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried.

Councilwoman Chambers made a motion seconded by Councilman Simpson to pass Ordinance 2026-01. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2026-02 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT FISCAL OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilwoman Chambers made a motion seconded by Councilman Peters to suspend reading of Ordinance 2026-02. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried.

Councilman Peters made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Chambers to pass Ordinance 2026-02. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried as amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SURPLUS VILLAGE PROPERTY INTERNET AUCTION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY IN THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA

Councilwoman Meng made a motion seconded by Councilman Peters to suspend reading of Resolution 2026-01. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried.

Councilman Giese made a motion seconded by Councilman Peters to pass Resolution 2026-01. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAROL GISSINGER, FISCAL OFFICER, SEAN BARNES, MAYOR, AND KENNETH LYLE SIMPSON II, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE AS SIGNATORIES ON VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA BANK ACCOUNTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Giese made a motion seconded by Councilman Peters to suspend reading of Resolution 2026-02. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried.

Councilman Giese made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Meng to pass Resolution 2026-02. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-03 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT MCKNIGHT AS AN AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER FOR THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Simpson made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Meng to table until Jan 20th, 2026, meeting. All Yes. Chair declared motion to table carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF A SOLICITOR AND PROSECUTOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Peters made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Meng to suspend reading of Resolution 2026-04. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried.

Councilwoman Chambers made a motion seconded by Councilman Simpson to pass Resolution 2026-04. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2026-05 A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KENDRA BORROR AS VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Councilman Giese made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Chambers to suspend reading of Resolution 2026-05. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried.

Councilwoman Meng made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Chambers to pass Resolution 2026-05. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried.

VILLAGE OFFICE REPORTS

Administrator's Report

- Fiscal Officer is recovering at home
- Wrap up for 2025, we were able to successfully obtain a reputable IT company that has helped update our computer system and have met regulatory requirements and is continuing to work on the Cybersecurity policy to be compliant with HB 96
- Make sure everyone has new email addresses and is using them.
- We were able to complete road improvements with the paving and chip seal of College St, Print Shop Alley and Library Alley.
- Maintained all public spaces with the mowing and upkeep of the park, leaf collection, and painting of parking spaces.
- We have increased Village communication with the help of Jeannette Gunn maintaining and updating the website and Jeri O'Brien and Jeannette Gunn working collaboratively on our social media for a more professional and visible reach to our residents. Other communications to our residents include regular monthly newsletters
- Hosted community events like the Alexandria Fun Day Parade, Movies in the Park, Trick or Treat and Christmas in the Village to help increase foot traffic and increase revenue for local businesses
- We had our first Arbor Day ceremony that included the planning of 10 trees in the village.

- There was a sinkhole that had washed out on N Liberty that was successfully repaired.
- Successfully negotiated a new waste disposal contract with no increase in resident costs.
- We have reviewed and have been working on the updating and implementation of the Water Rules and Regulations.
- Created necessary documents and forms for a more streamlined process for employees and residents.
- Melissa Warner Bow Scholarship Fund gave a scholarship award of \$5000 in support of our Police Department.
- Maintenance Report – We are once again looking for a new maintenance person
- Water Department Report – nothing new to report

Fiscal Officer's Report

- Nothing new to report

Solicitor's Report

- David Ball reported on working on legislation for this meeting and strategizing Carol's absence.

Mayor's Report

- Sean Barnes per ORC State of Village Report 2025 productive year
Updated Zoning, \$330,000 Grant for sidewalk and crosswalk, wastewater, \$65,000 Grant for Comp Plan, and many more items that will be detailed at our next meeting later this month.

Zoning Inspector Report

- Jacob Brooks updated easement contract should be ready for Village entry sign by next meeting.
- ROW permit with Columbia Gas
- See Exhibit A for full report

Police Department

- See Exhibit B for report

Planning Commission Report

- Wrapped up community engagement meetings with decent participation either online or in person
- Next Community Action Meeting Jan 28th at 5:30
- Hoping to wrap up on May 31st.

OLD BUSINESS

Sarah Chambers had questions on the offer for the Township building. Sean talked with Todd, township is getting paperwork started with prosecutor for purchase price of \$38,000.

NEW BUSINESS

Boards and Commission Appointments

Planning Commission replacing Andrew Bottar Dillion → Scott Maples will fill that seat

Museum Board reappoint Martha Sturgill whose term expired 12/31/2025
Park Board appointment of Jeff Baer, Tracy Barnes & Jeri O'Brien as township representative.

Income Tax increase discussion – is anyone interested in placing on May ballot needs to be done by Feb 4, 2026
Comments and discussion – currently at 1% income tax, earned income tax only.

Mitch Peters thinks we should go for 2% on earned income only, which will give us JEDD ability to work with the township. Retirees' unearned income is not taxed. Discussed 1.5 or 1.75% increase. David Ball to have language ready for next meeting.

Citizen Comments (3-minute time limit)

None at this time

Meeting Announcements

Planning Commission Meeting: Jan 14, 2026, at 5:30pm

Regular Council Meeting Jan 20, 2026, at 7pm.

Safety Committee Meeting Jan 20, 2026, at 7pm.

Public Service Meeting Jan 20, 2026, at 7pm

Community Action Team Meeting: Jan 28, 2026, at 5:30pm

Adjournment

There was no more business to come from Council.

Councilman Chambers made a motion, seconded by Councilman Meng to adjourn the council meeting. All voted in favor; the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted, (Jan 20, 2026)



Kendra Borror, Administrator

Certified Sean Barnes
Sean Barnes, Mayor/Chairperson

Date 1/20/2026
Approved: 01/20/2026