

VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 17, 2026

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Sean Barnes at 7:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Council Members Present:	Sarah Chambers (7:04pm)	Spencer Giese
	Herb Lower	Cari Meng
	Mitch Peters	Lyle Simpson

Village Representation Present:	Mayor Sean Barnes	Solicitor David Ball
	Administrator Kendra Borrer	Police Chief Dan Bunting
	Zoning Inspector Jacob Brooks	Fiscal Officer Carol Gissinger

Village Representation Not Present:

Citizens Present: Ida Rae Kean, Claire Lewis, Mike Miller, Shelby Simpson, Kelly Bunting, Jeff Baer & Greg Sturgill

Approval of Council Minutes

Councilman Giese made a motion, seconded by Councilman Peters, to approve the 02/03/2026 Regular Council Meeting minutes. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declares motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/COMMUNICATIONS

Last week Township Trustees reviewed contract for the Village to purchase building at 19 N. Liberty from the Township and this issue has been put on hold until further notice.

Citizen Comments (3minutes max)

Ida Rae Kean – thanked for the handicap parking by the post office being cleared of snow.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 2026 – 11 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CAROL GISSINGER, FISCAL OFFICER, SEAN BARNES, MAYOR, AND LYLE SIMPSON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE AS SIGNATORIES ON VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA BANK ACCOUNTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AMENDED RESOLUTION 2026-02.

Councilman Peters made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Chambers to suspend reading of Resolution 2026-11. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried

Councilman Peters made a motion seconded by Councilman Giese to pass Resolution 2026-11. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried

RESOLUTION 2026 – 12 A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KENDRA BORROR AS VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ALEXANDRIA; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AMENDED RESOLUTION 2026-05.

Councilwoman Chambers made a motion seconded by Councilman Peters to suspend reading of Resolution 2026-

12. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried

Councilman Peters made a motion seconded by Councilwoman Chambers to pass Resolution 2026-12. Roll Call Vote: All Yes. Chair declared motion carried

VILLAGE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fiscal Committee

- Finance Chair signs off on mailed bank statements to verify original unaltered documents from the bank.
- The finance chair is to make sure of the following:
 1. The bank statements are unopened when they receive them, initial the top right of the statements.
 2. They don't appear to be altered
 3. Review any high dollar amounts/even dollar amounts.
 4. Review that check copies match who they are pay to the order of.
 5. Any questions. Please let the fiscal officer know.
 6. The Village has 6 Bank Accounts:
 - a. Bank Statement-1354 Park \$18,050
 - b. Bank Statement-1357 Sewer \$89,561.60
 - c. Bank Statement- 2995 Main Checking Account \$183,000
 - d. Bank Statement-3894 Museum \$32,661.74
 - e. Bank Statement-8919 Sweep Account \$89,212.34
 - f. Bank Statement-3505 Mayors Court \$10,124
- Councilman Peters asks if we can have the total funds balance read at each meeting? Fiscal Officer responded that it is all reported at the second meeting due to having all banking information input and verified into UAN. Councilman Peters further questioned the procedure. There were conflicted discussions and President Pro Tem ended discussion.
- Village Solicitor David Ball to find out if Water and Sewer money needs to be in their own bank account. After review David Ball advised the Water & Sewer can be in the main checking account as long as monies are reported in a separate appropriation fund, which they are. Village has never been flagged by auditing firm on this item of reporting.

Public Safety Committee

- See Exhibit A

Councilman Peters made a motion to allow citizen comment at this time, Councilwoman Chambers second. All in favor. Motion carried.

- Mike Miller commented regarding records requests and email sent to council and discussion of police department.
- Mitch Peters and Lyle Simpson in agreement to let residents vote whether or not to dissolve police department, not council, since voters voted to instate police department.
- Ida Rae Kean spoke on behalf of the police department.
- Discussion on community support for where best to put our budgeted funds.
- Marshall Bunting stated that he is a part time employee who is willing to go back to what his 2023 salary

was \$25,200 for 60 hours a month if that would benefit the village.

Service Committee

- We have not been able to locate keys for the old dump truck so we can finalize listing on GovDeals.
- Councilwoman Meng – metal plates on Main St & S. Liberty St. Jacob Brooks will follow up with Columbia Gas for removal.
- Tires on tractor in process, discovered tractor will not start. Mitch to get ahold of Jim Jasper to see if he is able to get it started before moving forward in repairs to get it running.

Planning Commission

- Community Action Team meeting Jan 25th meeting went over community engagement and survey.
- Going over signage for village to update in zoning code.
- Street Tree program: The village got approved for Tree City designation.
- Continue discussions on Dark Sky Initiative.

OLD BUSINESS

Appropriation conversation.

- Mayor Barnes made a recommendation for a full-time maintenance person. Currently we have \$17,280 in temp appropriations which is \$17.50 an hour not to exceed 20 hours a week.
- Restructure salaries and look at normal hourly rates vs hours worked. Need ordinance to change to possible \$22.50 hourly for water clerk.
- Discussed Water Superintendent salary. Mike Miller suggested a incremental increase for this year.
- Jeff Baer suggested a 10% increase over 3 years.
- Looking at potential fiscal responsibility for the village council.
- Summary on Appropriation discussion by Mayor Barnes.
 - Full-time maintenance person
 - Water clerk from salary to hourly
 - Water Superintendent to be incremental raise
 - Paving budget
 - Salary increases overall
 - Police Budget
- Sarah suggests giving Jack a smaller incremental raise and 40 hours work week for maintenance worker with hourly rate of around \$20 per hour.
What can Dan work with and still be able to work with the Village.

Tabled discussion to March 3rd at 6 pm

Spencer Giese made a motion and Sarah Chambers Seconded to table discussion until March 3rd meeting at 6 pm. All in Favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None

Citizen Comments (3-minute time limit)

Low flying helicopters are pulling wood power poles and replacing with metal.

Greg Sturgill stated Maintenance/Water Clerk originally read water meters and did shut offs for the current salaries.

Meeting Announcements

- Park Committee week of Feb 26, 2026
- Alex Next Meeting Feb 25, 2026, at 5:30pm
- Planning Commission CAT Meeting February 25, 2026, at 5:30pm
- Regular Council Meeting March 3, 2026, at 7pm
- Planning Commission Meeting March 11, 2026, at 5:30pm
- Safety Committee Meeting March 17, 2026, at 7pm.
- Public Service Meeting March 17, 2026, at 7pm

Adjournment

There was no more business to come from Council.

Councilwoman Chambers made a motion, seconded by Councilman Giese to adjourn the council meeting. All voted in favor; the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:57p.m.

Respectfully submitted, (March 3, 2026)



Kendra Borrer, Village Administrator

Certified 
Sean Barnes, Mayor/Chairperson

Date 3/3/26
Approved: March. 3, 2026